### Mission Statement for Secondary Citizenship/Social Studies Education Certification Programs

The Secondary Citizenship and Social Studies Education certification programs engage students in the investigation of educational theory, policy, research and practice. Candidates for certification develop their pedagogical content knowledge in citizenship or social studies education as well as their general knowledge of the subject. The program encourages undergraduates to think critically and creatively about the processes of teaching and adolescent learning and about the place of education in society. The program is committed to preparing students to employ evidence-based practice. Instructional practice, including the use of technology and assessments, are designed to enable preservice teachers to meet the needs of all students, including those with learning differences, and with consideration for racial, ethnic, linguistic and/or social economic diversity.