SECONDARY EDUCATION
SOCIAL STUDIES, B.SOSC.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Entrance to Major
Entry to Secondary Education Social Studies requires the following:

1. A minimum grade point average of 3.0;
2. Completion of ENGL 15 or ENGL 30H and three credits of literature from approved list with a C or higher grade;
3. Completion of six credits of college-level mathematics (MATH or STAT prefixes) with a C or higher grade;
4. Satisfaction of any entrance testing requirements set out by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in effect at the time of application for the major;
5. Submission to the Teacher Education Office of current and clear background checks as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education;
6. Submission of documentation of 20 pre-major field observation hours.

Selective Retention
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. satisfaction of any entrance testing requirements set out by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in effect at the time of application for entrance to major;
4. be rated acceptable or above on the Professional Dispositions for Teacher Education;¹
5. have current and clear background checks as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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3. satisfaction of any entrance testing requirements set out by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in effect at the time of application for entrance to major;
4. be rated acceptable or above on the Professional Dispositions for Teacher Education;¹
5. 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

¹ For more detailed information see the Secondary Education Handbook.