

MAJOR IN HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHING CONCENTRATION



The Social Studies Teaching concentration is for students who plan to teach in middle school, junior high, or high school. Students must also complete the requirements for the Social Studies Undergraduate Teaching Licensure through Educator Preparation in the College of Health and Human Sciences.

Students interested in pursuing a teaching license through CSU may refer to Educator Preparation, or visit the Education Building, Room 111 for general information.

Common Careers:

- Social Studies/History Teacher
- College or University Professor
- Academic Advisor

- Public Policy Writer
- Community Extension
- Archivist
- Research Associate
- Librarian

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Analyze and interpret historical materials, such as documents, artifacts, and images.
2. Engage in chronological reasoning, to understand causation and change over time.
3. Examine critically how people in the past understood their own history, in scholarly works and in popular forms such as myths or commemorations.
4. Interpret, write, and speak about the past using evidence and according to the standards and expectations of the historical discipline.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in contemporary theory & practice of secondary education.
6. Articulate meaningful relationships between contemporary issues and historical facts, interpretations, and/or skills.

Requirements Effective Fall 2025

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

During their sophomore year, students must apply for admission to the licensure program. This requires completion of at least 30 credits, a minimum 2.750 GPA, and passing a criminal background check. To continue in the major, students must maintain a 3.000 GPA. Grades in all History, Social Studies and Education courses must be C (2.000) or above.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
GR 100	Introduction to Geography (GT-SS2)	3C	3
HIST 192	Introduction to the History Major		3
Select one course from two of the following three categories:			
Pre-modern Non-U.S. History			
HIST 100	Western Civilization, Pre-Modern (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 115	The Islamic World: Late Antiquity to 1500	3D	
HIST 120	Asian Civilizations I (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 170	World History, Ancient-1500 (GT-HI1)	3D	
Modern Non-U.S. History			
HIST 101	Western Civilization, Modern (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 116	The Islamic World Since 1500	3D	
HIST 121	Asian Civilizations II (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 171	World History, 1500-Present (GT-HI1)	3D	
U.S. History			

HIST 150	U.S. History to 1876 (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 151	U.S. History Since 1876 (GT-HI1)	3D	
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1B	3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1C	3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	3
Electives			6
Total Credits			30
Sophomore			
EDUC 275	Schools, Society, and Self (GT-SS3)	3C	3
EDUC 331	Educational Technology and Assessment		2
Select one course from the following:			3
ANTH 100	Introductory Cultural Anthropology (GT-SS3)	3C	
PSY 100	General Psychology (GT-SS3)	3C	
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3)	3C	
SOC 105	Social Problems (GT-SS3)	3C	
Select one course from the following:			3
ECON 101	Economics of Social Issues (GT-SS1)	3C	
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics (GT-SS1)	3C	
ECON 204	Principles of Macroeconomics (GT-SS1)	3C	
ECON 211	Gender in the Economy (GT-SS1)	1C	
ECON 212	Racial Inequality and Discrimination (GT-SS1)	1C	
ECON 240/AREC 240	Economics of Environmental Sustainability (GT-SS1)	3C	
Select one course from the following:			3
ETST 1XX			
ETST 2XX			
WS 1XX			
WS 2XX			
Select one course from the following (Public Engagement):			3
HIST 475	Methods in Digital History		
HIST 476	History of America's National Parks		
HIST 479	Practice of Public History		
HIST 487	Internship		
SPCM 200	Public Speaking		
Select one course from the following:			3
POLS 101	American Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	3C	
POLS 131	Current World Problems (GT-SS1)	1C	
POLS 232	International Relations (GT-SS1)	1C	
POLS 241	Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	1C	
HIST***History, Upper Division U.S. Any Period ^{1,2,4}		4A	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	7
Total Credits			30
Junior			
EDUC 340	Literacy and the Learner		3
EDUC 350	Instruction I-Individualization/Management		3
EDUC 386	Practicum-Instruction I		1
HIST 392	Seminar in Historical Methods		3
HIST 477	Teaching History		3
HIST *** History, Upper-Division Non-U.S. (See list below) ^{1,2,3}		4A	3

