

# **Social Science Teaching Student Handbook**

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Dear Social Science Teaching students and prospective students,

Whether you are already here or considering enrolling, we are so glad that you have found the History with Teacher Licensure and Social Science Teaching program at Eastern Illinois University. The multi-faceted Social Science Teaching degree provides training in the many areas of social studies, including economics, geography, history, political science, psychology and sociology-anthropology, and all students graduate ready to be licensed to teach ALL social science subjects in Illinois's public high schools.

You are embarking on preparation for a career in which you will have unlimited potential to improve your own life and the lives of your students. Teaching middle-level and high school social studies is an incredibly fulfilling career, one in which you use your love of history and social studies content to provide education for citizenship and to change students' lives. Many who go into teaching do so because they had a teacher who inspired them. Our program is designed to help YOU continue your development into being THAT teacher.

All majors choose one area of concentration – Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology – and become part of that home department as well as part of the broader Social Science Teaching program at EIU. Teaching licensure can feel occasionally tricky and complicated, and this manual has been designed to offer you help at every step along the way in your program.

All best wishes,

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## **Important Contacts and Web Links**

Department of History (EIU)

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Social Science Teaching Program (EIU)

<https://www.eiu.edu/socsci/>

College of Education: Information for Education Students

<http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php>

College of Education: Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences

<https://www.eiu.edu/clinical/>

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## **A Vision of Powerful Teaching and Learning in the Social Studies: Building Social Understanding and Civic Efficacy**

<http://www.socialstudies.org/positions/powerful/>

### **A. Social Studies Teaching and Learning Are Powerful When They Are Meaningful**

Powerful social studies teaching and learning are meaningful to both teachers and students. **The content selected for emphasis is worth learning because it promotes progress toward important social understanding and civic efficacy goals, and teaching methods are designed to enable students to appreciate how the content relates to those goals.** Rather than memorizing disconnected bits of information or practicing skills in isolation, students learn connected networks of knowledge, skills, beliefs, and attitudes that they will find useful both in and outside of school. This worthwhile content is taught in ways that relate to each student's culture and assists the student in recognizing its value. As a result, students' learning efforts are motivated by appreciation and interest, not just by accountability and grading systems. ...

Thoughtfully planned to accomplish significant goals, meaningful social studies teaching embodies several other key features. **Instruction emphasizes depth of development of important ideas within appropriate breadth of topic coverage and focuses on teaching these important ideas for understanding, appreciation, and life application. A great many facts, definitions, and generalizations are taught because understanding often-used information and ideas enhances communication within and between cultures. The most effective teachers, however, do not diffuse their efforts by covering too many topics superficially.** Instead, they select for emphasis the most useful landmark locations, the most representative case studies, the most inspiring models, the truly precedent-setting events, and the concepts and principles that their students must know and be able to apply in their lives outside of school. **Furthermore, teachers inform students of when and how this content will be useful to them in realistic contexts, and they follow through with activities that engage students in applying the content in simulated or real situations.**

Facts and ideas are not taught in isolation from other content, nor are skills. Instead, they are embedded in networks of knowledge, skills, beliefs, and attitudes that are structured around important ideas and taught emphasizing their connections and potential applications. ... Meaningful learning activities and assessment strategies focus students' attention on the most important ideas embedded in what they are learning. They encourage students to connect these ideas to their previous knowledge and experience, to think critically and creatively about them, and to consider their social implications. **Thus, meaningful social studies teaching emphasizes authentic activities and assessment tasks—opportunities for students to engage in the sorts of applications of content that justify the inclusion of that content in the curriculum in the first place.** For example, instead of labeling a map, students might plan a travel route and sketch landscapes that a traveler might see on the route. Instead of listing the amendments in the Bill of Rights, students might discuss or write about the implications of the Bill of Rights for a defendant in a selection of court cases. ... Reflective teachers select and present content to students in ways that connect it with the students' interests and with local history, cultures, and issues. Local history and geography receive special attention, as do local examples of social, economic, political, or cultural topics studied at each grade level.

### **B. Social Studies Teaching and Learning Are Powerful When They Are Integrative**

Social studies is naturally integrative because it addresses a broad range of content using varied instructional resources and learning activities. But powerful social studies is both integrated and

integrative in other respects as well. First, powerful social studies teaching is integrative in its treatment of topics. **It crosses disciplinary boundaries to address topics in ways that promote students' social understanding and civic efficacy. Its content is anchored by themes, generalizations, and concepts drawn from the social studies foundational disciplines, supplemented by ideas drawn from the arts, sciences, and humanities, from current events, and from local examples and students' experiences.** ... Powerful social studies teaching is integrative across time and space, connecting with past experiences and looking ahead to the future. It helps students appreciate how aspects of the social world function, not only in their local community and in the contemporary United States but also in the past and in other cultures. **It puts what is familiar to students into historical, geographical, and cultural perspectives, thus expanding their limited purviews on social phenomena that they may have taken for granted.** Powerful social studies teaching integrates knowledge, skills, beliefs, values, and attitudes to action. In particular, it teaches skills within the context of applying knowledge. They are taught directly when opportunities for practice are embedded in authentic application activities. Content flow is not interrupted for practice of related skills. ...

#### **C. Social Studies Teaching and Learning Are Powerful When They Are Value-Based**

Powerful social studies teaching considers the ethical dimensions of topics and addresses controversial issues providing an arena for reflective development of concern for the common good and application of social values. **Students learn to be respectful of the dignity and rights of others when interacting socially, and to emphasize basic democratic concepts and principles when making personal policy decisions or participating in civic affairs.** Topics are treated comprehensively and realistically. Students are made aware of potential social policy implications and taught to think critically and make value-based decisions about related social issues. **They learn to gather and analyze relevant information, assess the merits of competing arguments, and make reasoned decisions that include consideration of the values within alternative policy recommendations. Through discussions, debates, simulations, research, and other occasions for critical thinking and decision-making, students learn to apply value-based reasoning when addressing social problems.**

The best social studies teachers develop awareness of their own values and how those values influence their selection of content, materials, questions, activities, and assessment methods. They assess their teaching from multiple perspectives and, where appropriate, adjust it to achieve a better balance. Rather than promulgating personal, sectarian, or political views, these teachers make sure that students: (1) become aware of the values, complexities, and dilemmas involved in an issue; (2) consider the costs and benefits to various groups that are embedded in potential courses of action; and (3) develop well-reasoned positions consistent with basic democratic social and political values. ... Students become more aware of the complexities involved in addressing the issue in ways that serve the common good, and are more articulate about their own and others' policy recommendations and supporting rationales. **Powerful social studies teaching encourages recognition of opposing points of view, respect for well-supported positions, sensitivity to cultural similarities and differences, and a commitment to social responsibility and action.**

#### **D. Social Studies Teaching and Learning Are Powerful When They Are Challenging**

In advancing their own ideas and in responding critically to others, **students are expected to build a case based on relevant evidence and arguments and to avoid derisive and other**

**inappropriate behavior. They are challenged to come to grips with controversial issues, to participate assertively but respectfully in group discussions, and to work productively with partners or groups of peers in cooperative learning activities.** Such experiences foster the development of competencies essential to civic efficacy. Making social studies teaching challenging should not be construed as merely articulating high standards and then leaving it to students to try to meet them. **Rather, the teacher models seriousness of purpose and a thoughtful approach to inquiry and uses instructional strategies designed to elicit and support similar qualities from students. ... The teacher shows interest in and respect for students' thinking, but demands well-reasoned arguments rather than opinions voiced without adequate thought or commitment.** Routinely, students are asked to explain and defend their ideas using content-based arguments ...

#### **E. Social Studies Teaching and Learning Are Powerful When They Are Active**

Rather than mechanically following the instructions in a manual, an exemplary teacher is prepared to: (1) acquire and update continuously the subject-matter knowledge and related pedagogical knowledge needed to teach the content effectively; (2) adjust goals and content to the students' needs; (3) participate as a partner in learning with students, modeling the joy of both discovering new knowledge and increasing understanding of familiar topics; (4) use a variety of instructional materials such as physical examples, photographs, maps, illustrations, films, videos, textbooks, literary selections, and computerized databases; (5) plan field trips, visits to the class by resource people, and other experiences that will help students relate what they are learning to their lives outside the classroom; (6) plan lessons and activities that introduce content to students, and encourage them to process it actively, think about it critically and creatively, and explore its implications; (7) develop current or local examples that relate the content to students' lives; (8) plan sequences of questions that allow for numerous responses and stimulate reflective discussion; (9) provide students with guidance and assistance as needed, yet encourage them to assume increasing responsibility for managing their own learning; (10) structure learning environments and activities in ways that encourage students to behave as a community of learners; (11) use accountability and grading systems that are compatible with instructional methods and that focus on accomplishment of major social understanding and civic efficacy goals; and (12) monitor reflectively and adjust as necessary. ... **Teacher and student roles shift as learning progresses.** Early in a unit of study, the teacher may need to provide considerable guidance by modeling, explaining, or supplying information that builds on students' existing knowledge while also assuming much of the responsibility for structuring and managing learning activities. As students develop expertise, however, they can begin to assume responsibility for regulating their learning by asking questions and by working on increasingly complex applications with increasing degrees of autonomy... ... **The teacher's modeling, classroom management, motivational techniques, instructional methods, and assessment procedures all communicate to students that they are expected to participate in social studies classes actively and with a sense of purpose.** The students learn to reflect thoughtfully on what they are learning and to ask questions, share opinions, and engage in public content-based dialogue. Through authentic application activities they develop civic efficacy by practicing it—engaging in the inquiry and debate required to make informed decisions about real social issues then following up with appropriate social or civic action.

