

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATIONAL STUDIES: *DEPARTMENT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CHART*

	Special Major Political Science and Educational Studies	Special Major Political Science and Educational Studies, <u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u> Secondary Teacher Certification	Special Major Political Science and Educational Studies, <u>CITIZENSHIP</u> Secondary Teacher Certification	Political Science Major and Educational Studies Minor, <u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u> Secondary Teacher Certification	Political Science Major and Educational Studies Minor, <u>CITIZENSHIP</u> Secondary Teacher Certification
Political Science Requirements (<i>POLS</i>)	Total: 5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1 credit in American politics – 1 credit in comparative politics – 1 credit in international politics – 1 theory credit: POLS 011, POLS 012, POLS 100, or POLS 101 – 1 credit of choice 	Total: 5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 002: American Politics <u>or</u> POLS 024: American Constitutional Law – POLS 003: Politics Across the World or POLS 004: International Politics – One course in Comparative Politics or International Relations (whichever subfield not fulfilled by 003 or 004) – 1 theory credit: POLS 011, POLS 012, POLS 100, or POLS 101 – 1 credit of choice 	Total: 5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 002: American Politics <u>or</u> POLS 024: American Constitutional Law – POLS 003: Politics Across the World or POLS 004: International Politics – One course in Comparative Politics or International Relations (whichever subfield not fulfilled by 003 or 004) – 1 theory credit: POLS 011, POLS 012, POLS 100, or POLS 101 – 1 credit of choice 	Total: 8 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 002: American Politics <u>or</u> POLS 024: American Constitutional Law – POLS 003: Politics Across the World or 004: International Politics – One course in Comparative Politics or International Relations (whichever subfield not fulfilled by 003 or 004) – 1 theory credit: POLS 011, POLS 012, POLS 100, or POLS 101 – 4 credits of choice 	Total: 8 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 002: American Politics <u>or</u> POLS 024: American Constitutional Law – POLS 003: Politics Across the World or 004: International Politics – One course in Comparative Politics or International Relations (whichever subfield not fulfilled by 003 or 004) – 1 theory credit: POLS 011, POLS 012, POLS 100, or POLS 101 – 4 credits of choice
Thesis (<i>EDUC/POLS</i>)	Total: .5 – 2 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 92 (.5) OR 1-2 credit thesis <i>with presentation</i> 	Total: .5 - 2 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 92 (0.5) OR 1-2 credit thesis <i>with presentation</i> 	Total: .5 - 2 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – POLS 92 (0.5) OR 1-2 credit thesis <i>with presentation</i> 	Total: .5 credit POLS 092, Senior Comprehensive (0.5 credit)	Total: .5 credit POLS 092, Senior Comprehensive (0.5 credit)
Additional Departmental Requirements	N/A	Total: 5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HIST 003, 004, 006, 008 or 009 – HIST 005A, 005B, 007A or 007B – ECON 001: Introduction to Economics – SOCI 001: Intro to Sociology – ANTH 001: Intro to Anthropology 	Total: 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HIST 003, 004, 006, 008 or 009 – HIST 005A, 005B, 007A or 007B – ECON 001: Introduction to Economics 	Total: 5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HIST 003, 004, 006, 008 or 009 – HIST 005A, 005B, 007A or 007B – ECON 001: Introduction to Economics – SOCI 001: Intro to Sociology – ANTH 001: Intro to Anthropology 	Total: 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HIST 003, 004, 006, 008 or 009 – HIST 005A, 005B, 007A or 007B – ECON 001: Introduction to Economics
Strongly Recommended		– SOAN 028E: Methods of Social Exploration		– SOAN 028E: Methods of Social Exploration	
Educational Studies Requirements	Total 5 credits in Educational Studies	Total 9.5 credits in Educational Studies: Refer to Secondary Certification Educational Studies Courses	Total 9.5 credits in Educational Studies: Refer to Secondary Certification Educational Studies Courses	Total 9.5 credits in Educational Studies: Refer to Secondary Certification Educational Studies Courses	Total 9.5 credits in Educational Studies: Refer to Secondary Certification Educational Studies Courses

Important Additional Notes:

This chart lists only the Political Science Department requirements for special majors, majors, and/or secondary certification. The required Educational Studies courses are described elsewhere. See chart below for Educational Studies major and Social Studies or Citizenship certification. PA Social Studies certification allows candidates to teach all 7-12 social studies courses including sociology, psychology, anthropology. PA Citizenship certification allows candidates to teach 7-12 social studies courses, but not sociology, psychology, and anthropology courses. Occasionally departments have special courses that may fulfill the required content. Please meet with your advisor or department chair to discuss such opportunities. The Department of Educational Studies works closely with each individual student to determine a semester-by-semester plan. Please see the Chair of the Department of Educational Studies to design a plan that includes Honors.

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.

	Educational Studies Major and <u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u> Secondary Teacher Certification	Educational Studies Major and <u>CITIZENSHIP</u> Secondary Teacher Certification
Social Science Requirements	Total: 7 credits – HIST 003, 004, 006, 008 or 009 – HIST 005A, 005B, 007A or 007B – POLS 002: American Politics <u>or</u> POLS 024: American Constitutional Law – POLS 003: Politics Across the World or POLS 004: International Politics – ECON 001: Introduction to Economics – SOCI 001: Intro to Sociology – ANTH 001: Intro to Anthropology	Total: 5 credits – HIST 003, 004, 006, 008 or 009 – HIST 005A, 005B, 007A or 007B – POLS 002: American Politics <u>or</u> POLS 024: American Constitutional Law – POLS 003: Politics Across the World or POLS 004: International Politics – ECON 001: Introduction to Economics
Strongly Recommended	– SOAN 028E: Methods of Social Exploration	
Senior Capstone (EDUC)	Total: 1 or 2 credits All Honors majors complete a two-credit thesis as one of their honors preparations. All course majors complete a two-credit Honors Seminar that includes a research component <u>or</u> write a one- or two-credit thesis.	Total: 1 or 2 credits All Honors majors complete a two-credit thesis as one of their honors preparations. All course majors complete a two-credit Honors Seminar that includes a research component <u>or</u> write a one- or two-credit thesis.
Educational Studies Requirements	Total: 9.5 credits – EDUC 014 – EDUC 021 – EDUC 023 – EDUC 023A – EDUC 026 – EDUC 53 – EDUC 92 (2 credits) – EDUC 93 (2 credits)	Total: 9.5 credits – EDUC 014 – EDUC 021 – EDUC 023 – EDUC 023A – EDUC 026 – EDUC 53 – EDUC 92 (2 credits) – EDUC 93 (2 credits)

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