

Secondary Education/Social Studies Education MEd

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Learn more about the Master of Education in Secondary Education.

About the Program

The Secondary Education graduate program's Social Studies Education specialization aims to develop teachers with the skills necessary to create an informed citizenry with respect for diversity in a democratic society. The Social Studies Education specialization emphasizes critical thinking about social studies curriculum frameworks and materials; curriculum development grounded in teaching for understanding; and sensitivity around controversial areas such as race relations, gender, war and peace, equality of economic and social opportunities, and global interdependence.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 5 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Accreditation: The program is approved as a teacher certification preparation program by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Job Prospects: Graduates typically pursue teaching positions in middle and secondary school settings in grades 7 to 12.

Licensure/Certification: Upon successful completion of the degree requirements and passing all required licensure examinations, candidates may apply for a Pennsylvania Instructional I Teaching Certificate.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Students may take up to, but not more than, 9 credits of graduate study in the program before being admitted to the program. The credits transfer into the program, if the student is admitted. ***Students completing non-matriculated courses before being admitted to the program are NOT guaranteed admission.***

Financing Opportunities: Financial support opportunities may include scholarships, tuition remission, and other financial aid such as grants, loans and federal work study.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: March 1

Spring: November 1

Summer II: March 1

Applicants should submit all required admissions documents by the application deadline to receive priority consideration for admission and financial support.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 2

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained to provide insight regarding the applicant's academic competence. References from college/university faculty are recommended.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: Significant coursework (i.e., the equivalent of a minor or better) and/or professional experience related to the intended certification area are preferred.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A bachelor's degree is required. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is expected.

Transcripts: Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned must be submitted.

International applicants must also submit an official document, including a course-by-course evaluation conducted by a NACES-accredited organization, that validates completion and conferral of a degree, diploma and/or certificate. While not required, international applicants are encouraged to submit transcript(s) to World Education Services (WES) for evaluation.

Statement of Goals: In 500 to 1,000 words, outline your interest in seeking a master's degree with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire, your interests, and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program.

Standardized Test Scores:

The official score report must demonstrate a passing score on the *Praxis*® Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5581) test.

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53

Resume: Current resume required.

Transfer Credit: Courses may be transferred from an accredited institution provided they were completed less than five years ago and are relevant to the program. The academic advisor makes the decision about the relevancy of the courses that the student desires to transfer. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 6.

Clearances: All admitted students must submit copies of the required Pennsylvania criminal background check, FBI criminal history, Child Abuse check, and TB test to the College of Education and Human Development's Office of Field Placement prior to enrolling in their first term. These clearances are required by law prior to entering pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade classrooms to complete field experience requirements, starting with the first term and continuing throughout the program.

Pennsylvania clearances are not required for application completion. All new students who possess required Pennsylvania clearances more than one year old must submit updated clearances to the Office of Field Placement. Please note that obtaining these clearances may take up to six weeks. For instructions, please visit the Office of Field Placement's website at <https://education.temple.edu/ofp/clearances>.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:

Number of Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate: 31, or 37 with ESL Certification

Required Courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
SPED 5106	Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities	3
EDUC 5402	Child and Adol Develop	3
MGSE 5796 or TESL 5613	Literacy and Differentiation in the Academic Areas, 7-12 Multilingual Students' Literacy Development	3
SPED 5109	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3
SPED 5666	Introduction to Special Education	3
TESL 5631	Foundations of Language Teaching: Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners	3
Concentration-Specific Pedagogy Classes		
MGSE 5465	Methods and Materials in Secondary Social Studies	3
MGSE 5466	Teaching for Understanding in Secondary Social Studies	3
Culminating Courses		
Select either Residency or Non-Residency Student Teaching and Seminar:		7
Residency Student Teaching and Seminar		
EDUC 5801	Residency Practicum Capstone	
EDUC 5802	Residency Student Teaching Capstone	
EDUC 5888	Supervised Teaching	
Non-Residency Student Teaching and Seminar		
EDUC 5409	Research Methods and Induction Capstone	
EDUC 5888	Supervised Teaching	

Total Credit Hours

31

ESL Certification

While completing the degree, MEd candidates may opt to pursue ESL Certification in teaching English as a second language. An additional 6 credits of coursework are required:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
TESL 5616	Designing Assessment and Curriculum for Multilingual Students	3
TESL 5621	Contexts for Teaching and Learning Language	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Culminating Events: Student teaching and its related seminar(s) constitute the culminating events for this MEd program.

Accelerated Programs

Undergraduate students may opt to pursue an accelerated +1 program, enabling them to complete both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time than the traditional route.

The accelerated pathway for the Secondary Education MEd with a concentration in Social Studies Education is available to any qualified students pursuing an undergraduate degree in the following:

- Economics BA
- Geography and Urban Studies BA
- History BA
- Political Science BA
- Sociology BA

Cohort Code: XMEDSSOC

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.00

Graduate Courses Approved to Count for Both Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 5402	Child and Adol Develop	3
MGSE 5465	Methods and Materials in Secondary Social Studies	3
MGSE 5466	Teaching for Understanding in Secondary Social Studies	3
SPED 5666	Introduction to Special Education	3

Suggested Academic Plan

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Year 3		
Fall		
EDUC 5402	Child and Adol Develop	3
Credit Hours		3
Spring		
SPED 5666	Introduction to Special Education	3
Credit Hours		3
Year 4		
Fall		
MGSE 5466	Teaching for Understanding in Secondary Social Studies	3
Credit Hours		3
Spring		
MGSE 5465	Methods and Materials in Secondary Social Studies	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		12

Application: <https://education.temple.edu/academics/accelerated-dual-degree-program-application>

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Additional Information

Learn more about the +1 program in Economics BA and Secondary Education MEd

Learn more about the +1 program in Geography and Urban Studies BA and Secondary Education MEd.

Learn more about the +1 program in History BA and Secondary Education MEd.

Learn more about the +1 program in Political Science BA and Secondary Education MEd

Learn more about the +1 program in Sociology BA and Secondary Education MEd

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<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/secondary-education-med-ed-sece-med>

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