## **Advising Information**

Incoming freshman are advised by 9<sup>th</sup> Street Hall advisors. Once students are enrolled at EIU and after declaring a major, students are assigned to an advisor based upon their social science teaching concentration:

History with Teacher Licensure  
Mr. Brian Mann, [bmann@eiu.edu](mailto:bmann@eiu.edu)

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Social Science Teaching—Psychology  
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Social Science Teaching—Sociology-Anthropology  
Dr. Vernon Woodley, [vawoodley@eiu.edu](mailto:vawoodley@eiu.edu)

All students are also always invited to consult with Dr. Laughlin-Schultz ([blaughlinschul@eiu.edu](mailto:blaughlinschul@eiu.edu)), though they should note that she does *not* provide PIN numbers or deal with actual class registration. It is an especially good idea for students new in the program who have not yet had SOS 2400 or who are advised outside of the History department.

## **How to Run a Degree Audit**

### **Follow these steps:**

1. Login to PAWS at <http://www.eiu.edu/paws/>
2. Once in PAWS, select the Student tab
3. Click on Student Records
4. Click on Degree Audit Reporting System
5. Click "Run Audit"
6. Click "View Submitted Audits"
7. Click on the underlined link that shows up. You can then select a printer friendly version to read/print

If you have any problems running your audit, go here: <http://castle.eiu.edu/acaffair/DARS/student.php> and if that page doesn't answer your questions, contact Dr. Mann or your SOS advisor via email.

### **Understanding the Degree Audit**

The degree audit analyzes your transcript and tells you which requirements you have met and which you still need to meet. It also tells you what courses you can take to meet those requirements. For example, let's say you still need a fine arts course to fulfill your Humanities & Fine Arts general education requirement. The Degree Audit will tell you that you still need to do this requirement, and then will list all courses you can take to fulfill the requirement. Another example is if you look at the History major section, it might say that you still need to take HIS 3555 and two non-U.S. history courses above the 3000 level. It will show HIS 3555 in red and it will list all the possible courses that would fulfill the non-U.S. history requirement. Please note, however, while the audit shows all courses that will fulfill a requirement, that does not mean all of those courses are being offered in the coming semester. You need to check the course schedule online to see if it is offered or not.

## Degree Checksheet: HISTORY WITH TEACHER LICENSURE

This degree checksheet applies to catalog year 2016 and later. For previous catalog checksheets, go to <https://www.eiu.edu/socsci/advising.php>

### Major Requirements (History and Social Studies)

HIS 1500G/1590G	_____	HIS 2560	_____	US HIS Elective 3000+	_____
HIS 2010G/2090G	_____	HIS 3555	_____	non-US HIS Elective 3000+	_____
HIS 2020G/2091G	_____	HIS 3600G/3690G	_____	HIS Elective 3000+	_____
HIS 2500	_____			HIS Elective 3000+	_____
ANT 2200G/2290G	_____	ECN 2801G/2891G	_____	ECN 2802G/2892G	_____
GEO 1100G/1190G	_____	GEO 1200G/1290G	_____	PLS 2253G/2293G	_____
PLS 3603	_____	PSY 1879G/1890G	_____	SOC 1838G	_____
Elective	_____	(GEO 3200; SOC 2721; PSY 3515; PSY 3780)		SOS 2400	_____
				SOS 3400	_____

### Education Course Requirements

SED 2000	_____	EDF 2555G/2595G	_____	EDP 2330	_____	EDF 4550	_____	SPE 3/4500	_____
Practicum:	SED 3330	_____	SED 4330	_____					
Student Teaching:	STG 4000	_____	STG 4001	_____					

### General Education and EIU Requirements

<i>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Scientific Awareness</i>
Humanities <u>HIS1500G/1590G</u>	ENG 1001G/1091G	_____
Humanities <u>HIS2010G/2090G</u>	ENG 1002G/1092G	_____
Fine Art _____	CMN 1310G/1390G	_____
<i>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Senior Seminar or Study Abroad Capstone</i>
Course #1 <u>HIS3600G/3690G</u>	MAT xxxxG	_____
Course #2 <u>ANT2020G/2290G</u>		EIU 41xxG or STA 4000G
Course #3 <u>ECN2801G/2891G</u>		_____

*Cultural Diversity Course:* HIS1500G/1590G or EDF 2555G/2595G (if transferring in 1500G)

Foreign Language Requirement met? \_\_\_\_\_ EWP #1 \_\_\_\_\_ EWP #2 \_\_\_\_\_ EWP #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**History with Teacher Licensure 4 Year Plan**  
**Starting Fall 2016 Catalog**

Year 1	*HIS 1500G/1590G **PSY 1879G/1890G ENG 1001G/1091G CMN 1310G/1390G BIO gen ed. (with/wo lab)	*HIS 2010G/2090G *HIS 2020G/2091G **ANT 2020G/2290G ENG 1002G/1092G Phys Sci. gen ed. (w/lab if haven't)
Year 2	HIS 2500 HIS 2560 **ECN 2801G/2891G GEO 1100G/1190G SOS 2400 (1 s.h.) SED 2000 (2 s.h.) SOC 1838G	HIS 3555 HIS 3600G/3690G PLS 2253G/2293G Math gen ed. EDF 2555G/2595G EDP 2330
Year 3	HIS 3000+ elective (U.S.) ECN 2802G/2892G GEO 1200G/1290G Fine Art gen ed. PLS 3603	HIS 3000+ elective SOS 3400 EDF 4550 HIS 3000+ elective (non-U.S.) Elective (GEO 3200; SOC 2721; PSY 3515; PSY 3780)
Year 4	HIS 3000+ elective SED 3330 (4 s.h.) SED 4330 SPE 3500 (switching to 4500 soon) EIU 41xx - Senior Seminar	STG 4000 (1 s.h.) STG 4001 (12-16 s.h.)

\*Fulfills a Humanities general ed. req.

\*\*Fulfills a Social/Behavioral general education req.

## Degree Checksheet: SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHING (GEO, PLS, PSY, or SOC-ANT)

This degree checksheet applies to catalog year 2017 and later. For previous catalog checksheets, go to <https://www.eiu.edu/socsci/advising.php>

### I. General Education Requirements {courses from the major that count for General Education are indicated below}

<i>Language (9)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 1001G <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 1002G <input type="checkbox"/> CMN 1310G	<i>Social and Behavioral (9)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Behavioral* <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Behavioral* <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Behavioral*	<i>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (9)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities# <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities#
<i>Math (3)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Math (3)	<i>Scientific Awareness (7)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Science <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science ~ GEO1120G -SOS-GEO (1 must include LAB: _____)	<i>Senior Seminar (3)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> EIU 41** or 42** <i>Suggestion: Popular Culture Economics</i>

### II. Professional Education/SOS Methods Sequence

<input type="checkbox"/> SED 2000 (2) <input type="checkbox"/> SOS 2400 (1) <input type="checkbox"/> EDF 2555/2595G (3) <input type="checkbox"/> EDP 2330 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> EDF 4550 (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SOS 3400 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> SPE 3/4500 (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum: SED 3330/SED 4330 (4/3)	<i>Student Teaching</i> <input type="checkbox"/> STG 4000 (1) <input type="checkbox"/> STG 4001 (12)
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### III. Social Science Teaching Core

<input type="checkbox"/> ECN 2801/2891G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> ECN 2802/2892G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> GEO 1100/1190G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> GEO 1200/1290G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Elec^ (GEO 3200, PSY 3515, PSY 3780, or SOC 2721) (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> HIS 1500/1590G# (3) <input type="checkbox"/> HIS 2010/2090G# (3) <input type="checkbox"/> HIS 2020/2091G# (3) <input type="checkbox"/> HIS 2560 (3) <input type="checkbox"/> HIS 3555 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLS 1153/1193G* (3) {His 3600 if HIS-TL} <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 2253/2293G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3603 (3) <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 1879/1890G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1838/1890G* (3) <input type="checkbox"/> ANT 2200/2290G* (3)
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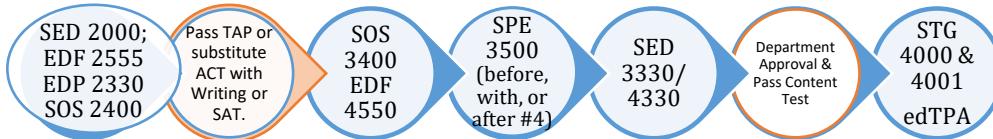
### IV. Courses in Area of Concentration (choose ONE) {^=can take as elective in core above; ~ in GenEd}

