

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

Retention Requirements

Following entrance to the major, students will be evaluated for retention in the program based on:

1. maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
2. completion of required courses with a C or higher grade;
3. an acceptable or above rating on the Professional Dispositions for Teacher Education;¹
4. current and clear background checks as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

To be eligible to student teach, students must:

1. maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
2. complete all required Content and Education Courses with a C or higher grade;
3. be rated acceptable or above on the Professional Dispositions for Teacher Education;¹
4. have current and clear background checks as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

In order to successfully complete the Secondary Education Social Studies Program, students must:

1. complete EDUC 490 with a grade of C or higher;
2. maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher for degree completion;
3. maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for Pennsylvania teacher certification;
4. Complete all required Content and Education Courses with a C or higher grade;
5. complete a program portfolio; and
6. For Pennsylvania teacher certification, be rated acceptable or above for all criteria on the Final Professional Dispositions Review for Teacher Education.

¹ For more detailed information see the Secondary Education Handbook.