HIST *** History, upper-division non-U.S. ^{2,3}			3
HIST *** History, upper-division U.S. Pre-1876 ^{2,4}			3
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)	2		3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)	3B		3
Elective ⁵			2
Total Credits			30
Senior			
EDUC 450	Instruction II-Standards and Assessment		4
EDUC 465	Methods and Materials in Social Studies		4
EDUC 485B	Student Teaching: Secondary		11
EDUC 486E	Practicum: Instruction II		1
EDUC 493A	Seminar: Professional Relations		1
HIST 492	Capstone Seminar	4A,4B,4C	3
HIST *** History, upper-division non-U.S. ^{2,3}			3
HIST***History, Upper Division U.S. Post-1876 ^{2,4}			3
Total Credits			30
Program Total Credits:			120

History, AUCC Category 4A Courses

Select course, with advisor approval, to fulfill the category 4A requirement. The selected course may apply toward the History, upper-division (U.S. or non-U.S.) program requirements.

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
HIST 300	Ancient Greece to 323 B.C.E.	4A	3
HIST 301	Roman Republic	4A	3
HIST 303	Hellenistic World: Alexander to Cleopatra	4A	3
HIST 304	Women in Ancient Greece and Rome	4A	3
HIST 308	Ancient Christianity to 500 A.D.	4A	3
HIST 309	Medieval Christianity, 500-1500	4A	3
HIST 311	Medieval England	4A	3
HIST 315	Tudor Stuart England, 1485-1689	4A	3
HIST 317	Renaissance and Reformation Europe	4A	3
HIST 318	The Age of the Enlightenment	4A	3
HIST 319	Early Modern France, 1500-1789	4A	3
HIST 320	Women and Gender in Europe, 1450-1789	4A	3
HIST 321	Industrial Society in Europe, 1600-1871	4A	3
HIST 322	Industrial Society in Europe, 1871-1989	4A	3
HIST 323	Russia Before 1700	4A	3
HIST 324	Imperial Russia	4A	3
HIST 328	Modern Europe, 1815-1914	4A	3
HIST 329	Europe in Crisis, 1914-1941	4A	3
HIST 330	Eastern Europe Since 1918	4A	3
HIST 331	The Soviet Union	4A	3
HIST 332	Germany Since World War I	4A	3

HIST 333	Contemporary Europe	4A	3
HIST 334	European Culture in the 20th Century	4A	3
HIST 335	Britain in the 20th Century	4A	3
HIST 340	Colonial American Borderlands--1492-1800	4A	3
HIST 341	Empire, Race, Revolution--America 1700-1815	4A	3
HIST 344	Antebellum America	4A	3
HIST 345	Civil War Era	4A	3
HIST 347	United States, 1876-1917	4A	3
HIST 348	United States, 1917-1945	4A	3
HIST 349	United States Since 1945	4A	3
HIST 350	United States Foreign Relations Since 1914	4A	3
HIST 351	American West to 1900	4A	3
HIST 352	American West Since 1900	4A	3
HIST 353	U.S.-Mexico Borderlands	4A	3
HIST 354	American Architectural History	4A	3
HIST 355	American Environmental History	4A	3
HIST 356	American Cultural and Intellectual History	4A	3
HIST 357/MLSC 357	The American Military Experience	4A	3
HIST 359	American Women's History Since 1800	4A	3
HIST 360	United States Immigration History	4A	3
HIST 410	Colonial Latin America	4A	3
HIST 412	Mexico	4A	3
HIST 414	Revolutions in Latin America	4A	3
HIST 421	Africa: Colonialism to Independence	4A	3
HIST 422	Modern Africa	4A	3
HIST 423	South African History	4A	3
HIST 431	Ancient Israel	4A	3
HIST 432	Sacred History-Hebrew Bible & New Testament	4A	3
HIST 433	Muhammad and the Origins of Islam	4A	3
HIST 438	The Modern Middle East	4A	3
HIST 440	Modern South Asia: Colonialism and Nationalism	4A	3
HIST 441	South Asia Since Independence	4A	3
HIST 450	Ancient China	4A	3
HIST 451	Medieval China and Central Asia	4A	3
HIST 452	China in the Modern World, 1600- Present	4A	3
HIST 455	Tokugawa and Modern Japan, 1600- Present	4A	3
HIST 461	Rise and Fall of British Empire 1600-1947	4A	3
HIST 463	Science and Technology in Modern History	4A	3
HIST 464	Pacific Wars: Philippines-WWII	4A	3
HIST 465	Pacific Wars: Korea and Vietnam	4A	3
HIST 466	U.S.-China Relations Since 1800	4A	3