GEOGRAPHY	POLITICAL SCIENCE	PSYCHOLOGY	SOCIOLOGY-ANTHROPOLOGY
<input type="checkbox"/> GEO 1120G~ (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLS 1003 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3310	<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 2721^ (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> GEO 1400G (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLS 2033 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3515^	<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 2780 (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> GEO 3025G (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3203 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3590	<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3050 (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> GEO 3200^ (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3543 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3620	<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3620 (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> GEO 3420 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3753 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3780^	<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3650 (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elective: GEO _____ (3)		<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3870	<input type="checkbox"/> ANT 3712 (3)

**GPA Requirements:** 2.75 cumulative and 3.0 mGPA required for clearance to enroll in practicum & student teach.

Foreign Language Requirement met? \_\_\_\_\_ EWP #1 \_\_\_\_\_ EWP #2 \_\_\_\_\_ EWP #3 \_\_\_\_\_

## Secondary Education Sequence for Social Science Teaching Majors



### ***Traditional Student (begins here, declares early)***

	Fall	Spring
<b>Year 1</b>		SED 2000, EDF 2555G
<b>Year 2</b>	SOS 2400 (our new intro course, required ONLY from AY2016-on)	EDP 2330 ( <i>or in fall of year 2</i> )
<b>Year 3</b>	( <i>Or SOS 2400 here</i> ) EDF 4550 (jr standing; online every sem)	SOS 3400 (official clearance for teacher ed)
<b>Year 4</b>	SED 3330/SED 4330/Practicum, SPE 3/4500 (or May term prior)	STG 4000, STG 4001

### ***Transfer/Late Declare (\* = may have transferred in)***

1-2		
<b>Year 3</b>	SED 2000*, EDP 2330*, SOS 2400, EDF 2555G*	SOS 3400, EDF 4550 (jr standing required; online every sem)
<b>Year 4</b>	SPE 3/4500 (prereq: SOS 3400), SED 3330/SED 4330/Practicum	STG 4000, STG 4001

### **Sequencing and Processing Notes**

SED 2000, EDF 2555G, SOS 2400, and EDP 2330 **must** be taken prior to SOS 3400, and no student can take SPE 3500 until they have completed SOS 3400. Ideally, one would do step 1 in multiple semesters, with SED 2000 and EDF 2555G first. SPE 3500 requires no clinical hours and is offered at night (Wednesdays) and in the four-week summer term, so it is easy to schedule. It will be transitioning to SPE 4500 in fall 2018. If you have questions about sequencing and what will be best for you, see Dr. Laughlin-Schultz or email her at [blaughlinschul@ei.edu](mailto:blaughlinschul@ei.edu). Note: SOS 2400 is required only in catalog year 2016 or later. It is **strongly suggested** for others.

Applications for student teaching must be completed the FALL PRIOR to the year in which you student teach. That is, if you plan to student teach in Spring 2019, you apply to do so in Fall 2017. Don't miss this deadline! In order to student teach, you **MUST** have a 2.75 cumulative and a 3.0 major GPA. You also must have passed the Content Test and secured Department Approval.

Department Approval happens in weeks 10-12 of the semester PRIOR to student teaching. Dr. L-S will send out an email to all students with submission directions for those planning to student teach the next semester. Students submit a portfolio (many components of which are completed in the course of SOS 2400 and SOS 3400), including a resume/cover letter, a statement of teaching philosophy, recommendation forms completed by Social Science faculty, a primary source analysis paper, and a learning segment.

Practicum beginning fall 2016 will be 75 hours, so students will need to block out 8am-12pm OR 12pm-4pm instead of old 830-1130am or 1230-330pm. In 2016-2017, SOS 2400 and SOS 3400 will be offered only in the spring. In 2017-2018, this will shift to SOS 2400 being offered in FALL and SOS 3400 in SPRING. Students must plan accordingly.

## **Checklist for Social Science Teaching Majors**

(HIS-TL, SOS-GEO, SOS-PLS, SOS-PSY, SOS-SOC)

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- 1. Complete course requirements with a C or better in every course that counts towards your major.
- 2. Complete all the steps for admission to teacher education before registering for SOS 3400.
  - Attend an Admission to Teacher Education meeting.
  - Complete at least 29 semester hours, and maintain a minimum EIU GPA of 2.65. (These can be transfer hours.) One of these early courses should be SED 2000.
  - Purchase LiveText through the University Union Bookstore.
  - Make sure that you have taken and passed the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or that you have substituted your score of 22 or higher on the ACT with Writing with a combined English/Writing score of 19 or higher.
  - Submit a letter of intent to the Office of the Dean, CEPS. This is done through Livetext, and most students do it as part of SED 2000. If you have transferred in SED 2000 credits, see [http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/Letter\\_of\\_Intent\\_June\\_2010.pdf](http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/Letter_of_Intent_June_2010.pdf).
  - Take your Speech & Hearing test at the EIU clinic.
  - Complete your first Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation.
- 3. Earn at least a 3.0 major GPA (major GPA = GPA in all ANT, ECN, GEG, HIS, PLS, PSY, SOC, and SOS courses) and a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
- 4. Join at least one professional organization (a requirement for student teaching approval). A list of organizations is available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~socsci/approval.php>. Strongly recommended: National Council for the Social Studies and Illinois Council for the Social Studies.
- 5. Attend at least two professional conferences, including the Annual History and Social Studies Teachers Conference held at EIU every fall. One conference may be replaced with attendance of at least three one-hour lectures.

Conference 1 (name, date, signature)	Conference 2 (or 3 lectures)

- 6. Apply for student teaching the fall prior to the year in which you will student teaching.
- 7. Prepare an e-portfolio for submission in SOS 3400. The e-portfolio must include the following items, in this order:
  - Table of Contents
  - Job Ad & Cover Letter
  - Resume (including professional organizations, practicum)
  - Teaching Philosophy (updated from SOS 2400 and CEPS courses)
  - Primary Source Analysis Paper Sample
  - Research Paper Sample
  - Learning Segment/Unit Plan and Reflection Piece
- 8. Pass the appropriate Content Area Test (GEO), HIS, PLS, PSY, or SOC) by mid-semester prior to student teaching.
- 9. Submit and receive a passing score on edTPA during student teaching.

## Step-By-Step Guide

Prior to your enrollment at Eastern Illinois University, there are a few things that you can take care of.

- Work on **study skills** and **habits of mind** that will enable you to succeed in college and to juggle the demands of being a social science teaching major. Whether you major in History with Teacher Licensure or one of the Social Science Studies concentrations, you will have a lot on your plate during your time at EIU: coursework, studying for the content test, doing clinical experience, as well as whatever work and extracurricular involvement you choose. Organization and good study habits go a long way to helping you succeed.
- Take—and pass!!—the **Test of Academic Proficiency** (TAP). The TAP covers reading, language arts, writing, and math. Prep resources are available at [http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/Basic\\_Skills\\_Test-Preparing-Revised\\_7-5-2012.pdf](http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/Basic_Skills_Test-Preparing-Revised_7-5-2012.pdf) and through the Center for Teacher Education Assessment and Certification Testing Support (see <http://www.eiu.edu/basicskillstest/>). Scores are reported within four weeks, and you must provide an official score report to EIU.
- Or ... consider taking (or re-taking) the **ACT with Writing**. (Note: It has to be the ACT with Writing). If you score a 22 or higher, you will be exempt from taking the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) that is required for admission to teacher education. For info on how to submit a score, see <http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php>.
- Attend an **Admission to Teacher Education meeting**. You must attend this meeting as part of your formal admission application for teacher education. Admission meetings are held each semester, and you are welcome to attend prior to your enrollment at EIU or within the first thirty days of enrollment. Meetings are held in 1501 Buzzard Hall. For a list of fall meetings, see [www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php](http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php).

After you have been admitted to EIU, follow these steps in order to be formally admitted to teacher education.

- **Declare a major:** History with Teacher Licensure, Social Science Teaching—Geography, Social Science Studies—Political Science, Social Science Studies—Psychology, or Social Science Studies—Sociology-Anthropology. If you are being advised at the Undergraduate Advising Center at 9th Street Hall, speak with your advisor about declaring a major. If you are a transfer student and have declared your major you will be advised in the department. If you wish to change your major, go to the Registrar's Office.
- Attend an **Admission to Teacher Education meeting**.
- Complete at least 29 semester hours, and maintain a **minimum EIU GPA of 2.65**. (These can be transfer hours.) One of these early courses should be **SED 2000: Inquiry into Teaching**. This class introduces you to the field of secondary education and offers you a chance to test out the degree. You must earn a grade of C or higher in SED 2000 for admission to teacher education. You are also required to have a C or better in **ENG 1001G, 1002G, and CMN 1310G** (transfer substitutions can be used), and a C or better in college-level math. IAI General Education Mathematics meets this requirement.
- Purchase **LiveText** through the University Union Bookstore. This is required for all of your education courses, as well as SOS 3400.
- Make sure that you have taken and passed the **Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)** or that you have substituted your score of 22 or higher on the **ACT with Writing** or SAT. (Forms are available in the Dean's Office, College of Education & Professional Studies, 1420 Buzzard Hall, or at <http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php>) For more information, see [http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/ACT\\_TAP\\_Process\\_Info-revised\\_January\\_2013.pdf](http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/ACT_TAP_Process_Info-revised_January_2013.pdf).
- Submit a **letter of intent** to the Office of the Dean, CEPS. This is done through Livetext, and most students do it as part of SED 2000. If you have transferred in SED 2000 credits, see [http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/Letter\\_of\\_Intent\\_June\\_2010.pdf](http://eiu.edu/ceps/teached/Letter_of_Intent_June_2010.pdf).
- Take your **Speech & Hearing test** at the EIU clinic. Call 217-581-2712 for an appointment.
- Complete your first **Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation**.
- You will be formally admitted prior to your enrollment in SOS 3400.

