

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATION - SOCIAL STUDIES (BS)

BS: HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATION - SOCIAL STUDIES DEGREE PLAN (HSST)

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 38).

REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHING FIELD

Social Studies

HIST 117 Civilization I	3
HIST 118 Civilization II	3
HIST 221 American History I*	(3) ¹
HIST 222 American History II*	3
HIST 404 The Gilded Age <i>or</i>	
HIST 405 U.S. History Since 1920	3
HIST 411 Ancient Near Eastern and Greek Civilization <i>or</i>	
HIST 412 Hellenistic and Roman Civilizations <i>or</i>	
HIST 413 The Medieval Era	3
HIST 472 Renaissance and Reformation <i>or</i>	
HIST 474 Recent Europe	3
HIST 496 History for Teachers	3
GEOG 235 World Geography	3
GEOG 354 Cultural Geography	3
ECON 260 Principles of Macroeconomics	(3) ¹
ECON 261 Principles of Microeconomics	3
POLS 225 National Government <i>or</i>	
POLS 226 States and Federal System	3
POLS 384 American Judicial Process <i>or</i>	
POLS 432 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights	3
POLS 381 American Political Process <i>or</i>	
POLS 491 Recent Political Theory <i>or</i>	
POLS 492 American Political Thought	3
PSYC 120 Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology	3
TOTAL	45

*All non-transfer students must take HIST 221 and 222 in residence.

¹Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

EDUC 211 Educational Foundations and Multicultural Perspectives	3
EDUC 221 Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 412 Secondary Curriculum and Media	3
EDUC 432 Secondary Management and Methods	3
EDUC 490 Student Teaching	6
EDUC 476 Effective Strategies for English Language Learners	3
READ 322 Reading in Secondary Content Areas	3
SPED 371 Teaching Students With Special Needs (writing-intensive course)	3
TOTAL	27

ELECTIVES

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Minimum	3
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	75
CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION	
In accordance with Texas state law, students must meet the admission criteria described on page 119	
TEACHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum GPA for graduation	2.75
Minimum advanced hours	33
Minimum total hours	131
<i>Courses numbered 0** do not count in minimum hours required for degree.</i>	

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- Complete and submit an application for admission into the Teacher Education Program;
- Have completed the first 45 semester hours of credit;
- Successfully complete with a C or better 12 hours in the candidate's chosen content field;
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 (2.75 or higher in the content field);
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- A declared major that includes certification;
- Receive approval from the Teacher Education Admissions and Review Committee. An interview with the committee may be required.
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 - Any exemptions or modification to the above requirements due to special circumstances must be requested through the chair of the Department of Teacher Education. All requests will be reviewed and must be approved by the Teacher Education Admissions and Review Committee. In addition, admission to teacher education is not the final step in the process. In order to remain in the program the prospective teacher must continue to meet the GPA requirement (2.75). Approval to take Education Block classes (411/412 and 431/432) and to enroll in student teaching must be obtained from the Teacher Education Admissions and Review Committee before enrolling in those classes.

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Junior and senior transfer students must take the THEA and be admitted to the Teacher Education Program during their first semester at Abilene Christian University to continue in professional education course work. Arrangements to take the THEA should be made as quickly as possible by contacting the Office Academic Development.

Note:

A candidate who does not have an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher **may** be conditionally admitted to the program if **all** other admissions criteria are met and if **all** of the following are true:

An overall GPA of 2.75 or higher in the last 60 hours

A GPA of 2.75 in the teaching content field

No university disciplinary actions filed – academic or otherwise

A formal letter of request submitted to the admissions committee describing the candidate's academic history and articulating motivations for wanting to enter the teaching profession

An interview with the Teacher Education Admissions Committee