HIST 469	The Crusades	4A	3
HIST 479	Practice of Public History	4A	3

History, Upper-Division Course Categories

Course Number Range	Title
HIST 300 - HIST 339	Europe
HIST 340 - HIST 379	North America/US
HIST 410 - HIST 419	Latin America
HIST 420 - HIST 429	Africa
HIST 431 - HIST 439	Middle East
HIST 440 - HIST 449	South Asia
HIST 450 - HIST 459	East Asia
HIST 460 - HIST 479	World/Trans-regional

History, Upper-Division U.S. Courses

Select one course from each category (Pre-1876, Post-1876, Any Period) for a total of 9 credits. The selected AUCC Category 4A course may apply toward this requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
U.S. History Courses Pre-1876 – Select one course from the following:		
HIST 340	Colonial American Borderlands–1492-1800	3
HIST 341	Empire, Race, Revolution–America 1700-1815	3
HIST 344	Antebellum America	3
HIST 345	Civil War Era	3
HIST 351	American West to 1900	3
HIST 353	U.S.-Mexico Borderlands	3
HIST 358	American Women's History, 1492 to Present	3
HIST 361	Native American History Methods	3
HIST 366	African-American History to 1865	3
U.S. History Post-1876 – Select one course from the following:		
HIST 347	United States, 1876-1917	3
HIST 348	United States, 1917-1945	3
HIST 349	United States Since 1945	3
HIST 350	United States Foreign Relations Since 1914	3
HIST 352	American West Since 1900	3
HIST 354	American Architectural History	3
HIST 355	American Environmental History	3
HIST 356	American Cultural and Intellectual History	3
HIST 357/MLSC 357	The American Military Experience	3
HIST 359	American Women's History Since 1800	3
HIST 360	United States Immigration History	3

HIST 362	Native American History Topics	3
HIST 363	Colorado History	3
HIST 364/ETST 364	Asian American Social Movements, 1945-Present	3
HIST 365	American West Field Study	3
HIST 367	African-American History Since 1865	3
HIST 379/ECON 379	Economic History of the United States	3
HIST 476	History of America's National Parks	3
HIST 479	Practice of Public History	3

U.S. History Any Period – Select one course from the following:

Any HIST course numbered 340-379		3
HIST 476	History of America's National Parks	3
HIST 477	Teaching History	3
HIST 479	Practice of Public History	3

- ¹ Select from the list below, with advisor approval, to fulfill the All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) category 4A requirement. Only 3 credits are required to satisfy the 4A requirement. The selected course may apply toward the History, upper-division (U.S. or non-U.S.) program requirements.
- ² Any student seeking to register for 300- or 400-level history courses must have completed 45 credits or have received written consent from the instructor.
- ³ Select three upper-division courses from at least two different non-U.S. categories (Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East, South Asia, World/Trans-regional) for a total of 9 credits. The selected History, Category 4A course may apply towards this requirement.
- ⁴ Select one upper-division course in U.S. History from each of three categories (U.S. History Pre-1876, U.S. History Post-1876, and U.S. History Any Period) for a total of 9 credits. The selected History, Category 4A course may apply towards this requirement.
- ⁵ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

During their sophomore year, students must apply for admission to the licensure program. This requires completion of at least 30 credits, a minimum 2.750 GPA, and passing a criminal background check. To continue in the major, students must maintain a 3.000 GPA. Grades in all History, Social Studies and Education courses must be C (2.000) or above.