**Stay on track with your degree requirements, and think about ways to enhance your resume and experience.**

- Follow the **checklist** and/or **Four Year Plan** for your major, and meet every semester with your academic advisor. If you are an SOS major or a post-bac student, consider also meeting with Dr. Mann, undergraduate advisor for history, or Dr. Laughlin-Schultz, coordinator of Social Science Teaching. Checksheets can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/socsci/advising.php>. Make sure to plan your course schedule wisely.
- Maintain a **cumulative GPA of 2.65 and a major GPA (that is, GPA in all social science courses) of 3.0**. In order to enroll in Practicum, you must have a minimum major GPA of 3.0 and a cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- **Apply for student teaching** the fall PRIOR to the year in which you plan to student teach. You must apply the Fall semester the academic year prior to the year you plan to student teach. For example, if you plan to student teach Fall 2017 or Spring 2018, you must attend a meeting, apply, and turn in all required paperwork during the Fall 2016 semester. For more information about the student teaching experience, see <http://eiu.edu/~clinical/forms/STGHandbook078x11.pdf>.
- Join a **professional organization** (or two!), attend conferences such as the History and Social Science Teachers' conference held every October at EIU, and consider doing some kind of work (volunteer or paid) with kids and/or schools.
- Work on your **resume**. Meet with Career Services.
- Enroll in SOS 3400 **the semester before** you intend to take SED 3330/Practicum and SPE 3/4500.
- Complete a second **Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation** during the semester prior to student teaching. There is a \$30 fee, and you need to make an appointment with the Department of Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences.
- Take—and pass!!—the **Content Area Test** during SOS 3400 or Practicum. You are required to take and pass the Content Test in your area of concentration prior to student teaching. You must have a passing score report in order to be approved to student teach, so it is important to take the test in time to have the report sent (and to have time to re-take if necessary, knowing that you have to wait over a month before you can re-take the test). For information about registration and the testing process, see the Illinois Licensure Testing System website at <http://www.il.nesinc.com/>. For more information and links related to your particular Content Area Test, see <http://www.eiu.edu/socsci/testing.php>.
- **Apply for graduation** after you have completed 60 hours and at least one semester before Practicum. You apply for graduation through PAWS, and there is a one-time fee of \$25.
- Apply for **Department Approval for Student Teaching** the semester prior to student teaching or in SOS 3400, whichever comes first. You will get an email from Dr. Laughlin-Schultz describing the portfolio contents and giving you a deadline for submission, and your portfolio must be approved by the Teacher Education Committee in order for you to student teach..
- Complete your **student teaching**, and take—and pass!!—**edTPA**.
- Get **your teaching license**. You will be licensed to teach all regular social science courses and AP and honors courses in your specialization (whether it is history, political science, geography, etc.), grades 9-12. It is very important that you follow the instructions that you receive from your Student Teaching Coordinator very carefully and send all of your completed materials to Teacher Licensure Officer, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920. At the end of the semester, after grades are posted, your completed licensure paperwork will be returned to you after your grades, graduation, and other requirements have been verified. Please contact Ms. Jan Hickox at 217-581-2200 if you have not received your completed paperwork within 4-6 weeks after grades are posted. "Holds" on your record as well as name and address problems can cause delays, so it is important to contact Ms. Hickox if you have a name or address change that is different than the one initially submitted.
- Consider adding to your expertise and increasing your chances of finding a good job upon graduation by adding to your areas of licensure. See <http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php> for more information.

## Applying for Student Teaching

Every student planning to student teach must formally apply through the online application site: [https://www.eiu.edu/apps/student\\_teaching/login.php](https://www.eiu.edu/apps/student_teaching/login.php). Applications are due every October for placements for the following school year. This means you might be applying very early - more than a year and a half in advance. **This means you may be applying very early – if you wanted to student teach in spring 2020, for example, you would apply in fall 2018!** See the grid below for when you should apply.

Semester You Plan to Student Teach	Application Will Be Due
Fall 2018	Was due October 31, 2017
Spring 2019	Was due October 31, 2017
Fall 2019	October 2018
Spring 2020	October 2018
Fall 2020	October 2019
Spring 2021	October 2019
Fall 2021	October 2020
Spring 2022	October 2020

To complete the application you will need a current transcript (PAWS transcript is fine), an up-to-date resume (saved as a pdf), and a writing sample addressing specific criteria (saved as a pdf). If you need assistance with preparing your resume please contact Career Services. Finally, specification/requirements for the writing sample can be found at [https://www.eiu.edu/apps/student\\_teaching/files/Writing%20Sample%20Guidelines.pdf](https://www.eiu.edu/apps/student_teaching/files/Writing%20Sample%20Guidelines.pdf).

To begin or update your application go to [https://www.eiu.edu/apps/student\\_teaching/login.php](https://www.eiu.edu/apps/student_teaching/login.php). Be very careful to mark the correct semester and year of when you plan to student teach. If you are unable to log into the system please contact Dr. Doug Bower ([djbower@eiu.edu](mailto:djbower@eiu.edu)).

## **Applying for Graduation**

**You apply for graduation on PAWS.** If you do not apply for graduation, you will not graduate! After you apply for graduation, the Dean's Office runs a degree audit and lets you know what requirements you have left to complete. It also allows you to receive your degree once you finish your coursework.

**You should apply for graduation three (3) semesters prior to the term you plan to finish your coursework.** For example, if you plan to complete all your coursework at the end of the Fall 2019, you should apply sometime during the Fall 2018 semester (the three semesters being Fall 18, Spring 18, Fall 19).

**The term you graduate and the term you walk across the stage at commencement are two different things.** You are applying for graduation for the term you will complete all your degree requirements, NOT the semester you plan to walk across the stage in a commencement ceremony. For example, let's say you need to take a course during the Summer 2019 semester to finish your degree requirements. However, you want to walk across the sage during the Spring 2019 commencement ceremonies. You will apply to graduate Summer 2019.

Likewise, if you are a History with Teacher Licensure student and you are student teaching in a Fall semester, but you want to walk across the stage in the Spring, you still need to apply for graduation for the Fall during which you are student teaching.

If you want to walk in a commencement ceremony in a semester different from your graduation semester, you need to fill out an Exceptionality Form. You can find the form on the EIU Commencement website's "Before Commencement" page at: <http://www.eiu.edu/commence/prior.php>. The form then needs to be returned to the College of Arts and Humanities Dean's Office in Doudna.

## **ENTRY TO TEACHER ED TESTING: THE TEST OF ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY (TAP)**

In accordance with state law, and in order to be admitted to teacher education at EIU, all teacher education candidates must pass the Basic Skills/Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or document an ACT or SAT substitution – see the next page for information about that. Candidates who are trying to decide which testing options best meets their needs might find the following information useful. Please note that you may also make use of the Teacher Assessment Support Center (TASC) located in Buzzard Hall 2303. More information about TASC is at <http://www.eiu.edu/basicskillstest/>.

**\*As of 2017, EIU will now take ACT/SAT superscores. Superscoring is a combination of your best individual section scores. These scores are averaged to create a new composite score. For more information contact the Teacher Assessment Support Center.**

	<b>ACT/SAT</b>	<b>TAP</b>
<b>Testing Schedule</b>	Offered 5-6 times a year on specific test dates with test results available approximately a month after the test date.	Offered Monday thru Saturday throughout the year at select Pearson VUE Test Centers with test results available within 4 weeks.
<b>Test Registration</b>	Test registration is required (web registration) approximately 5 weeks prior to the test. To register visit: <b>ACT:</b> <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/regist/">http://www.actstudent.org/regist/</a> <b>SAT:</b> <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/</a>	Registration is required (web registration) and is based on availability. To register visit <a href="http://www.icts.nesinc.com/">http://www.icts.nesinc.com/</a>
<b>Testing Format</b>	Paper and pencil	Computer based
<b>Cost</b>	\$55-\$60	\$125
<b>Test Setting</b>	Classroom/Auditorium Setting primarily with juniors and seniors in high school	Computer testing lab generally with other college students and adults
<b>Content of Test</b>	<b>ACT:</b> English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, Writing <b>New SAT:</b> Reading, Writing & Language, Math	Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Writing
<b>Score Requirements</b>	See the next page for more detailed information.**	Each test area (Reading, Language Arts, etc) is scored separately with a score of 240 or higher (approximately 80% of items correct) required to pass. All 4 test areas must be passed to pass the test as a whole. Results can be combined across administrations.
<b>Retesting</b>	Must take on a regular test date and must take the entire test on each administration.	Must wait a minimum of 30 days between test attempts. Need only retake tests previously not passed.

