

Social Studies Program Agreement

Western Michigan University

Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies (B.A.)

Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies – Secondary Education Track (B.A.)

Southwestern Michigan College

Associate of Arts, Social Science (A.A.)

Catalog Year 2025-2026

I. SMC Courses for General Education/Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) (30 credits minimum) See SMC MTA guide for specific courses from SMC that will fulfill the MTA requirements		
SMC Course	WMU WES Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
English Composition – ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W & SPEE 102	ENGL 1050 & COM 1040	6-7
Humanities – PHIL 201 and ART 110 or MUSI 110	REL 1000 and ART 1200 or MUS 1500	6
Mathematics – MATH 150	STAT 1600	3
Science – GEOG 110 & ENST 112	GEOG 1050 & MTA Credit	8
Social Sciences – PSYC 101 & SOCI 201	PSY 1000 & SOC 2000	6
		29-30 Credit Hours

IIb. SMC Major-Specific Required Courses		
SMC Course	WMU Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
EDUC 120	FYE Credit	1
ECON 201	ECON 2020	3
ECON 202	ECON 2010	3
HIST 201	HIST 2100	3
HIST 202	HIST 2110	3
POSC 201	PSCI 2000	3
SOCI 202	SOC 2100	3
		19 Credit Hours
12 elective credit hours to reach a minimum of 60 credits at SMC:		
Students should consult their academic advisor when choosing elective courses to satisfy their degree at SMC and transfer goals at WMU. Examples of courses include HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 248, HUMA 243, PHIL 101, PHIL 210, SOCI 203, and SOCI 240 . Note, not all courses listed in this section are core requirements of the social studies degree at WMU but may be used towards elective credits.		
		12 Credit Hours
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (I—IIb.)		60-61 CREDIT HOURS AT SMC

IIIa. WMU Courses Required for Social Studies Major		
WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
ECON 2190	Economic Principles of Sustainability, the Environment, and Natural Resources	3
GEOG 1020	World Geography through Media and Maps	3
GEOG 2050	Human Geography	3
HIST 2020	World History to 1500	3
HIST 2030	World History since 1500	3
PSCI 2400	Comparative Politics	3
PSCI 2500	International Relations	4
Four (4) Approved Advanced Electives	Varies	12
Total Credit Hours		34 Credit Hours at WMU

IIIb. WMU Courses Required for Minor		
WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
Approved Academic Minor	Varies	15
Total Credit Hours		15 Credit Hours at WMU

IIIc. WMU Courses Required WMU Essential Studies		
ENGL 1060	Writing, Research, Inquiry	3
Language (1 & 2)	Varies*	8
WES Local and National Perspectives	Varies	3
WES Global Perspectives	Varies	3
Total Credits		17 Credits at WMU

*Students may satisfy a portion of the language requirement with qualifying test scores or equivalent SMC courses.

Total Credits (I—III)
60-61 SMC Credits
Minimum of 122 Total Credits at WMU

Advising Notes

The College of Arts and Sciences at WMU, in collaboration with the College of Education and Human Development, offers **secondary education teacher certification through an accelerated graduate certification pathway**. Students complete a bachelor's degree in one of the teachable majors (including social studies) through the College of Arts and Sciences and then complete the one-year master's degree in secondary education through the College of Education and Human Development.

Students will apply to the accelerated graduate degree program during their junior year. Upon acceptance, they will complete up to 12 graduate credit hours during their senior year at undergraduate tuition rates.

Students are encouraged to meet with the partnership advisor, Beth Cramer, as early as their freshman year to ensure a smooth transition. Use this link to learn more:

<https://wmich.edu/teaching/academics/graduate/secondary>

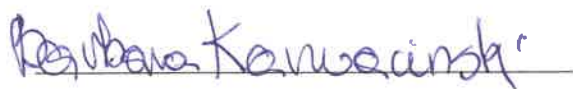
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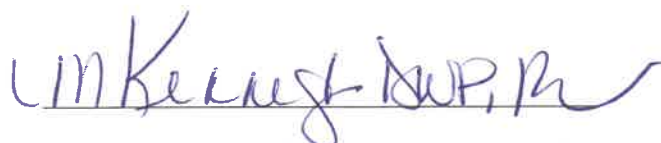
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