

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 2 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>
History	Political Science	Psychology
	Geography	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		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Political Science <i>9 credits</i>	Economics <i>3 credits</i>
	Geography <i>9 credits</i>	Psychology <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 2		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Geography <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		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Economics <i>9 credits</i>	Political Science <i>3 credits</i>
	Psychology <i>9 credits</i>	Geography <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 4		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Political Science <i>9 credits</i>	Geography <i>3 credits</i>
	Economics <i>9 credits</i>	Psychology <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 5		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Geography <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 6		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Political Science <i>9 credits</i>	Geography <i>3 credits</i>
	Psychology <i>9 credits</i>	Economics <i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 7		
History <i>30 credits</i>	Political Science <i>9 credits</i>	Geography <i>3 credits</i>
	Sociology <i>9 credits</i>	Economics <i>3 credits</i>
		Psychology <i>3 credits</i>
Option 8		

History	<i>30 credits</i>	Geography	<i>9 credits</i>	Political Science	<i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology	<i>9 credits</i>	Economics	<i>3 credits</i>
				Geography	<i>3 credits</i>
Option 9					
History	<i>30 credits</i>	Economics	<i>9 credits</i>	Geography	<i>3 credits</i>
		Sociology	<i>9 credits</i>	Political Science	<i>3 credits</i>
				Psychology	<i>3 credits</i>
Option 10					
History	<i>30 credits</i>	Sociology	<i>9 credits</i>	Geography	<i>3 credits</i>
		Psychology	<i>9 credits</i>	Economics	<i>3 credits</i>
				Political Science	<i>3 credits</i>
Course Requirements		Additional Content Areas Course Requirements		Distribution Areas Course Requirements	
History		Political Science		Political Science	
HIST 200		POLS 120		POLS 120	
HIST 210		POLS 130			
300+-level courses: 12 credits:		POLS 220 or 230		Geography	
Incl. one each in fields:				GEO 101	
History of the Americas		Geography			
European History		GEO 101		Economics	
Non-Western History		GEO 102		ECON 221 or 222	
HIST 493		GEO 201 or 301 or 470			
				Psychology	
		Economics		PSY 110	
		ECON 221			
		ECON 222 or 223		Sociology	
		ECON 210 or 233 or 236		SOC 110	
		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			

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