Info at <http://www.eiu.edu/basicskillstest/actortap.php>.

\*\*Additional information about substitution can be found at  
<http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/ACT%20or%20SAT%20for%20TAP%20August%202017.pdf>.

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**ACT Plus Writing or SAT Score**  
**in Lieu of the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)**  
**-Effective May 6, 2014-**

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STEP 1	IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON THE EDUCATOR LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM (ELIS) AT <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx</a>
STEP 2	<b>CONFIRM YOUR SCORE REPORT MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>ACT:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Prior to 9/1/15</u> - Composite score of 22 or higher <b>and</b> a minimum score of 19 on the Combined English/Writing portion</li><li>○ <u>9/1/15 to 9/9/16</u> - Composite score of 22 or higher <b>and</b> a minimum score of 16 on the Writing portion</li><li>○ <u>9/10/16 and later</u> - Composite score of 22 or higher <b>and</b> a minimum score of 6 on the Writing portion</li></ul></li><li>▪ <b>SAT:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Prior to 3/5/16</u> - Composite score of 1030 (critical reading + mathematics = 1030 or higher) <b>and</b> a minimum score of 450 on writing</li><li>○ <u>3/5/16 and later</u> - Composite score of 1110 (evidence-based reading and writing + mathematics = 1110 or higher) <b>and</b> a minimum score of 26 on writing and language</li></ul></li></ul>
STEP 3	<b>REQUEST YOUR SCORES BE SENT TO ISBE DIRECTLY FROM ACT OR SAT.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The score report <b>must</b> arrive in a sealed envelope addressed to ISBE from ACT or SAT.</li><li>▪ If requesting an ACT Plus Writing score report: <b>use ACT code 3001</b> when ordering</li><li>▪ If requesting an SAT score: <b>use SAT code 6773</b> when ordering</li></ul>
STEP 4	<b>CHECK YOUR ELIS ACCOUNT TO VERIFY YOUR ACT/SAT SCORE REPORT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF THE TAP.</b> <i>Please allow 60 days for this information to be added to your ELIS account.</i>
NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Superscoring is now available on ACT/SAT. If you do not have an overall passing composite score, we will add the highest subject scores from each test and divide by the total number of tests to for a composite score. Please email <a href="mailto:Licensure@isbe.net">Licensure@isbe.net</a> if you would like your tests superscored.</li><li>▪ Score reports that are received prior to the establishment of an ELIS account will be held for 30 days. <i>After 30 days, the report may not be credited to your account.</i></li><li>▪ Official score reports that reflect a score less than listed above or lack a writing component cannot be used for issuance of an Illinois license or endorsement.</li></ul>

## The Illinois Licensure Testing System Content Area Test

You are required to take and pass the Content Test in your area of concentration prior to student teaching. For information about the testing process, see <http://www.il.nesinc.com/>. For test info, see [https://www.il.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/GENRB\\_PrepFramework.html](https://www.il.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_PrepFramework.html).

NOTE: Beginning in May of 2018 the test frameworks will be changing, so make sure that you are looking at the framework for when you plan to take the test.

Major	Test	Content	ILTS Study Guide
History with Teacher Licensure	Test 114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social Science Foundations</li><li>History Common Core</li><li>World History</li><li>U.S. and IL History</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field114_SG.pdf">https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field114_SG.pdf</a>
Social Science Teaching — Geography	Test 113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social Science Foundations</li><li>History Common Core</li><li>World Geography &amp; Influence on the Contemporary World</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field113_SG.pdf">https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field113_SG.pdf</a>
Social Science Teaching — Political Science	Test 117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social Science Foundations</li><li>History Common Core</li><li>Pol. Sci. Concepts &amp; Thought, Comparative Government, and International Relations</li><li>U.S. &amp; Illinois Government</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field117_SG.pdf">https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field117_SG.pdf</a>
Social Science Teaching — Psychology	Test 118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social Science Foundations</li><li>History Common Core</li><li>Human Development and Behavior</li><li>Personality Theories, Mental Health, &amp; Social Behavior</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field118_SG.pdf">https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field118_SG.pdf</a>
Social Science Teaching— Sociology-Anthropology	Test 121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social Science Foundations</li><li>History Common Core</li><li>Sociology</li><li>Anthropology</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field121_SG.pdf">https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_field121_SG.pdf</a>

### How should I prepare for the Content Test?

- All of your social science coursework is aligned to this test: your classes themselves are the best preparation. Do your best work in your courses, and keep your notes and exams to review.
- Review the framework and study guide, and practice some of the test questions.
- I encourage students, too, to review textbooks (high school or college) in your major area of concentration and in world history. Traditionally students score the lowest on the world history part of the exam.
- Most students can get by without buying review materials. Booth Library or I-SHARE have some of them: History (<https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Record/15779208>), Psychology (<https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Record/15779207>), Sociology (<https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Record/16913384>), and Political Science (<https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Record/16686579>).

## Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science

For the complete standards, go to <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf>.

### 6-12 Inquiry Standards

<b><i>Developing Questions and Planning Inquiries</i></b>		
	Middle Level	High School
<b>Constructing Essential Questions</b>	SS.IS.1.6-8. Create essential questions to help guide inquiry about a topic.	SS.IS.1.9-12. Address essential questions that reflect an enduring issue in the field.
<b>Constructing Supporting Questions</b>	SS.IS.2.6-8. Ask essential and focusing questions that will lead to independent research.	SS.IS.2.9-12. Explain how supporting questions contribute to an inquiry.
<b>Determining Helpful Sources</b>	SS.IS.3.6-8. Determine sources representing multiple points of view that will assist in organizing a research plan.	SS.IS.3.9-12. Develop new supporting and essential questions through investigation, collaboration, and using diverse sources.
<b>Gathering and Evaluating Sources</b>	SS.IS.4.6-8.LC. Determine the value of sources by evaluating their relevance and intended use. SS.IS.4.6-8.MdC. Determine credibility of sources based upon their origin, authority, and context. SS.IS.4.6-8.MC. Gather relevant information from credible sources and determine whether they support each other.	SS.IS.4.9-12 Gather and evaluate information from multiple sources while considering the origin, credibility, point of view, authority, structure, context, and corroborative value of the sources.
<b>Developing Claims and Using Evidence</b>	SS.IS.5.6-8.LC. Appropriately cite all sources utilized. SS.IS.5.6-8.MdC. Identify evidence from multiple sources to support claims, noting its limitations. SS.IS.5.6-8.MC. Develop claims and counterclaims while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both.	SS.IS.5.9-12 Identify evidence that draws information from multiple sources to revise or strengthen claims.
<b><i>Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action</i></b>		
<b>Communicating Conclusions</b>	SS.IS.6.6-8.LC. Construct arguments using claims and evidence from multiple sources, while acknowledging their strengths and limitations. SS.IS.6.6-8.MdC. Construct explanations using reasoning, correct sequence, examples, and details, while acknowledging their strengths and weaknesses. SS.IS.6.6-8.MC. Present arguments and explanations that would appeal to	SS.IS.6.9-12. Construct and evaluate explanations and arguments using multiple sources and relevant, verified information

	audiences and venues outside the classroom using a variety of media.	
<b>Critiquing Conclusions</b>	SS.IS.7.6-8. Critique the structure and credibility of arguments and explanations (self and others).	SS.IS.7.9-12. Articulate explanations and arguments to a targeted audience in diverse settings.
<b>Taking Informed Action</b>	<p>SS.IS.8.6-8.LC. Analyze how a problem can manifest itself and the challenges and opportunities faced by those trying to address it.</p> <p>SS.IS.8.6-8.MdC. Assess individual and collective capacities to take action to address problems and identify potential outcomes.</p> <p>SS.IS.8.6-8.MC. Apply a range of deliberative and democratic procedures to make decisions and take action in schools and community contexts.</p>	<p>SS.IS.8.9-12. Use interdisciplinary lenses to analyze the causes and effects of and identify solutions to local, regional, or global concerns.</p> <p>SS.IS.9.9-12. Use deliberative processes and apply democratic strategies and procedures to address local, regional or global concerns and take action in or out of school.</p>

## **Civic Standards: Understand Political Systems, With an Emphasis on the United States, 9-12**

### *Civic and Political Institutions*

- SS.CV.1.9-12. Distinguish the rights, roles, powers, and responsibilities of individuals and institutions in the political system.
- SS.CV.2.9-12. Evaluate the opportunities and limitations of participation in elections, voting, and the electoral process.
- SS.CV.3.9-12. Analyze the impact of constitutions, laws, and agreements on the maintenance of order, justice, equality, and liberty.
- SS.CV.4.9-12. Explain how the U.S. Constitution established a system of government that has powers, responsibilities, and limits that have changed over time and are still contested while promoting the common good and protecting rights.

