



# HENDERSON

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## BSE-SOCIAL SCIENCES MAJOR

**Overview:** The Department of Social Sciences offers a major in the Social Sciences for those pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Education degree through the Teachers College at Henderson. The major is especially designed for students who plan to teach grades 7-12 Social Studies in public schools. Henderson's Social Studies education program has been nationally recognized for years. In 2014, The National Council for Teaching Quality ranked our program 5<sup>th</sup> best in the nation.

**Required Courses:** There are both professional core courses in Education and content courses in History, Political Science, Sociology, Economics and Geography that are required (please refer to undergraduate catalog).

**Directed Electives in Social Studies:** In addition to core content in Social Studies noted above, there are six hours of specialized courses required in any two of the following disciplines: World History, American History, Political Science, Geography or Sociology (please refer to undergraduate catalog).

**Other Features:** There is no foreign language requirement. There is no minor required for this degree.

Upon completion of all requirements for the BSE-Social Sciences degree, students are already licensed to teach. Most of the other universities in Arkansas require additional coursework.

Graduates of HSU Social Sciences degrees are highly sought. All graduates from the 2020 class found placement teaching for the 2020-2021 school year.

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**HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT**  
**BSE DEGREE**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**Core Courses (Must be completed prior to student teaching)**

	Gr	Pts
HIS1013 or 1213 World Civilization to 1660	3	___ ___
HIS1023 or 1043 World Civ since 1660	3	___ ___
PSC1013 American National Government	3	___ ___
PSC1023 State and Local Government	3	___ ___
GEO1023 Introduction to Geography OR		
GEO2163 World Geography	3	___ ___
SOC1013 Introduction to Sociology OR		
ANT2013 Cultural Anthropology	3	___ ___
HIS2053 U.S. History to 1877	3	___ ___
HIS2063 U.S. History since 1877	3	___ ___
ECO2013 Principles of Macroeconomics OR		
ECO2023 Principles of Microeconomics	3	___ ___
HIS elective (U.S.) _____	3	___ ___
*HIS elective (nonwestern) _____	3	___ ___
PSC elective _____	3	___ ___
GEO elective _____	3	___ ___
HIS4263 Arkansas & the Southwest	3	___ ___
HIS4241 Competencies in Social Science Edu.	1	___ ___
Subtotal	43	

**Specialization** (in addition to core courses):

Six hours from each of two of the following:

World History _____	3	___ ___
_____	3	___ ___
U.S. History: _____	3	___ ___
_____	3	___ ___
Political Sci: _____	3	___ ___
_____	3	___ ___
Geography: _____	3	___ ___
_____	3	___ ___
Sociology: _____	3	___ ___
_____	3	___ ___
Subtotal	12	

Total Social Science Credits 55

At least one course in the major must be designated writing intensive.

\*Modern Russian History, Modern Middle East History, African History, Vietnam and U.S. [Modern Middle East and African History can also be used to satisfy nonwestern culture requirements in the Liberal Arts Core]

See catalog course descriptions for Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) course number equivalencies.

**Principles of Learning and Teaching Core**

**Module I** [1<sup>st</sup> semester sophomore year]

EDU2000L Educator Preparation Orientation	0	___
EDU2423 Introduction to Education	3	___
EDU2043 Educational Technology	3	___

**Module II** [1<sup>st</sup> semester junior year]

SPE3013 Psychology of Exceptional Child	3	___
EDU3123 Educational Psychology	3	___

**PRAXIS CORE**

Reading (156)	___
Writing (162)	___
Math (150)	___

**Module III** [1<sup>st</sup> semester senior year]

**\*\*Admission to Teacher Education Program Required**

EDU4402 Assessment and Ed. Measures (7-12)	2	___
EDU4113 Classroom Management (7-12)	3	___
EDU4890 Orientation to Internship	0	___
HIS 4913 Special Methods in Social Studies	3	___

(course offered FALL only)

**PRAXIS II**

0086Social Stud. Content & Interp (153)	___
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**Internship** [last semester]

**\*\*Admission to Professional Education Semester required**

EDU4216 Internship-Social Studies I	6	___
EDU4256 Internship-Clinical	6	___

**PRAXIS II**

0624Prin. Learning & Teach (157)	___
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**\*\*Contact the Director of Clinical Experiences to obtain more information about all the requirements for admission to the Teacher Education Program and the Professional Education semester.**

Before admission to the Teacher Education Program, all students must earn a grade of "C" in

- \_\_\_ English A
- \_\_\_ English B
- \_\_\_ Oral Communication
- \_\_\_ College Algebra or Math for Liberal Arts

Before internship, all core and specialization courses must be completed with a GPA of at least 2.70, and the student must have an overall GPA of at least 2.70.

