

SECONDARY EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES, B.SOSC.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Career Paths

The Secondary Education Social Studies major will prepare students to teach social studies in secondary schools grades 7 to 12. As secondary school teachers, they will delve more deeply into subject matter introduced broadly during the elementary years. Additionally, Secondary Education Social Studies students should graduate with instructional, organizational, administrative, and communications abilities and an excellent background in the social studies. Other career areas requiring these skills include: public relations, sales, social work, employee training and development, social service, and employment counseling.

Careers

The Secondary Education Social Studies major prepares students to meet the requirements to be certified for the Social Studies Instructional I Certificate as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE SECONDARY EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM (<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/behavioral-sciences-education/teacher-education/secondary-education-social-studies-bsosc/careers-teaching>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Graduate programs for a Master of Education degree are available in Teaching and Curriculum and Literacy Education. Additional certification and endorsement programs in English as a Second Language (ESL), Special Education, and others are also available.

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Professional Resources

- National Council for the Social Studies (<https://www.socialstudies.org>)