### *Participation and Deliberation: Applying Civic Virtues and Democratic Principles*

- SS.CV.7.9-12. Describe the concepts and principles that are inherent to American Constitutional Democracy

### *Processes, Rules, and Laws*

- SS.CV.8.9-12. Analyze how individuals use and challenge laws to address a variety of public issues.
- SS.CV.9.9-12. Evaluate public policies in terms of intended and unintended outcomes and related consequences.
- SS.CV.10.9-12. Explain the role of compromise and deliberation in the legislative process

## **Geography: Grades 9-12**

### *Geographic Representations: Spatial Views of the World*

- SS.G.1.9-12. Use maps (created using geospatial and related technologies, if possible), satellite images, and photographs to display and explain the spatial patterns of physical, cultural, political, economic, and environmental characteristics.
- SS.G.2.9-12. Use self-collected or pre-existing data sets to generate spatial patterns at multiple scales that can be used to conduct analyses or to take civic action.

### *Human-Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture*

SS.G.3.9-12. Analyze and explain how humans impact and interact with the environment and vice versa.

SS.G.4.9-12. Evaluate how political and economic decisions have influenced cultural and environmental characteristics of various places and regions.

SS.G.5.9-12. Analyze how human societies plan for and respond to the consequences of human-made and naturally occurring catastrophes and how these events impact trade, politics, and migration.

*Human Population: Spatial Patterns and Movements*

SS.G.6.9-12. Analyze how historical events and the diffusion of ideas, technologies, and cultural practices have influenced migration patterns and the distribution of human population.

SS.G.7.9-12. Evaluate how economic activities and political decisions impact spatial patterns within and among urban, suburban, and rural regions.

SS.G.8.9-12. Evaluate how short- and long-term climate variability impacts human migration and settlement patterns, resource use, and land uses.

*Global Interconnections: Changing Spatial Patterns*

SS.G.9.9-12. Describe and explain the characteristics that constitute a particular culture.

SS.G.10.9-12. Explain how and why culture shapes worldview.

SS.G.11.9-12. Explain how globalization impacts the cultural, political, economic, and environmental characteristics of a place or region.

SS.G.12.9-12. Evaluate how competition for scarce natural resources contributes to conflict and cooperation within and among countries.

*Physical Geography Standards:* For all physical geography standards, we reference the Next Generation Science Standards. (Refer to separate Illinois K-12 Physical Geography Standards document.)

**HISTORY: Grades 9-12**

*Change, Continuity, and Context*

SS.H.1.9-12. Evaluate how historical developments were shaped by time and place as well as broader historical contexts.

SS.H.2.9-12. Analyze change and continuity within and across historical eras.

SS.H.3.9-12. Evaluate the methods utilized by people and institutions to promote change.

*Perspectives*

SS.H.4.9-12. Analyze how people and institutions have reacted to environmental, scientific, and technological challenges.

SS.H.5.9-12. Analyze the factors and historical context that influenced the perspectives of people during different historical eras.

SS.H.6.9-12. Analyze the concept and pursuit of the “American Dream.”

SS.H.7.9-12. Identify the role of individuals, groups, and institutions in people’s struggle for safety, freedom, equality, and justice.

SS.H.8.9-12. Analyze key historical events and contributions of individuals through a variety of perspectives, including those of historically underrepresented groups.

*Historical Sources and Evidence*

SS.H.9.9-12. Analyze the relationship between historical sources and the secondary interpretations made from them.

*Causation and Argumentation*

SS.H.10.9-12. Analyze the causes and effects of global conflicts and economic crises.

SS.H.11.9-12. Analyze multiple and complex causes and effects of events in the past.

SS.H.12.9-12. Analyze the geographic and cultural forces that have resulted in conflict and cooperation

## **Lesson Planning Template for SOS 2400 and SOS 3400** (Updated January 2017)

Lesson: Title (*be creative here!*)

Unit: Title

Course: Title

Grade Level:

Essential Question: This is a question the lesson is designed to answer. Ideally, it connects to the unit and course essential questions. For example: In the north, how did the Civil War transform from a war for Union to a war for Emancipation? For more, see Wiggins/McTighe, Essential Questions (ASCD, 2013).

Content Summary/Central Focus: Provide a brief (3-4 bullet points or sentences) summary of the subject matter and content to be addressed in this lesson. For example: This lesson focuses on the transformation that occurred in Union military and political war objectives from 1861 to 1865.

Lincoln initially argued that he went to war to preserve the Union, but immediately he was faced with contraband slaves fleeing to the Union lines and by pressure from Radical Republicans, abolitionists, and African Americans to fight a war for emancipation of slavery. By 1863, he, and the Union war aim, were transformed by these demands as well as by his personal transformation, culminating in the Emancipation Proclamation and, ultimately, his prosecution of the war and plans for its aftermath.

Standards: List the relevant Illinois Learning Standards and Common Core standards. You should include the text of the standards themselves, not just numbers and letters.

Learning Objectives: State your learning objectives, describing what students should be able to understand and do as a result of your lesson. Make sure to incorporate the learning standards, and follow each objective with the standard link.

Instructional Procedures (all materials must be submitted, too):

Opening/Anticipatory Set, including SO WHAT (# minutes): Design an anticipatory set, providing engagement, motivation, and/or orientation to the day's lesson. This could be a Bell Ringer or Do Now, or something else. Grab the students' attention and establish relevance. Script the part where you will address your SO WHAT: What will you say to students to explain the importance of today's lesson? What will they learn? Make sure to make ties to big questions/ ideas/broad themes here, as well as to use this opportunity to stake a claim to why this lesson matters!!!

Teaching & Learning Activities/Procedures (# minutes): Indicate here in outline statements the specific actions that you will take to present the lesson and when those actions will be taken. These should include major topics or points you will address during instruction, and you should be specific. Include in your lesson plans the scripted questions that you will use to check for student understanding, to spark discussion, to guide students toward higher level thinking, and to otherwise direct the lesson. This section must also list at the appropriate point significant student activities, such as small group work if this is used, and the procedures you will follow.

Closure (# minutes): A lesson is not complete without a formal summary. What are your plans to review and reinforce what students learned (perhaps linking back to Anticipatory Set, perhaps not)?

Assessment: In this section, indicate how you will evaluate the lesson, that is, how you will find out if students have learned what you intended that they learn. You should include both formative and summative assessment forms (even if this summative will not be employed in this particular class period). Is there homework? If so, what is the assignment and what is its aim – to continue today's work, or to prepare for tomorrow?

Accommodations/Modifications: Describe any accommodations you will need to make to this lesson to address the needs of diverse learners.

Sources: List background sources, materials, items you have created, etc., here.

## **Service Learning and Clinical Experience Requirements for SOS 2400 and SOS 3400**

SOS 2400 carries with it ten hours of service learning. Most semesters, this involves some class service learning project hours – such as participation in a Central Illinois Food Bank Mobile Pantry event—as well as individual volunteer hours. Students can find out more information about service and volunteer opportunities at EIU through the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism at <http://www.eiu.edu/volunteer/>.

Students in SOS 3400 are required to do fifteen hours of clinical observation. Depending on the size of the class, students may be placed in an area classroom or they may sign up through the CEPS office to do observations. Students enrolled in SOS 3400 **must** have a current background check on record – check the degree audit to make sure yours is complete. Requests through the CEPS office must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Much more information on both of these requirements will be provided in SOS 2400 and SOS 3400.

**Top Things I Wish I Had Known about Student Teaching**  
(contributed by alumni Jen Seiler and Becca Braundmeier)

**Top Things I Wish I Had Known About Student Teaching**

- 1. You will feel like this is your job and you will not want to leave your students at the end of the semester!**
- 2. It is very possible you will question your career choice at some point during the student teaching experience. Don't be alarmed. It happens to almost everyone & you will get through it.**

**3. Don't be afraid to teach without notes.**

(Biggest piece of advice I received and it made a HUGE impact on my teaching)

**4. Go above and beyond.**

If you get asked to sponsor a club, chaperone a dance, or help with an extra-curricular, do it.  
Other teachers and administrators take note :)

**5. Be flexible.**

Not every lesson plan will run the way you want it to and not every lesson will be able to be completed in the time allotted based on your class. Take time to discuss/cover topics that you typically wouldn't if it is something that interests the students.

**6. Constantly Reflect.**

How can I make this better? What can I do differently to benefit the students? This can be done daily and in between periods is when I found it most beneficial to make it better for the following class.

- 7. Bring in your own ideas to the classroom and spend time after school working on your lessons, grading, or other work if you can.** Again, teachers take note. Don't stay too late :)

- 8. This is a very time consuming job so expect to put a lot of time into it. You get out what you put in.**

- 9. Get your EDPAs fully done ASAP!** It is a lot easier to complete this at the beginning of your experience. Do not wait until you are in the middle of the 15 weeks to do the commentaries. You will be overwhelmed with planning in the classroom.

