

Social Science Subject Matter Program for Secondary School Teachers



College of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
California State University Northridge



Application Requirements

To apply for a secondary education teaching credential for the Social Sciences in the State of California, a teacher candidate must first demonstrate subject matter competency. This can be done in two ways: (1) by successfully passing all three sections of the California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET); or (2) by completing the “Subject Matter Competency Requirements in the Social Sciences for Prospective Secondary Educators at California State University, Northridge.” For CSUN students, successful completion of the following requirements allows the teacher candidate to waive taking the CSET Exam and better prepares them for the rigors of teaching in both middle school and high school classrooms:

- 1) You must complete all forty-five units (45) of prescribed coursework as defined by the “Coursework Requirements for the Social Science Subject Matter Program” handout.
- 2) You must earn a minimum, overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and receive NO grade below a “C” in ALL coursework in the forty-five unit (45) Social Science Subject Matter Program.
- 3) Prior to submission of your application for admission to the credential program, you must have participated in an early field experience with a group(s) of school-aged children appropriate for the student population with whom you will be working.
- 4) You must apply for and receive subject matter clearance from the SSSMP Program Director through the Social Science Subject Matter Program Office in the History Department.

Appointments for Advisement

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences schedules all appointments for subject matter advisement through the History Department Office, located in Sierra Tower on the 6th floor. The office is open year-round (forty hours per week, Monday through Friday). You can call the office at any time and leave a message. The phone number is (818) 677--3566. Once you have scheduled an appointment, please make sure that you bring all of your college transcripts and a current Degree Audit Report from California State University, Northridge with you when you come. Evaluation of coursework requires official copies of all relevant transcripts to verify subject matter for the State of California. Appointments will be conducted in the office of the current program director.

All Social Science teacher candidates enrolled at CSUN are strongly encouraged to set up advisement appointments with the Social Science Subject Matter Program Director as soon as

possible. In addition, we suggest that you check with the CSUN Credential Office, located in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education, to obtain information regarding deadlines, testing dates, the application process, and any other requirements necessary for obtaining a secondary Social Science education credential in the State of California. Knowledge of both processes can save you time and money.

Financial Aid

The University Financial Aid Office (818) 677-4085 provides information and applications for CSUN students who need financial assistance. Please consult their office for more information.

Transfer Students from California Community Colleges

All prospective Social Science teacher candidates currently attending California Community Colleges and planning to transfer to California State University, Northridge are encouraged to e-mail us right away at ssmp@csun.edu. The sooner you learn about the requirements for “Social Science Subject Matter Competency” within the State of California, the better your chances of finishing the required coursework in a timely fashion.

Revised SSSMP Requirements

U.S. History Surveys – 6 units at the lower or upper division

- **U.S. History before 1865**

- HIST 270 The United States to 1865
- HIST 370 Problems in American History to 1865
- AFRS 271 African-American History to 1865

- **U.S. History since 1865**

- HIST 271 The United States since 1865
- HIST 371 Problems in American History 1865 to Present
- AFRS 272 African-American History Since 1865

World History Surveys – 6 units at the lower division

- HIST 110 World History to 1500
- HIST 111 World History since 1500

Research Methods – 3 units at the upper division

- ANTH 473 Theory & Method in Archeology
- ANTH 475 Anthropological Research Methods
- GEOG 300 Introduction to Geographic Research
- HIST 301 The Historian's Craft
- POLS 372/372L Principles & Methods of Political Science/Prin. & Meth. POLS Lab
- SOC 497 Methods of Social Research
- URBS 340AB Urban Research Methods

California – 3 units at the upper division

- GEOG 330 California
- HIST 488 California
- HIST 417 Cal Educators

Depth in History – 9 units at the upper division

Three courses at the upper division in the fields of U.S., World, and European History respectively

- **United States History**
 - HIST 470 The United States: Colonial Period
 - HIST 471 American Revolution and Constitution, 1763--1800
 - HIST 472 The United States: The Era of Expansion, 1800 to 1848
 - HIST 473A The United States: The Civil War and Reconstruction
 - HIST 473B The United States: 1877--1920
 - HIST 474A The United States: 1920--1960
 - HIST 474B The United States: 1960--Present
 - HIST 476 Youth Culture in 20th Century United States
 - HIST 477 Popular Arts and American History
 - HIST 478 U.S. Economic History since 1865

