

**Lehman College School
of Education Advising
Worksheet
PROGRAM/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Department of Middle and High School Education**

Student _____ ID# _____

Program: M.A. Social Studies Education/Advanced Certificate Social Studies Education

Steps in the Program

Decision Point 1: Admission to Program

- Applicants must submit the following:
 - M.A. Candidates:
 - A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university, with a Grade Point Average of 3.0 in the undergraduate major and a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.7 in undergraduate work. If conditionally accepted, the candidate must earn 3.0 in courses designated by the Program Coordinator.
 - Bachelor's degree must be in History or any of the social sciences.
 - Advanced Certificate Candidates:
 - A Master's degree in an approved social science area.
 - Students must have at least one undergraduate course in the following areas: Lehman undergraduates can satisfy these requirements prior to admission in the master's program by choosing courses for their distribution requirements in the areas listed.
 1. Anthropology
 2. Sociology
 3. Geography
 4. Political Science
 5. Economics
 6. Psychology
 7. Two history survey courses, one in U.S. history and one in European or world history.
 - The New York State L.A.S.T. (Liberal Arts & Sciences Test) or ALST (Academic Literacy Skills Test) must have been taken and scores submitted to the Program Coordinator. If conditionally accepted, scores must be presented by the end of the first semester student is matriculated.
 - Submission of official transcripts (sealed envelope).
 - Two letters of recommendation.
 - An essay outlining career goals.
 - An interview when requested by faculty with an undergraduate transcript review.
 - Application form completed and all required documents **due on March 1st and November 1st** each year. NOTE: Application form can be downloaded from <http://www.lehman/grad-studies/documents/Matriculant-Application-Packet.pdf> or you can pick it up in person from the Graduate Admission's Office in Shuster Hall, Room #150, Phone # 718-960-8702. International students, please contact the Graduate Admission Office for requirements.
 - All students submitting documents from non-English speaking countries must submit a score of at least 500 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (T.O.E.F.L.).

***Note: On or after May 1, 2014, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST) will be replaced by the new Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST).**

Decision Point 2: Enrollment in Student Teaching/Internship

Applicants must:

1. Meet the following GPA requirements:
Minimum GPA 3.0
2. Have taken the following teacher certification exams:
ATS-W and CST and 7-12 social studies
3. Have met with an advisor to make sure all prerequisites have been fulfilled.
4. Submit a complete student teaching or teaching internship application.

- Applications are due between March 1st and April 1st for fall student teaching/teaching internship.
- Applications are due between October 1st and November 1st for spring student teaching/teaching internship.
- All applications require signature from School of Education program coordinator or advisor.
- Undergraduate student teaching application also requires a signature from a major program advisor.
- Student teaching applicants also need to submit negative tuberculosis skin test results (from the past 12 months) or a negative chest x-ray (for those who have ever had a positive tuberculosis skin test—x-ray must be from the past 5 years).

5. Register and validate for student teaching/teaching internship course(s).

6. Attend the student teaching orientation at the beginning of the student teaching semester.

Decision Point 3: Exit Requirements

- Applicants must submit the following:

Complete a New York State Approved Teacher Preparation Program:

Must successfully complete a supervised student teaching or internship course with a grade of B or better, if seeking an institutional recommendation.

Meet all liberal arts and sciences requirements:

The [Certification Officer](#) reviews your file (and all transcripts) in order to determine whether or not you have completed all of the required course work.

Take the New York State Teacher Certification Exams (NYSTCE)

For exams schedules, registration and other testing information please visit the NYSTCE at <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>

LAST - Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST): For all students

The LAST consists of multiple-choice questions and a written assignment. Examinees are asked to demonstrate conceptual and analytical skills, critical-thinking and communication skills, and multicultural awareness.

The test covers scientific, mathematical, and technological processes; historical and social scientific awareness; artistic expression and the humanities; communication and research skills; and written analysis and expression.

ATS-W – Secondary Assessment of Teaching Skills—Written (ATS–W):

The Secondary ATS–W consists of multiple-choice questions and a written assignment. It measures professional and pedagogical knowledge at the Secondary 7-12 level.

The Social Studies Content Specialty Test (CST 005)

The purpose of the Social Studies Content Specialty Test (CST) is to assess knowledge and skills in the following six subareas: (I) History; (II) Geography; (III) Economics; (IV) Civics, Citizenship, and Government; (V) Social Studies Skills; and (VI) History: Constructed-Response Assignment. The test contains approximately 90 multiple-choice test questions and one constructed response assignment.

Note: Candidates who apply for certification on or after May 1, 2014 will be required to take the Academic Literacy Skills Test, edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessments), Educating All Students Test, and Revised Content Specialty Test in lieu of Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST), Assessments of Teaching Skills-Written (ATS-W), and Content Special Test (CST). Candidates who applied for certification on or before April 30, 2014 but did not meet all the requirements for an initial certificate on or before April 30, 2014, will also be required to pass the Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA), Educating All Students test (EAS), Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST), and Content Specialty Test (CST). Please visit the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations website for most updated information about the new tests at http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_annProgramUpdate.asp

Complete the mandated workshops that are offered by the [Lehman College Office of Continuing Education](#) offers the following workshops:

- Child Abuse
- School Violence

Additionally, If you need help preparing for these exams, [Lehman College Office of Continuing Education](#) offers

PREP Workshops for the following NYSTCE: LAST, AST-W, CST

Fingerprinting

You will need finger print clearance for New York State Certification. For more information please visit the NYSED website at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra/>

Please note: Lehman College School of Education offers fingerprinting on-site twice a year for all student teachers. All student teachers need fingerprint clearance from either the New York City Department of Education or the New York State Education Department before the start of their student teaching experience. Any student teaching applicant who has not been fingerprinted will have an opportunity to do so on campus the semester prior to their student teaching course. **For additional information, please contact Elvani Pennil, Coordinator of the Professional Development Network, at elvani.pennil@lehman.cuny.edu.**

All applicants must create a NYSED TEACH account to apply for certification. Visit the NYSED at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach/> for more information.