- 10. DO NOT POST ANYTHING NEGATIVE ABOUT YOUR STUDENTS OR EXPERIENCE ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES.** It is highly unprofessional.

**11. Get to know your students.**

They enjoy the class more when you know who they are, what their interests are, and can bring that into the class. Share your stories as well, they like to know their teachers are human. Get to know if your students are in sports and communicate with coaches to help with academic/behavior issues in your class.

- 12. Don't be afraid to ask your CT questions and build a good relationship with them!**

Don't be afraid to ask your CT for their opinion...You don't have to agree or take it but it helps in reflecting and planning. Get to know not only your CT but the other teachers in your content area and those around you. They will be very helpful when you need something :)

- 13. Bring as many different resources/techniques into your lessons as possible.** Students think it is fun when they get to do something other than read. (Ex: Listen to a speech rather than read it.)

- 14. Don't be afraid to over-compliment.**

Even the smallest positive comment to a student can change their whole day, week, life.

**15. Know roughly what you have planned for the upcoming weeks.**

Students will constantly be asking you when the test is or what they will miss if they are gone a day. Having a general idea of where you are going to be in a week or when the end of your unit is will help answer some of these questions.

**16. Don't be afraid of letting things get out of control. Organized chaos is ok sometimes.**

You will drive yourself crazy trying to keep students silent. Just roll with it. If it gets too loud then handle the situation effectively. But some talking/chatter is ok

**17. I know several professors have said this but If I had to stress one thing it is always have a backup plan.**

Something short that can be thrown in at the end if you have extra time. Or an alternate activity in case the technology isn't working. Or a "punishment" assignment if students are not cooperating with a fun activity. Also, have "go to" assignments that can be done with any topic in case you have to come up with a homework assignment or small activity last minute (Ex: Guided reading sheets that can be used for any section of book).

## **Classroom Management Tips for Student Teaching (and Beyond)**

Be well-prepared for class each day. Hold students accountable for everything they do in class.

Be **organized**. Have everything ready to go and planned out; this helps you be calm and collected at the beginning of class and stay that way!

Be clear with rules and don't have too many. Choose what is important for the class to function smoothly.

Early on, establish classroom rules for movement, speaking, etc. with consequences.

Provide students with a **written list** of your classroom expectations and the consequences for not following them. Go over your rules with the students. Give them a hard copy (you may even have them sign an additional copy and return to you stating that they understand them).

Be consistent in how you handle punishment.

Follow-through---**do what you say you are going to do**. Teaching teenagers is a lot like training a toddler.

Call parents if students are seriously out of line---and don't wait too long to do so.

Treat the offense in a **business-like manner**. Don't make the issue personal and don't allow the student to make it personal.

Don't embarrass the student to make a strong point. Your discussion with the student should be out in the hall and not in the classroom where there is an audience.

Change activities frequently. This helps alleviate boredom and also helps to get the students involved in their learning.

Pick your battles! Decide whether or not the offense is worth valuable instructional time in dealing with it.

There is an old saying: "Don't smile until Christmas." While you may not take this literally, it does make a good point in that if you start out strong, you can let up later. If you start out weak, you will most likely never have control. Remember, the students don't have to like you or be your best friend, but they do need to RESPECT you.

**Learn the students' names.** Use the week(s) when you are observing to do this- if a seating chart exists, get hold of it, or make one for yourself, and study their names. Once you start teaching, make sure you call on students by name.

**MOVE.** Circulate the room, pausing to teach from positions near students who often chatter or are off task.

Invest in a wireless remote for the Powerpoint or Smartboard so you are not tied to the front of the classroom.

Act like the teacher (because you are): dress like a teacher, talk like a teacher, etc.

Keep up the pace. **When students aren't doing what you want them to be doing, they'll be doing what you DON'T want them to do.** Keep up the intensity and pace of the class, and work to find that happy balance between moving so fast they can't keep up and moving so slow they can find trouble.

**OVERPLAN.** That is, make sure you don't run out of "stuff" with 30 minutes to go!

Think about and plan for transitions from activity to activity, making sure that students do not have time to start chattering or get off-task.

If you use a video, give the students a **task** to perform while watching.

If you don't know, don't fake it! Make it a part of the lesson (or homework) and be sure to go back to it the next day. Remember: social studies is NOT Jeopardy. It is much, much more than fact-memorization or trivia.

**Believe in what you are doing. History and all of the social studies are important subjects, worth your students' time to learn and important in the formation of them as adults and civic participants. Because of this, you need to ensure that your classroom is a place where all students have the opportunity to learn. Be committed to this, and let it guide your classroom management.**

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

Once you have a secondary license, completion of the following grants you endorsements. An endorsement allows you to teach AP and honors, and some schools are looking to hire specialists in these various social science fields.

ECONOMICS: 6 additional hours in ECN and passage of ILTS Content Test 109

GEOGRAPHY: 6 additional hours in GEO and passage of ILTS Content Test 113

*Suggested Courses: GEO 1120G, GEO 1400G, GEO 3025G, GEO 3200, GEO 3420 (note GEO 1400G can count as science Gen Ed)*

HISTORY: passage of ILTS Content Test 114

POLITICAL SCIENCE: 3-6 additional hours in PLS and passage of ILTS Content Test 117

*Suggested Courses: PLS 1003, PLS 2033, PLS 3203, PLS 3543*

PSYCHOLOGY: 9 additional hours in PSY and passage of ILTS Content Test 118

*Suggested Courses: PSY 3310, PSY 3515, PSY 3590, PSY 3620, PSY 3780, PSY 3870*

SOCIOLOGY-ANTHROPOLOGY: 6 additional hours in SOC-ANT and passage of ILTS Content Test 121

*Suggested Courses: SOC 2721, SOC 270, SOC 3050, SOC 3620, SOC 3650, ANT 3712*

## **OTHER SECONDARY ENDORSEMENTS**

Once you have a secondary license, you can add other secondary endorsements such as English, Science, and Math. For a complete list of required coursework and content tests, see

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Senior-High-Teaching-Endorsements.aspx>. If you choose to do this, I would strongly suggest that you contact the teacher licensure coordinator in those departments to help you choose courses that prepare you best for the content test. In math that is Dr. Marshall Lassak, in science it is Dr. Katie Lewandowski, and in English it is Dr. Melissa Ames. Endorsements in K-12 areas such as PE, Special Education, and Music are trickier, so check directly with those departments.

## **MIDDLE LEVEL ENDORSEMENT**

Upon successful completion of the focused program and any required tests, the candidate will be eligible for a middle school endorsement in his/her content area.

University Admission to Teacher Education is required for enrollment in these upper division professional education courses.		
*Teacher Candidates must complete 3110 prior to or concurrently with 3150, 4760, or 40001.		
*MLE 3110 – Curriculum and Instruction in Middle-Level School	Spring	3
MLE 40001 – Practicum in Middle School Curriculum and Instruction	Spring	1
MLE 4760 – Student Social-Emotional Development in the Middle Grades	Spring	3
MLE 3150 – Interdisciplinary Teaching in the Middle Level School	Fall	3
Methods course in content area including Middle Level Methods: SOS 3400		

Questions and inquiries about MLE endorsement or enrollment should be directed to Dr. Jeanne Okrasinski, [jeokrasinski@eiu.edu](mailto:jeokrasinski@eiu.edu).

## Finding a High School Teaching Job: FAQs, Tips, and Resources

### How do I find a job teaching high school?

#### *Public School Options*

Illinois Teaching Jobs (IASA Job Bank):

<https://www.illinoiseducationjobbank.org/JobSearch/JobSearch.aspx>

K12Job Spot: <https://k12jobspot.com/>

Missouri Teaching Jobs: <http://www.moteachingjobs.com/>

Indiana Teaching Jobs: <https://www.doe.in.gov/ide/jobs/indiana-school-personnel-job-bank>

#### *Private School Options*

Private School Job Bank: <http://www.capenet.org/teach.html>

National Association of Independent Schools: <https://www.nais.org/>

Quaker Teaching Jobs:

[https://www.friendscouncil.org/RelId/622502/ISvars/default/Job\\_Openings.htm](https://www.friendscouncil.org/RelId/622502/ISvars/default/Job_Openings.htm)

### What if I have an Illinois license but I want to teach out of state?

Once you have your secondary license from Illinois, you can apply for licensure in other states. The new state will audit your record and determine what, if any, additional steps are required for licensure there. Steps could include taking additional coursework or a standardized test, though more and more states have reciprocity with Illinois meaning that no other steps are needed after applying for out-of-state licensure. To do this, in general you send a copy of your IL license, your transcripts, a criminal background check form, an application form, and a check (the cost is \$100 in Missouri, for example). To see a sample of requirements, check out what Missouri asks:

<https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/out-state-information>. You can find out-of-state jobs now and consider the requirements that states have, but you cannot apply for licensure until you have your Illinois license in hand. To find jobs, you can use the links above, or, google the state you'd like and "teaching jobs," or look on the K12 Job Spot.

### Can I teach high school without a license?

Yes, though not in a public school setting. Private and independent schools often do not care whether you have a teaching license or not. It is less clear with charter schools.

