SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR - SOCIAL STUDIES

The Department of Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership offers undergraduate curricula in secondary education that lead to the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree and prepares teachers in various subject areas for teaching in middle schools, secondary schools (grades 7-12), and PreK-12 settings (Art and World Languages).

Multiple pathways are available for individuals who are interested in teaching at the secondary level:

The Dual Major option, which is designed for incoming freshmen or sophomores, leads to the Bachelor’s degree with a major in an academic content area plus a second major in secondary education. All secondary majors are required to have an academic content major which satisfies the requirements of the academic department and meets the standards for teacher certification. Candidates who follow the proposed sequencing of courses can complete both majors in four years with careful advisement and scheduling;

The five-year Integrated Master’s with certification program. See http://www.education.umd.edu/MCERT/.

Graduates of the Secondary Education programs meet the requirements for certification in Maryland and additional states that are affiliated with the Interstate Reciprocity Agreement through the Maryland State Department of Education.

Note: The Mathematics Education and Science Education programs are currently under review. For more information, please visit the Terrapin Teachers website http://terrapinteachers.umd.edu/.

ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

Admission to the Teacher Education Professional Program is competitive. Admission procedures and criteria can be found on the College of Education, College Requirements tab (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education).

PLACEMENT IN COURSES

The Secondary Education programs include both pre-professional and professional education course work. Before undergraduates may enroll in courses identified as part of the professional sequence, they must complete the selective admissions requirements and be fully admitted to the College of Education’s Teacher Education program. Admission procedures and criteria are explained in the College of Education entry. Teacher candidates will not be permitted to enroll in professional sequence courses – including the yearlong internship – prior to completion of the selective admissions requirements and full admission to the College of Education.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Secondary Education teacher candidates have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter that they teach as described in professional (e.g., National Council of Teachers of English - NCTE, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics - NCTM, etc.); state (MSDE); and, institutional standards.

2. Secondary Education teacher candidates can effectively plan classroom-based instruction or activities for their roles as teachers.

Candidates’ knowledge, skills, and dispositions are applied effectively in practice.

3. Secondary Education teacher candidates practice evidence-based decision-making through the use of assessment as well as the critical interpretation of research and inquiry in order to improve educational practice. They accurately assess and analyzes student learning, make appropriate adjustments to instruction, monitor student learning, and have a positive effect on learning for all students.

4. Secondary Education teacher candidates demonstrate understanding of learners and their social and cultural contexts with a global perspective and intentional sensitivity to other cultures. They are able to work with students, families, and communities in ways that reflect the dispositions expected of professional educators as delineated in professional (e.g., NCTE, NCTM, etc.); state (MSDE); and, institutional standards.

5. Secondary Education teacher candidates competently integrate technology in instruction to support student learning and develop data-driven solutions for instructional and school improvement. They demonstrate proficiency in each of the seven Maryland Teacher Technology Standards.

Social Studies Education (Grades 7-12)

The Social Studies Education program is under review. Contact an advisor in 1207 Benjamin Building for updated program information.

Undergraduates in the Social Studies Education program may select an area of concentration in history, geography, or government and politics. Each concentration follows the general requirements of their respective majors in addition to the pre-professional/subject area supporting course work required for certification. Teacher candidates may elect to complete the program for certification in Social Studies by choosing one of three options for completing the program.

Requirements

All Teacher Education Programs have designated pre-professional courses and a specified sequence of professional courses. Before undergraduates may enroll in professional education course requirements they must be fully admitted to the College of Education’s Teacher Education Program. An overall grade point average of 2.75 must be maintained after admission to Teacher Education. All teacher candidates are required to obtain satisfactory evaluations on the College of Education Foundational Competencies/Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE) and to attain qualifying scores for the State of Maryland on a test of basic skills (Praxis CORE, SAT, ACT or GRE) and Praxis II assessments. The test of basic skills is required for admission, and Praxis II is required for the teaching internship and graduation. The culminating experience of the program is the yearlong internship, which takes place in a Collaborating School (i.e., partner school, PDS - Professional Development School).

The department of Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership offers a variety of secondary education programs-tracks leading to the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Teacher candidates who complete a secondary education program at UM meet the Maryland State Department of Education requirements for the Professional Eligibility Certificate. Consult the Curriculum and Instruction program advisor for updated information.

