

Social Studies Education Initial/Professional Certification

This program is for those who:

- *do not 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 Initial Teacher Certificate in Social Studies grades 7-12 with a grades 5-6 extension.*

Subject Code & Number	Course Title	CH	SEM	GRADE
Core Courses: 18-21 CH				
LAI 414*/514	Adolescent Writing Across the Curriculum	3		
LAI 474*/574	Teaching the Exceptional Learner	3		
LAI 552	Middle Childhood/Adolescent Literacy Methods	3		
LAI 620	Teaching Social Studies Gr 5-12	3		
LAI 663 or CEP 400*/501 AND ELP 405*/548/585	Psychological Foundations of Education AND Foundations of Education or Sociological Bases of Education OR Socio-cultural Dimensions in Learning and Human Development	3-6		
LAI 698	Instructional Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom (ELA SS)	3		
Major Area Requirements: 6 CH				
LAI 515	Action Research to Improve Teaching	3		
LAI 521	Improving Elementary Social Studies Instruction	3		
Content Area Electives: 12 CH In consultation with an advisor, student selects four courses from the following: (courses listed are for illustrative purposes only).				
LAI 520	Introduction to Social Education	3		
LAI 522	Digital Tech for Social Studies	3		
LAI 523	Social Studies Curriculum	3		
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) or within GSE.		3		
Clinical Experiences: 12 CH				
LAI 667	Field Experience	3		
LAI 674	Seminar in Teaching	3		
LAI 668	Supervised Teaching I	3		
LAI 595	Supervised Teaching II	3		
Culminating Experience: Portfolio (Required), or Project or Thesis (Optional) 0-6 CH				
LAI 667 and 674	Programmatic Portfolio	0		
LAI 700 or LAI 701	Individual Guidance Project or Individual Guidance Thesis (<i>With permission of Faculty Advisor only</i>)	0-6		
Total Credit Hours: 48-51				

Advisement notes:

- Successfully completing 667 and 674 with a B- or higher satisfies the LAI 700 capstone requirement
- To progress to student teaching, students must successfully complete all previous grad work with a B- or better *at minimum*:
- Undergraduate coursework (LAI 414, CEP 400, and ELP 405) is only applicable if previously completed as a UB undergraduate student with a grade of "B-" or better.

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 courses

Applying for Teacher Certification

Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to receive initial/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>