

Graduate Admissions

Social Studies Education

Advanced Certificate Program

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university that meets New York State's requirements for a general education core in liberal arts and sciences
- Possess a master's degree in an approved social studies content area
- Have completed a minimum of 30 credits in history or in an approved social studies content area
- Submit scores on the NYS Content Specialty Test (CST) in Social Studies
- Demonstrate the ability to pursue graduate study successfully by having a master's Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on career goals
- Participate in an interview
- Meet additional departmental, divisional, and New York State requirements, if any

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- Students must consult with an adviser in the Social Studies Education program before starting their certificate program
- During their first semester, matriculated students are required to plan their program with a Social Studies Education adviser.
- All students must complete the 27-credit curriculum
- The CST examination must be passed in order to take the Social Studies teaching methods courses
- In order to be recommended for certification, candidates must pass the remaining current certification examinations and complete the Social Studies Education Certificate with a 3.0 or better GPA, and meet any additional New York State requirements

CURRICULUM

The 27 credit certificate curriculum consists of three instructional areas.

I. Foundations of Education (12 credits):		Credits
ESC 501	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
ESC 502	Historical Foundations of Education: A Multicultural Perspective	3
ESC 506	Special Needs Education in TESOL and Secondary Settings	3
ESC 529/EDR 529	Language and Literacies Acquisition in Secondary Education	3

Note:

- ESC 506: Or the equivalent. Requires 15 hours of field work
- ESC 501 and ESC 502: Require 20 hours of fieldwork each
- ESC 533 and ESC 534: Require 25 hours of fieldwork each

II. Pedagogical Core (9 credits):		Credits
ESC 533	Teaching World History and Geography	3
ESC 534	Teaching U.S. History and Government	3
ESC 708	Project Seminar in Curriculum, Materials, and Assessment	3
III. Practicum (6 credits):		Credits
ESC 595	Internship in Classroom Teaching	3
	OR	
ESC 596	Student Teachin in the Middles and High School Grades	3
	AND	
ESC 612	Project Seminar	3