

SECONDARY EDUCATION: SOCIAL STUDIES, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.50

Total Hours: 124

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213	Composition II	
ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H) ¹	3
POLS 1113	American Government ¹	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
HIST 1613	Western Civilization to 1500 (H) ¹	3
HIST 1623	Western Civilization after 1500 (H) ¹	3
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Courses designated (N) with one (L)		8
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
Courses designated (S)		3
Suggested:		
POLS 2013	Introduction to International Relations (S)	
POLS 2113	Introduction to Comparative Politics (GS)	
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
GEOG 1113	Introduction to Cultural Geography (GS) ¹	3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 2 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 2 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		2
Hours Subtotal		40
College/Departmental Requirements		
Minimum grade of "C" or "P" in each course		

UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course)	1
EDHS 3111	Preparing for Your Future Career	1
CIED 4133	Introduction to K-12 English Language Learners	3
Select 7 hours of electives (3 hours may need to be foreign language)		7
Recommended:		
ANTH 3353	Cultural Anthropology (GS)	
CIED 4194	Teaching Writing in the Secondary School	
CIED 4313	Young Adult Literature	
CIED 4473	Reading for the Secondary Teacher	
EDHS 4110	Professional Education Seminar	
EPSY 4223	Psychological Foundations of Learning and Instruction	
Hours Subtotal		12
Major Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in each course		
<i>Economics</i>		
ECON 2103	Introduction to Microeconomics (S)	3
ECON 2203	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
<i>Government</i>		
Select 3 hours POLS		3
POLS 2013 or POLS 2113 suggested, should be different course than used in General Education		
<i>Oklahoma History</i>		
HIST 3703	Oklahoma History (DH)	3
<i>Psychology</i>		
PSYC 1113	Introductory Psychology (S)	3
<i>Sociology</i>		
SOC 1113	Introductory Sociology (S)	3
<i>U.S. American History</i>		
HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	3
Select 6 upper-division hours of U.S. American HIST		6
Suggested courses:		
HIST 3613	American Colonial Period to 1750 (H)	
HIST 3623	Era of the American Revolution (H)	
HIST 3653	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877	
HIST 3673	United States History, 1919-45 (DH)	
HIST 3683	United States History Since 1945 (DH)	
<i>Areas</i>		
Select one of the following areas:		12
<i>World History and Geography Area</i>		
Select 3 hours of upper-division World History		
Suggested courses:		
HIST 3403	East Asia to 1800 (H)	
HIST 3453	Colonial Latin America (H)	
HIST 3483	Reformation Europe, 1517-1648 (H)	
HIST 3503	Medieval Islamic History (H)	
Select 3 hours of Non-Western History (in addition to GEOG 1713/GLST 1713, which is required if this area is selected)		
GEOG 1713	Regions & Nations in Global Context (GS)	
or GLST 1713	Regions & Nations in Global Context (GS)	

Suggested courses:

HIST 1713 History of Asia to 1800 (H)

Select 3 hours of Cultural Geography

Suggested courses:

GEOG 3123 Urban Geography (S)

GEOG 3163 Economic Geography (S)

GEOG 3173 Cultural Geography (S)

GEOG 3713 Exploring North America and Diversity (DS)

Sociology/Psychology Area

Select 6 hours of Sociology (3 hours must be upper division)

Suggested courses:

SOC 3133 Racial and Ethnic Relations (DS)

SOC 4383 Social Stratification (S)

Select 6 hours of Psychology (3 hours must be upper-division)

Suggested courses:

PSYC 3013 Psychology of Motivation

PSYC 3113 Comparative Psychology (N)

Hours Subtotal 39**Professional Core Requirements**

Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" or "P" in each course

CIED 3313	Field Experience in the Secondary Schools	3
CIED 3753	Teaching Social Studies through Inquiry	3
CIED 4713	Teaching and Learning in the Secondary School (Fall Semester prior to Student Teaching) ²	3
EDTC 3123	Applications of Educational Technologies	3
EPSY 3213	Psychology of Adolescence	3
SCFD 3223	Role of Teacher in American Schools (D)	3
SPED 3202	Educating Exceptional Learners	2
CIED 4724	Classroom Management in the Multicultural PK-12/ Secondary School (semester prior to Student Teaching) ²	4
CIED 4720	Internship in the Secondary Classroom (Student Teaching) ²	9
Hours Subtotal		33
Total Hours		124

¹ Minimum GPA 2.50 required in combination with Major Requirements.
 Certification requirements that meet General Education requirements.

² Full admission to Professional Education required.

- Students must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language at the novice high level from among those languages identified by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability.
- For teacher certification, students must successfully complete OSAT (017), "U.S. History/OK History/Government/Economics".
- Students may also take OSAT (018), "World History/Geography" and/or OSAT (032) "Psychology/Sociology" to add additional certification areas.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.

Other Requirements

- 40 hours of upper-division coursework.
- Required for graduation and recommendation for Standard Certification:
 - a. 2.50 Overall GPA;
 - b. 2.50 GPA in Major Requirements; and
 - c. 2.50 GPA in Professional Core Requirements.
- The student must earn minimum grades of "C" or "P" in each course in the Major Requirements and Professional Core Requirements and specified courses in General Education; and must earn grades of "P" in all sections of observation courses and student teaching for recommendation for Certification.