

Valparaiso University Department of Education – Content Requirements for Secondary Social Studies (57 credits)

The structure of content requirements for Secondary Social Studies at VU is:

Major	Additional Content Areas	Distribution Areas
<i>Complete degree requirements as listed for either history (p.1-2) or geography (p.3-4):</i>	<i>Select History AND one of the Additional Content Areas and take 3 courses in each area:</i>	<i>Take 1 course in each of the remaining Additional Content Areas</i>
Geography	History	Psychology
	Political Science	Sociology
	Economics	
<i>Total Credits: 30 credits</i>	<i>Total Credits: 18 credits</i>	<i>Total Credits: 9 credits</i>

Select one of the following options to prepare your four-year plan leading to licensure in Secondary Social Studies:

Major	Additional Content Areas	Distribution Areas
Option 1		
Geography <i>30 credits</i>	History <i>9 credits</i>	Economics <i>3 credits</i>
	Political Science <i>9 credits</i>	Psychology <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 2		
Geography <i>30 credits</i>	History <i>9 credits</i>	Political Science <i>3 credits</i>
	Economics <i>9 credits</i>	Psychology <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 3		
Geography <i>30 credits</i>	History <i>9 credits</i>	Political Science <i>3 credits</i>
	Psychology <i>9 credits</i>	Economics <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 4		
Geography <i>30 credits</i>	History <i>9 credits</i>	Political Science <i>3 credits</i>
	Sociology <i>9 credits</i>	Psychology <i>3 credits</i>
		Economics <i>3 credits</i>

Course Requirements	Additional Content Areas Course Requirements	Distribution Areas Course Requirements
Geography	History	Political Science
Two 100-level courses	HIST 200	POLS 120
Two 200-level courses	HIST 210	
Four 300 or higher level courses	300+-level courses: 12 credits:	Economics
	Incl. one each in fields:	ECON 221 or 222
	History of the Americas	
	European History	Psychology
	Non-Western History	PSY 110
	HIST 493	
		Sociology
	Political Science	SOC 110
	POLS 120	
	POLS 130	
	POLS 220 or 230	
	Economics	
	ECON 221	
	ECON 222 or 223	
	ECON 210 or 233 or 236	
	Psychology	
	PSY 110	
	PSY 125	
	PSY 201 or 250 or 330	
	Sociology	
	SOC 110 or 150	
	SOC 275	
	One of: SOC 220, 230, 245, 250, 310, 390	