Freshman

Semester 1

CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)	
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)	

Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
X		1A	3
X		1B	3
	X	1C	3

Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		X	3B	3	
Elective		X		3	
Total Credits				15	
Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
GR 100	Introduction to Geography (GT-SS2)	X		3C	3
HIST 192	Introduction to the History Major	X			3
Select one course from two of the following categories:		X			6
Pre-modern Non-U.S. History					
HIST 100	Western Civilization, Pre-Modern (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 115	The Islamic World: Late Antiquity to 1500			3D	
HIST 120	Asian Civilizations I (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 170	World History, Ancient-1500 (GT-HI1)			3D	
Modern Non-U.S. History					
HIST 101	Western Civilization, Modern (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 116	The Islamic World Since 1500			3D	
HIST 121	Asian Civilizations II (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 171	World History, 1500-Present (GT-HI1)			3D	
U.S. History					
HIST 150	U.S. History to 1876 (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 151	U.S. History Since 1876 (GT-HI1)			3D	
Elective			X		3
AUCC 1B, CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.		X			
Total Credits				15	
Sophomore					
Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 275	Schools, Society, and Self (GT-SS3)	X		3C	3
EDUC 331	Educational Technology and Assessment	X			2
Select one course from the following:		X			3
ANTH 100	Introductory Cultural Anthropology (GT-SS3)			3C	
PSY 100	General Psychology (GT-SS3)			3C	
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3)			3C	
SOC 105	Social Problems (GT-SS3)			3C	
Select one course from the following:		X			3
ECON 101	Economics of Social Issues (GT-SS1)			3C	
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics (GT-SS1)			3C	
ECON 204	Principles of Macroeconomics (GT-SS1)			3C	
ECON 211	Gender in the Economy (GT-SS1)			1C	
ECON 212	Racial Inequality and Discrimination (GT-SS1)			1C	
ECON 240/ AREC 240	Economics of Environmental Sustainability (GT-SS1)			3C	
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			X	3A	4
Total Credits				15	
Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Select one course from the following:		X			3
ETST 1XX					
ETST 2XX					
WS 1XX					
WS 2XX					
Select one course from the following (Public Engagement):		X			3
HIST 475	Methods in Digital History				

HIST 476	History of America's National Parks				
HIST 479	Practice of Public History				
HIST 487	Internship				
SPCM 200	Public Speaking				
Select one course from the following:		X			3
POLS 101	American Government and Politics (GT-SS1)			3C	
POLS 131	Current World Problems (GT-SS1)			1C	
POLS 232	International Relations (GT-SS1)			1C	
POLS 241	Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)			1C	
HIST***History, Upper Division U.S. Any Period			X	4A	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			X	3A	3
Background Check		X			
EDUC 275 must be completed by the end of Semester 4.		X			
Total Credits					15
Junior					
Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 340	Literacy and the Learner	X			3
HIST 392	Seminar in Historical Methods	X		4A	3
HIST*** History, Upper Division Non-U.S. (See Department List on Concentration Requirements tab)		X		4A	6
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)			X	2	3
Admission to licensure and EDUC 340 must be completed by the end of Semester 5.		X			
Total Credits					15
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 350	Instruction I-Individualization/Management	X			3
EDUC 386	Practicum-Instruction I	X			1
HIST 477	Teaching History	X			3
HIST*** Upper-Division History U.S. Pre-1876 (See Department List on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			X	3B	3
Elective			X		2
Total Credits					15
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 450	Instruction II-Standards and Assessment	X			4
EDUC 465	Methods and Materials in Social Studies	X			4
EDUC 486E	Practicum: Instruction II	X			1
HIST 492	Capstone Seminar	X		4A,4B,4C	3
HIST*** Upper-Division History non-U.S. (See Department List on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3
EDUC 450, EDUC 465, EDUC 486E must be completed by the end of Semester 7.		X			
Total Credits					15
Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 485B	Student Teaching: Secondary	X			11
EDUC 493A	Seminar: Professional Relations	X			1
HIST***History, Upper Division U.S. Post 1876			X		3

The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.
X

Total Credits	15
Program Total Credits:	120