Secondary Education



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

BSED Secondary Education - Social Studies

This is a guide based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and winter/summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

| First Year | | | |
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| 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 | MATH103 Critical Reasoning in Mathematics (Critical Reasoning) | 3 |
| Gen Ed (Oral Communication) | 3 | Gen Ed (Literature) | 3 |
| MATH118 College Algebra GE (Quantitative) | 3 | HIST1xx or Regional History Elective | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

| Second Year | | | |
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| 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 | HIST122 US History to Present | 3 |
| HIST1xx World or Regional History Elective | 3 | SOCI101 Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| EGGS101 Intro to Physical Geography (Natural World) | 3 | POLI110 US Government: Participation and Policy | 3 |
| HIST121 US History to 1877 (History) | 3 | History 300 or 400 level (US or Eur or World) | 3 |
| Gen Ed (Arts or Creativity) | 3 | | |
| Semester Total | 18 | Semester Total | 15 |

| Third Year | | | |
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| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
| EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts GE (Diversity) | 3 | ECON122 Microeconomics OR EGGS102 World Cultural Geog. OR POLI160 International Relations | 3 |
| EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice | 3 | Gen Ed (Natural World) | 3 |
| SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Indiv with Exceptionalities | 3 | ECON121 Principles of Macroeconomics (Global Persp.) | 3 |
| HIST290 Historical Thinking and Writing | 3 | History 300 or 400 level (US or Eur or World) | 3 |
| MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4-12 | 3 | HIST401 History of Pennsylvania | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

| Fourth Year | | | |
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| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
| EDUC358 Assessment and Differentiation for Inclusive Classrooms | 3 | MSED491 Student Teaching 1 | 6 |
| History 300 or 400 level (US or Eur or World) | 3 | MSED492 Student Teaching 2 | 6 |
| EDUC474 Classroom Management and Effective Discipline | 3 | | |
| HIST390 Research and Writing | 3 | | |
| MSED490 Teaching Social Studies in the Secondary Schools | 3 | | |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 12 |

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.

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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 MSED420 Content Area Literacy, Grades 4-12
- ____ MSED420 Content Area Eleracy, Grades 4-12 ____ MSED490 Teaching Social Studies in the Sec. Schools
- ____ MSED490 reaching Social Stud ____ MSED491 Student Teaching 1
- MSED491 Student Teaching 1 MSED492 Student Teaching 2
- _____ MoED492 Student reaching 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
- ____ HIST290 Historical Thinking and Writing
- ____ HIST390 Research and Writing
- ____ HIST401 History of PA
- ____ SOCI101 Introduction to Sociology
- ____ POLI120 US Government
- ____ PHYS110 How Things Work

Electives

____ ECON122 Microeconomics or EGGS102 World Cultural Geography or

- POLI160 International Relations
- ____ HIST100-level (World/Regional options)
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- ____ HIST 300 or 400 Level (US History)
- ____ HIST 300 or 400 Level (European History)
- ____ HIST 300 or 400 Level (World History)

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)
 - HIST121 US History to 1877 (History)
 - Oral Communication
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - EDUC346 Teaching in Diverse Contexts (Diversity)
 - ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity (Diversity)
 - o ECON121 Princ. Of Macroeconomics
 - (Global Perspectives)
- Citizenship & Responsibility
 - (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities (Citizenship)
 - MATH103 Critical Reasoning in Mathematics (Critical Reasoning)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - EDTC200 Technology for Teaching & Learning (Technology)
 - EGGS101 Intro to Physical Geography (Natural World)
 Natural World
 - Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - 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.

Campus Locations

| Bloomsburg | oxtimes Online; $oxtimes$ In-person; $oxtimes$ Blended |
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| Lock Haven | 🛛 Online; 🖾 In-person; 🖾 Blended |
| Mansfield | 🛛 Online; 🖾 In-person; 🖾 Blended |
| Clearfield | 🗆 Online; 🗆 In-person; 🗆 Blended |