

Social Studies Education Advising

For Freshmen and Sophomores

FRESHMAN YEAR

Coursework

- Students are strongly encouraged to take courses that satisfy general University and College requirements including: English 110, Math 114 and Foreign Language courses during their freshman year. Introductory major courses and related fields courses that satisfy requirements for the major should also be taken during freshman year. Refer to their Degree Check Sheet for requirements.
- Explain the concept of “double-dipping” (courses that count for both breadth & related coursework requirements) by using the [coursework matrix](#) on the website.
- Students interested in pursuing a minor should be directed to our [Minors and Study Abroad webpage](#).
- Remind students during freshman spring registration that they should register for HIST316

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Coursework (completed by ALL S.S. Education majors)

- Remind students of the strict GPA requirements for admission to student teaching (2.75 cumulative & 3.0 major GPA required in February of Junior year).
- Students should begin completing major requirements in earnest.
- Students should complete all general University and College requirements and continue taking non-major social studies requirements while “double-dipping” as much as possible (choosing courses that will satisfy both breadth and related-work requirements).
- Students need to complete HIST316 (offered only in fall semester), EDUC 419, EDUC413, EDUC414 and EDUC 413 in their sophomore and junior years. The preferred order is HIST316, EDUC419, EDUC414, and finally, EDUC413. Since HIST316, EDUC 419 and EDUC413 have observation hours in the schools, these courses should not be taken simultaneously.
- Students must obtain their own transportation to and from the middle and high schools once they begin taking courses with observation components (EDUC 413, EDUC 419, EDUC 491 and student teaching).

History Education Majors

- Students must take HIST 268 in their sophomore year
- Students should begin completing history requirements in earnest, following the distribution requirements for US History, European History and Asian, African or Latin American History (Non-Western) coursework.

- Students should complete all general University and College requirements by “double dipping” breadth and related-work courses to simultaneously satisfy requirements.