# Social Studies Education

### Major: B.S. Social Studies Teaching  
(Social Science Dept., College of Arts & Sciences)  
### Licensure: Social Studies Grades 5-12  
(Urban Teacher Program, School of Urban Education)  
### Total Credits: 85-88

## MAJOR COURSES (43-46cr)

### Foundation Courses (21-22 total credits)

Students are required to complete 8 credits from at least two disciplines in the foundation area for admission to the Urban Teacher Program.

Each of the following three courses are required (9cr total):
- GEOG 201 Introduction to Geography
- POL 101 Intro to American Government and Politics
- SSCI 100 Introduction to Social Science

Choose three of the following history classes (9cr total):
- HIST 101 The American Past: To 1865
- HIST 102 The American Past: From 1865
- HIST 103 World History I: Patterns of Civilization to 1500
- HIST 104 World History II: Modern World 1500-Present

Choose one of the following courses (3-4cr):
- ECON 201 Macroeconomics
- POL 319/SOC 319 Politics, Markets, and Society

### Core Courses for the Major (18-20 total credits)

Choose one of the following courses (4cr):
- ANTH 302 Gender and Culture
- HIST 394 Comparative Women’s History

Choose one of the following courses (4cr):
- ETHS 302 Immigrant Communities and the Trajectories of Othering
- ETHS 309 Race and Public Policy
- ETHS 311 Understanding Racial & Ethnic Groups in the U.S.

Choose one of the following courses (2-4cr):
- ETHS 232 American Indians in Minnesota
- ETHS 332 Topics in Contemporary Native North America

Choose one of the following courses (4cr):
- POL 301 Citizen in a Global Context
- POL 321 World Politics

**HIST 301 Historical Interpretation (4cr)**  
*Note: Students should complete at least 2 lower division history courses before taking HIST 301.*

### Capstone Course (4 credits)

Students are required to complete at least 30 credits in the major before taking the following required course.

**SSCI 401 Social Science Seminar: Contending Perspectives**  
*(summer only)*

## URBAN EDUCATION COURSES (42cr)

### Pre-Professional Education Courses (6cr)

The following courses are open to all students and are required for admission to the Urban Teacher Program (UTP) along with several other admission requirements, including at least 40 hours working with youth in an urban setting. Contact the UTP for more information about program admission requirements.

- EDU 200 Introduction to Urban Education and Reflective Teaching (3 cr)
- EDU 203 Multicultural Education (3 cr)

### Professional Education Courses (28cr)

The following courses are open to students who are admitted to the Urban Teacher Program and all are required for state teaching licensure recommendation.

- EDU 300 Assessment of Learning and Teaching in Diverse Urban Classrooms (3cr)
- EDU 306 Urban Middle School & High School Teaching Methods (4cr) AND EDU 311 Urban Teaching Practicum (0-1cr)
- EDU 310 Teaching and Assessing Students with Disabilities (3cr)
- EDU 383 Information Technology for K-12 Learning and Teaching (2cr)
- EDU 400 Literacy Education in Urban Schools (3cr)
- EDU 415 Managing Learning in Diverse Urban Classrooms (3cr)
- EDU 430 Historical & Cultural Foundations of Urban Education (3cr)
- EDU 435 Teaching ELL Students in Content Area Classrooms (3cr)
- EDU 450 Advanced Urban Teaching Practicum and Seminar (0-1cr) **Co-requisite:** SSED 450
- SSED 450 Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Urban 5-12 Classrooms (4cr, **spring only**)

**Prerequisites:** EDU 300, EDU 306 and at least 20 credits completed from the major  
**Co-requisite:** EDU 450

## Capstone (4 credits)

### Student Teaching (8 cr total, 12 weeks full-time)

Teacher Candidates must notify the UTP Field Experience Director two semesters before the intended fall or spring student teaching semester and submit a student teaching application packet.

**EDU 460 Student Teaching Urban Middle School (8cr) OR EDU 470 Student Teaching Urban High School (8cr)**

For more information, visit [http://www.metrostate.edu/ued](http://www.metrostate.edu/ued), email utp-info@metrostate.edu, or call 651-999-5920

Note: Course requirements subject to change; contact the program to verify this is the most up-to-date information.
Admission to the Urban Teacher Program (UTP) requires admission to Metropolitan State University and demonstration of meeting UTP admission criteria by fulfilling the admission requirements listed below. In order to enroll in 300 & 400 level EDU courses, you must be conditionally admitted to the Urban Teacher Program.

### Criteria

- Demonstrate commitment to teaching in an urban context.
- Demonstrate understanding of and respect for diverse urban learners and their communities.
- Successfully complete at least 40 hours of experience working with youth in an urban setting.
- Demonstrate professional conduct for positive interactions with students and educators in an urban environment.
- Successfully complete EDU and ETHN coursework required for admission with a C or higher and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher (students with a 2.0-2.49 GPA may apply for conditional admission).

### Requirements for Full UTP Admission

- Meet with a UTP advisor about the program including all admissions requirements, complete a major program declaration form, and attend a UTP Mandatory Orientation session.
- Complete all of the following courses:
  - University General Education course requirements in all 10 Goal Areas (40cr)
  - One approved Ethnic Studies (ETHS) course (4cr) focusing on issues of race and racism experienced by various communities of color (contact the UTP advisor for a list of approved courses).
  - EDU 200 Introduction to Urban Education & Reflective Teaching (3cr) and EDU 203 Multicultural Education (3cr).
  - At least 8 credits of courses required for your major that are not offered by the School of Urban Education (e.g., Biology, Literature, Mathematics, Psychology, or Social Science).
- Submit essay written in EDU 200 titled “Why I will be an effective urban [insert license area] teacher.”
- Submit documentation of at least 40 hours of recent field experience with diverse youth in a qualified urban context (most hours can be gained while completing EDU 200 & EDU 203; prior experience within the past 5 years may count).
- Submit Two Recommendations (one recommendation from someone who observed or supervised some of your experience with urban youth, and one recommendation from an instructor of a course required in your major/licensure program).
- Take the Basic Skills Reading, Writing, Math MN Teacher Licensing Exams (MTLE) (passing these and other assessments are required for licensure upon program completion).
- Activate a Taskstream account (ask UTP Advisor for details).

### UTP Admission Application Due Dates

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