For questions and assistance with certification, contact the Teacher Certification Office at 718 960-8401.

General Education Core: Liberal Arts and Sciences Requirements

Requirement	Course(s) Taken *	Credits Still Required
Concepts in history and social sciences (6)		
Scientific processes (6)		
Mathematical processes (6)		
English (6)		
A language other than English (1 year)		

- Courses must be completed at the 100 level or higher with grades of C or higher.

Graduate Courses: Degree Requirements

See Plan of Study (attached).

I have met with this candidate to discuss program/ certification requirements:

Program Coordinator _____
Certification Officer _____
Other _____

I have been advised about the courses that I need to complete my program and certification

Candidate

Date: _____

Cc: Candidate
Department
Office of the Dean, School of Education

M.A. Social Studies Education

Degree Requirements (39-42 Total Credits)

I. Content Core (15 credits)

In addition to the prerequisites listed above, students will take five history courses

1. _____ HIW 533 **(3)** World History and Historiography
(Taken concurrently with ESC 533) in the fall semester
2. _____ HIU 534 **(3)** U.S. History and Historiography
(Taken concurrently with ESC 534) in the spring semester
3. _____ Optional history course achieving a balance among American, European, and Non-European histories **(3)**
4. _____ Optional history course achieving a balance among American, European, and Non-European histories **(3)**
5. _____ Optional history course achieving a balance among American, European, and Non-European histories **(3)**

II. Pedagogical Core (21 credits)

A total of 18 graduate credits in sequence:

General Education (+12 credits)

1. _____ ESC 501 **(3)** Psychological Foundations of Education (+25 field hours)
2. _____ ESC 502 **(3)** Historical Foundations of Education: A Multicultural Perspective (+25 field hours)
3. _____ ESC 506 **(3)** Special Needs Education/TESOL/Secondary
4. _____ ESC 529 **(3)** Language, Literacy and Educational Technology (+25 field hours)

Social Studies Education (+9 credits)

1. _____ ESC 533 **(3)** Teaching World History in Middle and High School
(Taken concurrently with HIW 533) in the fall semester (+25 field hours)
2. _____ ESC 534 **(3)** Teaching U.S. History and Government
(Taken concurrently with HIU 534) in the spring semester
3. _____ ESC 708 **(3)** Project Seminar in Curriculum, Materials, and Assessment in Specialized Areas in the fall semester

III. Practicum for Current Teachers or Student Teachers (3-6 credits) Current Teachers

1. _____ ESC 595 **(2)** Internship in Classroom Teaching
2. _____ ESC 611 **(1)** Seminar in Secondary and TESOL Education

Student Teachers

1. _____ ESC 596 **(3)** Student Teaching in Middle and High School; and
2. _____ ESC 612 **(3)** Seminar in Secondary and TESOL Education

**Prerequisite undergraduate courses for New York State 7-12 Social Studies Certification
(May be completed at same time as graduate courses):**

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| ✓✓ Anthropology | ✓✓ Economics |
| ✓✓ Sociology | ✓✓ Psychology |
| ✓✓ Geography | ✓✓ U.S. History |
| ✓✓ Political Science | ✓✓ European or World History |

*Candidates graduating after January 2014 should not take the LAST or ATS-W exams. New certification exams will be required after that date.

**Please see Graduate Bulletin for more details.

Advanced Certificate Social Studies Education

Degree Requirements (24-27 Total Credits)

I. Pedagogical Core (21 credits)

A total of 18 graduate credits in sequence: General Education (+12 credits)

1. _____ ESC 501 (3) Psychological Foundations of Education (+25 field hours)
2. _____ ESC 502 (3) Historical Foundations of Education: A Multicultural Perspective (+25 field hours)
3. _____ ESC 506 (3) Special Needs Education/TESOL/Secondary
4. _____ ESC 529 (3) Language, Literacy and Educational Technology (+25 field hours) Social

Studies Education (+9 credits)

1. _____ ESC 533 (3) Teaching World History in Middle and High School (Taken concurrently with HIW 533) in the fall semester (+25 field hours)
2. _____ ESC 534 (3) Teaching U.S. History and Government (Taken concurrently with HIU 534) in the spring semester
3. _____ ESC 708 (3) Project Seminar in Curriculum, Materials, and Assessment in Specialized Areas in the fall semester

II. Practicum for Current Teachers or Student Teachers (3-6 credits) Current Teachers

1. _____ ESC 595 (2) Internship in Classroom Teaching
2. _____ ESC 611 (1) Seminar in Secondary and TESOL Education

Student Teachers

1. _____ ESC 596 (3) Student Teaching in Middle and High School; and
2. _____ ESC 612 (3) Seminar in Secondary and TESOL Education

Prerequisite undergraduate courses for New York State 7-12 Social Studies Certification (May be completed at same time as graduate courses):

- ✓✓ Anthropology
- ✓✓ Sociology
- ✓✓ Geography
- ✓✓ Political Science

- ✓✓ Economics
- ✓✓ Psychology
- ✓✓ U.S. History
- ✓✓ European or World History

*Candidates graduating after January 2014 should not take the LAST or ATS-W exams. New certification exams will be required after that date.

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