

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

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Secondary Education Social Studies, B.SOSC. at Harrisburg Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

This outline shows the requirements for PSH's Secondary Social Studies Education Program. Students must carefully plan their program of study including course prerequisites, semester offerings, scheduling, and full sections. Students should see their academic adviser. Note: This reflects a plan suitable for students pursuing the year-long residency program their senior year. For students not pursuing the year-long residency, some courses may be moved to Semester VIII to lessen the credit load of other semesters. This should be done in consultation with the academic adviser.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, or 30T (GWS) ^{†‡†}	3 CAS 100A or 100S (GWS) [‡]	3
MATH 200 (or approved General Education Course (GQ)) ^{*†‡†}	3 MATH 201 (or approved General Education Course (GQ)) ^{†‡†}	3
SOC 1 [*]	3 BISC 3 (GN) ^{*†}	3
HIST 1 or 10 (IL) ^{*†}	3 PSYCH 100 (GS) [*]	3
General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 HIST 20 (GH) (US) ^{*†}	3
	15	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Dept. Approved Literature Course (GH) ^{*‡†}	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) [‡]	3
EDPSY 14 ^{*†}	3 HDFS 239 (GS) ^{*†}	3
HIST 21 [*]	3 ECON 14 or 104 (GS) [*]	3

GEOG 30N (or other General Education Course (GN))	3 PLSC 1 [*]	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 GEOG 40 [*]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16.5	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDUC 313 ^{*1}	2 EDUC 315Y [*]	3
EDUC 314 ^{*1}	3 EDUC 458 ^{*1}	3
GEOG 128 [*]	3 EDUC 466N (Inter-Domain) [*]	3
HIST 320 [*]	3 SOC 400-Level Supporting Course ^{*1}	3
ANTH 45N (or other ANTH supporting course) ^{*2}	3 AFAM, AMST, HIST, WMNST, or minority studies supporting course (US) ^{*2}	3
PLSC Supporting Course ^{*2}	3 General Education Course (Exploration: GA, GH, GS)	3
	17	18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDUC 400 [*]	3 EDUC 385 ^{*1}	3
EDUC 415 ^{*1}	3 EDUC 490 ^{*1}	9
EDUC 459 ^{*1}	3	
EDUC 495 (residency) or Elective ^{*1}	3	
	12	12

Total Credits 122

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

¹ Course requires entrance to program

² At least 6 supporting course credits must be at the 400 level

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.