Secondary Math Education and Science Education are part of Terrapin Teachers, an innovative program designed to produce a new generation of highly qualified instructors in STEM subjects. In this program, you can
earn a STEM degree PLUS eligibility for certification as a middle or high school teacher. For more information about this program please visit our website at the following link: tt.umd.edu.

**Option I: History**

This option requires completion of the foreign language requirement and is primarily for those teacher candidates earning their initial degree. Requires 68 semester hours of which 39 credit hours must be in history.

**Note:** The history major requires completion of UNIV101 and a foreign language requirement through the intermediate level. See ARHU advising (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/#advisingtext) for details.

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**Pre-Professional/Subject Area Courses**

**Introductory Courses:**

- **HIST200** Interpreting American History: Beginnings to 1877 3
- **or HIST201** Interpreting American History: From 1865 to the Present 3
- **HIST208** Historical Research and Methods Seminar 3
- **HIST elective - Latin America, Middle East, East Asia or Africa** 3
- **HIST elective - Britain and Western Europe OR Eastern Europe and Russia** 3
- **HIST408** Senior Seminar 3
- Select 24 credits of History Electives 24

In addition to the required credit hours in history, the social studies education program requires 29 credit hours of course work in geography and the social sciences as outlined below.

**Primary Courses:**

- **GEOG202** Introduction to Human Geography 3
- **Select one of the following:** 3
  - **ECON111** Thinking Like an Economist
  - **ECON175** Inequality: Determinants and Policy Remedies
  - **ECON181** Putting a Price on the Environment: An Economist’s Perspective on Sustainability
  - **ECON200** Principles of Microeconomics
  - **ECON201** Principles of Macroeconomics
  - **Lower-level ECON I-series course**
  - **GVPT170** American Government 3
  - **or SOCY100** Introduction to Sociology
  - **or SOCY105** Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems

**Pre-Professional/Education Courses**

Select one of the following: 3

- **TLPL250** Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Education
- **TLPL360** Foundations of Education
- **EDHD413** Adolescent Development 3
- **EDHD426** Cognitive and Motivational Literacy Content 3
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2 TLPL471 and TLPL479B are taken concurrently

**Option II: Geography**

This option is primarily for those teacher candidates earning their initial degree and requires 64 credits of Pre-professional/Subject Area course work. Thirty-five credit hours must be in geography. Nine credit hours of 300 level Gateway courses must be taken in physical geography, human geography, and geographic techniques. The remaining 18 credit hours must include a quantitative methods course and 15 credit hours of upper level systematic geography courses.

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**Primary Courses:**

- **GEOG201** Geography of Environmental Systems 3
- **GEOG211** Geography of Environmental Systems Laboratory 1
- **GEOG202** Introduction to Human Geography 3
- **GEOG212** Career Planning for Geographical Sciences, GIS, and ENSP Majors 1

**Gateway Courses:**

- **GEOG3xx** one 300 level physical geography course 3
- **GEOG3xx** one 300 level human geography course 3
- **GEOG3xx** one 300 level technique course 3
- **GEOG3xx/4xx** Upper Level Geography Electives 15
- **GEOG306** Introduction to Quantitative Methods for the Geographic Environmental Sciences 3

In addition to the required credit hours in geography, the social studies education program requires 29 credit hours of course work in history and the social sciences as outlined below.

Select one of the following: 3

- **ECON111** Thinking Like an Economist
- **ECON175** Inequality: Determinants and Policy Remedies
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**Option III: Government and Politics**

The Government and Politics program is under review. Please check with the Government Department regarding specific course work.

This option is primarily for those teacher candidates earning their initial degree. Requires a minimum of 65 credit hours of preprofessional/subject area course work. Thirty-six hours must be in GVPT. At least eighteen of the thirty-six credit hours must be upper-level courses.

All GVPT majors must also complete an approved skills option (a foreign language or three quantitative courses from a select list - see GVPT advisor) and the social sciences as outlined below.

In addition, the GVPT program is a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). See GVPT advisor for specific admission requirements.

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Four Year Plan

Click here (http://www.gened.umd.edu/for-students/forstudents-4yearplans-educ.html) for roadmaps for four-year plans in the College of Education.

Additional information on developing a four-year academic plan can be found on the following pages:

- 4yearplans.umd.edu
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising) section of this catalog