- HIST 481 The American West since 1848
- HIST 482 U.S. Constitutional History to 1877
- HIST 483 U.S. Constitutional History since 1877
- HIST 485 Diplomatic History of the United States since 1914
- HIST 485B The United States and Latin America since 1898
- AFRS 367 African American Social Movements
- **World History**
 - ANTH 351 Peoples of Middle America
 - ANTH 352 Peoples of South America
 - ANTH 356 Peoples and Cultures of the Mediterranean
 - ANTH 426 Old World Archaeology
 - ANTH 428 Archaeology of Mesoamerica
 - ANTH 429 Archaeology of Latin America
 - GEOG 318 Europe
 - GEOG 322 Latin America
 - GEOG 324 China
 - HIST 342 The World since 1945
 - HIST 406 The Jews in the Ancient World
 - HIST 415 The Byzantine World
 - HIST 424 Medieval Middle East
 - HIST 425 Early Modern Middle East
 - HIST 429 History of Chocolate
 - HIST 426 Modern Middle East
 - HIST 434 European Colonialism
 - HIST 435 African History to the 19th Century
 - HIST 436 African History since the 19th Century
 - HIST 438 Traditional India Antiquity to 1526
 - HIST 439 Modern India since 1526
 - HIST 440 History of War in the Modern World
 - HIST 461 Latin America: The Colonial Period
 - HIST 462 19th Century Latin America
 - HIST 463 20th Century Latin America
 - HIST 464 History of Brazil

- HIST 464A History of Argentina
- HIST 466 Mexico
- HIST 468 Social and Intellectual History of Latin America
- HIST 491A Modern China
- HIST 491B The Rise of Communist China
- HIST 493 Modern Japan
- HIST 496R Political--Intellectual History of the Modern Middle East
- HIST 496Q Political--Intellectual History of the Medieval Middle East
- HIST 496SF Race, Nation, and Identity in Peru and Guatemala
- AFRS 366 Colonialism in Africa
- AFRS 376 African Enslavement in the New World
- AFRS 465 Pan Africanism: Development of an Ideology 1865-1945
- POLS 432A Politics of Mexico
- POLS 432B Governments and Politics of South America
- POLS 433A The Politics of Central America
- POLS 434A Government and Politics of South Asia
- POLS 434B Government and Politics of Southeast Asia
- POLS 435A Government and Politics of China
- POLS 435B Government and Politics of Japan
- POLS 436A Government and Politics of Europe
- POLS 438 Governments and Politics of the Middle East
- POLS 439A Governments and Politics of Sub--Saharan Africa
- POLS 439B Government and Politics of Southern Africa

- **European History**

- HIST 341 Modern Europe since 1815
- HIST 356 Anti-Semitism in Europe
- HIST 357 History of the Holocaust
- HIST 410 The Ancient Greek World
- HIST 411 The Roman World
- HIST 420 Medieval Europe
- HIST 444 Renaissance and Reform

- HIST 445 Absolutism and Revolution
- HIST 446 Nineteenth Century Europe
- HIST 447 Twentieth Century Europe
- HIST 449 Russia to 1917
- HIST 450 Russia since 1917
- HIST 452 Early Modern Britain
- HIST 453 History of Modern Britain
- HIST 454 Hitler's Germany
- HIST 456 Modern France
- HIST 457 Modern Germany

World Geography – 3 units at the lower division

- GEOG 107 Human Geography
- GEOG 150 World Geography

U.S. Geography – 3 units at the upper division

- GEOG 321 United States

American Politics – 3 units at the lower division

- POLS 155 American Political Institutions
- AFRS 161 American Political Institutions: A Black Perspective
- POLS 355 American National, State, and Local Governments

Macroeconomics – 3 units at the lower or upper division

- HIST 479A/B United States Economic History
- ECON 161 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 300 Economic Principles and Problems
- AFRS 201 Economics of the African American Community I

Ethnic Studies/Diversity – 3 units at the lower or upper division

Any course at the lower or upper division that, in the judgment of the SSSMP advisor, examines human differences and similarities that might include, but are not limited to those of sex, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, religion, sexual orientation, and exceptionalism.

Capstone Experience – 3 units at the upper division

- ANTH 490A--D Seminar in Anthropology
- GEOG 490 Senior Seminar in Geography
- HIST 497 History Proseminar
- AFRS 498 Proseminar in Pan-African Studies

Total Units Required: 45



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