

Social Studies Education

Professional Certification

This program is for those who:

- *hold a valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in Social Studies grades 7-12.*
- *are seeking the Master of Education as well as a recommendation for the Professional Teacher Certificate in Social Studies grades 7-12.*

Subject code & Number	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade
Major Area Requirements		15		
LAI 520	Introduction to Social Education	3		
LAI 522	Digital Technology for Social Studies	3		
LAI 574	Teaching the Exceptional Learner in the Regular Education Classroom*	3		
LAI 523	Social Studies Curriculum	3		
Major Area Requirement: Choose one of the following courses				
LAI 613 SEM	Curriculum Theory and Research	3		
LAI 615 SEM	Intro to Curriculum, Instruction, and Science of Learning	3		
LAI 622 SEM	Research in Social Studies Education	3		
Graduate School of Education Electives		6		
Choose from the following Courses: LAI 508, LAI 512, LAI 518, LAI 536, LAI 537, LAI 563, LAI 567, LAI 573, LAI 576, LAI 577, LAI 592, LAI 663, LAI 678, LAI 681, ELP 566, ELP 585, ELP 589				
1)		3		
2)		3		
3)		3		
4)		3		
Content Concentration or Grades 5-6 Extension		12		
Choose Option 1 or 2				
Option 1 – GRADES 5-6 MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EXTENSION (Choose 12 credits from the following)				
LAI 521	Improving Social Studies Instruction in Elementary	3		
LAI 552	Middle Childhood/Adolescent Literacy Methods	3		
LAI 580	Literature for Young Adults	3		
LAI 599	Technology and Curriculum Integration	3		
LAI 603	Developing Curricula for Emerging Adolescents	3		
LAI 620	Teaching Social Studies in grades 5-12	3		

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Option 2 – GRADES 7-12 CONTENT CONCENTRATION (Choose 12 credits from the following)				
With advisor approval, choose any graduate level courses (500 or above) in American Studies (AMS), Anthropology (APY), Asian Studies (AS), Classics (CL), Geography (GEO), Global Gender Studies (GGS), History (HIS), and Sociology (SOC).				
1)		3		
2)		3		
3)		3		
4)		3		
Capstone Event: (Select one of the following three options with advisor approval)		3-6		
LAI 700/701***	Indiv Guidance Project or Indiv Guidance Thesis (May be substituted for credit hours within Option 1 and 2 area.)	3-6		
Additional Requirements: (Required for Conferral of Degree)				
Proof of completion of Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop				
Proof of completion of NYSED Students with Disabilities Requirement				
Proof of valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate				
Total Credit Hours:		33		

*If you have taken LAI 474 as a UB undergraduate student or LAI 698 in the Social Studies Certificate of Advanced Study program in the Fall 2011 semester or after (B- grade or higher), choose a course from the GSE Electives section as an alternate course.

Completion of Program

To successfully earn a master of education degree (EdM) from the University at Buffalo, students must:

- Earn grades of B- or better in all program coursework
- Achieve overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Meet any conditions of admission and/or continued admission
- Complete any required content area or general education courses

Applying for Teacher Certification

Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to receive professional certification through the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) Approved Teacher Preparation Program pathway. For more information about the certification process, please contact the Office of Educator Preparation at 716-645-2461, <http://ed.buffalo.edu/edprep>

For additional program information, visit:
<http://ed.buffalo.edu/teaching/academics/teacher-ed/social-studies.html>