



Social Studies Education (Entering with NYS Initial Certificate)

Master of Arts

(Fulfills the academic requirements for Professional Certification for those who completed Social Studies 7-12 in their undergraduate programs)

The M.A. Program in Social Studies Education (grades 7 – 12) offers two distinct programs. The first program is for candidates seeking both Initial and Professional Certificates, while the second program is for candidates seeking only the Professional Certificate because they already completed the Initial Certificate as an undergraduate student. The first program contains three sequences based on the candidates' academic background: Sequence 1 is for candidates needing enhanced history knowledge, Sequence 2 is for candidates who already completed an education minor as an undergraduate student, and Sequence 3 is for candidates who are highly knowledgeable in the subject matter and are seeking the most streamlined path. The second program for teachers currently holding grades 7-12 social studies certification offers a Human Rights and Restorative Justice approach.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended
 - Have attained a bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent from an accredited college or university
 - Have attained a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or applied and received a waiver (contact the program coordinators)
- Two letters of recommendation from college instructors
- Current professional resume
- Personal statement outlining interest in the program as it relates to intellectual and academic interests, accomplishments, and goals
- Interview with a Social Studies program coordinator that includes a transcript review
- Initial Certificate in 7-12 Social Studies
- If conditionally admitted, students will be required to meet those conditions, starting in the first semester, and completing them within three consecutive semesters of matriculation

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Human Rights and Restorative Justice Focus (30 credits):

Pedagogical Core (12 credits)		Credits
ESC 712	Human Rights Education	3
ESC 713	Restorative Practices & Restorative Justice	3
ESC 717	Nonviolent Resolution of Conflict	3
ESC 718	Transformative Justice	3
Pedagogical Core (6 credits)		
ESC 533	Teaching World History in Middle and High School	3
ESC 534	Teaching U.S. History and Government	3
Content Core (15 credits)		
HIW 533	World History and Historiography	3
HIU 534	U.S. History and Historiography	3
Three additional history or social science credits chosen in consultation with the advisor		9
Project Seminar (3 credits)		
ESC 708	Project Seminar in Curriculum, Materials, and Assessment in Specialized Areas	3

Questions about the program?

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Questions about admissions?

The Office of Graduate Admissions

<https://www.lehman.edu/graduate-admissions/applying/>