



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

BSED Middle Level Social Studies Education

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
FYS100 First Year Seminar	3	SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities	3		
MSED110 Intro to Middle and Secondary Education	3	EDTC200 Technology for Teaching and Learning	3		
WRIT103 Composition GE (Writing)	3	MATH110 Concepts of Arithmetic and Number Systems	3		
HIST121 or 112 US History to 1877 GE (History)	3	Gen Ed (Literature)	3		
MATH118 College Algebra GE (Quantitative)	3	Gen Ed (Oral Communication)	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Second Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity GE (Diversity)	3	EDUC222 Principles & Structures in PK12 Education	3		
SPEC220 Data Driven Interventions for Indiv w/ Exceptionalities	3	PHYS110 How Things Work	3		
Gen Ed (Arts)	3	HIST122 US History to Present	3		
BIOL105 Basic Biology GE (Natural World)	3	History Elective	3		
ANTH101 Introduction to Anthropology	3	EGGS104 World Regional Geography (Global Persp.)	3		
POLI110 US Government	3				
Semester Total	18	Semester Total	15		

Third Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts GE (Diversity)	3	History Elective	3		
EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice	3	EGGS100 Introduction to Environmental Science GE (Natural World)	3		
SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv with Exceptionalities	3	MSED315 Teaching with Young Adolescent and Young Adult Literature	3		
HIST401 History of PA	3	MATH113 Concepts of Geometry and Statistics	3		
MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4-12	3	ECON122 Principles of Microeconomics (Critical Reasoning)	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Fourth Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
MSED440 Teaching ML LA/SS	3	MSED491 Student Teaching 1	6		
MSED450 Teaching ML Science/Math	3	MSED492 Student Teaching 2	6		
EDUC474 Classroom Management and Effective Discipline	3				
EDUC358 Assessment and Differentiation for Inclusive Classrooms	3				
History Elective	3				
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	12		

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Curriculum Checklist

Required Education Courses (45 credits)

- ____ EDUC222 Principles & Structures of PK12 Education
- EDUC334 Conducting Research and Classroom Practice*
- ____ EDUC358 Assessment and Differentiation for Inclusive Classroom*
- EDUC474 Classroom Management and Effective Discipline*
- ____ MSED110 Intro to Middle and Secondary Education
- ____ MSED315 Teaching w/ Young Adoles. & Yng Adult Lit*
 ___ MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4-12*
- ____ MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4 ____ MSED440 Teaching Middle Level LA/SS*
- ____ MSED440 Teaching Middle Level Science/Math*
- ____ MSED491 Student Teaching 1*
- MSED492 Student Teaching 2*
- ____ SPEC220 Data Driven Interventions for Indiv with Exceptionalities
- ____ SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv with Exceptionalities*

Required Content Area Courses (12 credits)

- ____ HIST122 US History to Present
- ____ HIST401 History of PA*
- ____ POLI120 US Government
- ____ PHYS110 How Things Work

Electives

- ____ History Elective
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- *Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.



General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - FYS100 First Year Seminar
 - MATH118 College Algebra (Quantitative)
 - WRIT103 Composition (Writing)
 - HIST111 or HIST112 World History 1 or 2 (History)
 - Oral Communication
 - Interconnections (9 credits)
 - EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts (Diversity)*
 - ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity (Diversity)*
 - EGGS104 World Regional Geography (Global Perspectives)
- Citizenship & Responsibility
 - (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities (Citizenship)
 - ECON122 Principles of Microeconomics (Critical Reasoning)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - EDTC200 Technology for Teaching & Learning (Technology)
 - o BIOL105 Basic Biology (Natural World)
 - EGGS100 Intro to Environmental Science (Natural World)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - o Literature
 - Arts or Creativity

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements. There is a PDE GPA minimum requirement for certification (not graduation).

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required. A 2.8 GPA is required for teacher certification.