### What are the differences between teaching at a public and private school?

It is impossible to generalize about differences between all public and private schools, but there are advantages and disadvantages to working at each. Public school teachers are generally state employees and pay into a state pension system, while most private school teachers are not state employees and use private retirement options/plans. Depending on your school and state, one may be better than the other. Some private schools offer more independence – as in, students do not take state-mandated standardized tests – though this really varies from school to school in both the public and private settings. Some private schools cater towards students who excel academically, which can provide an invigorating classroom environment (though likely with more demanding students and parents). Some key questions to consider as you weigh public versus private school jobs are retirement benefits; curriculum oversight; class sizes; number of preparations; support for faculty professional development and learning; overall educational opportunities for students and for you; and your own beliefs.

### What if I decide I want to become licensed to teach after I graduate? What options do I have?

You have several paths to licensure, and more may come soon as Illinois like other states experiencing teacher shortages is exploring alternative licensure. For now, many students enroll in post-baccalaureate licensure, meaning that you take necessary professional education courses and courses required for social science licensure, complete requirements such as student teaching and taking standardized tests, etc., just like a traditional college student. We typically have 5-10 post-

bac students at any time. Other options (elsewhere) would be MAT programs, which provide both licensure and an MA degree.

### What do I need to know about endorsements?

An endorsement is something that you add to your teaching license. Many students consider adding a Middle Level endorsement (4 courses plus a content test), an ELA endorsement (24 hours with 12 at upper level plus a content test), or some non-History social studies endorsement. All History with Teacher Licensure majors are licensed to teach ALL general social studies courses (ANT, ECN, SOC, PSY, HIS, GEO, PLS) but an endorsement means you can teach AP and honors in that area. An MA or at least 18 graduate hours in history (depending on the community college) is required to teach dual credit history—courses in which students earn college credit while taking a class at their high school. See <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Senior-High-Teaching-Endorsements.aspx> for more info.

## So I've found a job ad and I am ready to apply. NOW WHAT??

Job Seeker	
<a href="http://illinoiseducationjobbank.org/JobSearch/JobDetail.aspx">http://illinoiseducationjobbank.org/JobSearch/JobDetail.aspx</a>	
Job Title:	High School History Teacher 2018/19 SY
District Name:	Georgetown-Ridge Farm CU #4
Address:	400 W. West St. Georgetown, IL 61846
Phone Number:	(217)662-8488
Fax Number:	(217)662-3402
Region:	Illini
County:	Vermilion
Type of Employment:	Full-time permanent
Job Category:	Science
Grade Level:	Secondary
Salary/Benefits:	Per Contract
Names:	High School History Teacher
Qualifications:	Proper Illinois Certification (8-12)
Additional Notes:	Applicant is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile records of adjudication or arrest.
School/District Link:	<a href="http://www.grfk12.us">http://www.grfk12.us</a>
ILEARN Link:	<a href="#">ILEARN</a>
Report Card Link:	<a href="#">District Report Card</a>
Job Posting Date:	2/7/2018
Application Deadline:	3/30/2018
How to Apply:	Please email 3 letters of recommendation, resume, and cover letter to Kevin Thomas at <a href="mailto:kthomas@pubuffaloes.org">kthomas@pubuffaloes.org</a>
Email for More Information:	<a href="mailto:schmas@pubuffaloes.org">schmas@pubuffaloes.org</a>

Like the sample ad above, most job ads are pretty basic – identifying a need for someone to teach history, some other social studies fields, or just broad social studies. This one requests middle level and secondary licensure. It asks that you apply online as well as sending a resume, cover letter, and 3 letters of recommendation.

**The Online Application:** Many schools now will have you apply online. The IASA Job Bank, for instance, has you create a username and password and then log in to begin the application process. They ask you to complete a personal profile (basic information) and then you can create a variety of profiles with information about your education, professional references, etc. – essentially an online resume. You can also create job alerts, upload resumes and cover letters, etc. Once you are being considered or applying for a specific job, some schools ask you to complete what they call screener questions. Some sample screener questions that graduates have provided me are included below. Even if you don't do these as part of the application, they are likely to show up in the interview!

### Interview/Screener Questions

- How would you address a wide range of skills and abilities in your classroom?
- What technology-related skills will you share with our district?
- Briefly describe your professional beliefs and principles. How do these values exhibit themselves in the position you are applying for and in your career development?
- What cultural knowledge or past experiences might assist you in working with diverse students?
- Is student discipline a question of management or instruction? Explain.
- What is the most difficult aspect of evaluating your students' academic progress?
- Describe the most difficult working relationship you've had with a colleague or supervisor. Were you able to improve the relationship? If so, how?
- In your opinion, what are the most significant factors that influence student learning?
- What are elements of an effective social studies lesson?

- Describe how you will incorporate current research on effective teaching into your instruction?
- How do you ensure student engagement within a lesson?
- You have been assigned to teach a skill or concept you are unfamiliar with. How would you go about ensuring you are prepared to provide quality instruction?
- What are the two (2) most important components of a successful classroom learning environment?
- Why are you interested in working in this district? Why have you chosen public education as your profession?
- What have you read recently that has influenced your thinking about teaching?
- What has been the most creative, independent, proactive activity that you have had your students do?

**Education Resumes and Cover Letters:** In SOS 3400 we will work on sample resumes and cover letters that help you make a case (and defend it with evidence) that YOU are the ideal hire for a social studies position. In general, resumes should highlight teaching experience, other related work experience (using your bullet points to show why your work as a bank teller relates to your work as a teacher), volunteer and PD activities, and awards/honors. Use some of the questions above to help brainstorm ideas for that all-important cover letter, and bring them to SOS 3400.

Samples from Career Services: <http://www.eiu.edu/careers/Sample%20resume%20Education.pdf> and [http://www.eiu.edu/careers/cl\\_samples.pdf](http://www.eiu.edu/careers/cl_samples.pdf).

**Recommendation Letters:** In general, teaching applicants should get a letter from your Cooperating Teacher for student teaching (to not have this sends a message) as well as perhaps your CEPS supervisor. Then, choose 1-2 professors that can speak to your academic work and, if at all possible, to your abilities as a teacher. Ask early and politely, provide your resume and info about the type of work you would like, and send gentle reminders.

## **Useful Websites & Links for Developing Engaging Social Studies Lessons**

National Council for the Social Studies

[www.socialstudies.org](http://www.socialstudies.org)

(Illinois Council <http://www.illinoiscss.org/>)

National Council on History Education

<http://www.nche.net/>

Facing History and Ourselves

<https://www.facinghistory.org/>

Teaching Tolerance

<https://www.tolerance.org/>

### **Historical Thinking & Teaching with Documents**

Reading Like a Historian (Stanford site; lots of useful resources and document-based lesson plans)

<http://teachinghistory.org/best-practices/using-primary-sources/24001>

Bringing History Home (SOCC approach)

<http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/>

SOCC Document Analysis Guide

<http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/assets/bringinghistoryhome/socc%20document%20analyses%20worksheet.pdf>

National Archives: Document Analysis Worksheets

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets/index.html>

National Archives: Teaching with Primary Documents (document sets & lessons)

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/>

National Archives Online Exhibits

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/>

Library of Congress Classroom Materials (including Primary Source sets; lesson plans; themed resources; activities)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/>

LOC Veterans History Project

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Internet History Sourcebooks Project

<http://legacy.fordham.edu/halsall/index.asp>

Digital History

<http://legacy.fordham.edu/halsall/index.asp>

Gilder Lehrman (register for free account as teacher)

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-exhibitions/for-educators>

### **More History Resources (some with documents)**

World History Resources Gateway

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/whmfinding.php>

World Digital Library

<http://www.wdl.org/en/>

European AP DBQ Sources

<http://www.europeana.eu/>

World History Matters

<http://worldhistorymatters.org/>

The World History Association

[http://www.thewha.org/join\\_wha.php](http://www.thewha.org/join_wha.php)

American Historical Association

<http://www.historians.org/members/index.cfm>

By the People: WPA Posters (LOC)

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/wpapos/>

Disunion: *New York Times* on the Civil War

[http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/c/civil\\_war\\_us/index.html](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/c/civil_war_us/index.html)

Freedmen's Bureau Online

<http://www.freedmensbureau.com/>

North American Slave Narratives

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/>

U.S. Holocaust Museum

<http://www.ushmm.org/>

WWI Document Archive

<http://wwi.lib.byu.edu/>

American Journeys: Eyewitness Accounts of Early American Exploration and Settlement

<http://www.americanjourneys.org/>

Africans in America

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/>

Internet Modern History Sourcebook

<http://legacy.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.asp>

African Voices (Smithsonian)

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices/>

## **Economics**

Teaching Economics as if People Mattered (online resources and lesson plans)

<http://www.teachingeconomics.org/>

Foundation for Teaching Economics

<http://www.fte.org/teacher-resources/voluntary-national-content-standards-in-economics/>

Council for Economic Education

<http://www.councilforeconed.org/>

Federal Reserve Lessons & Resources

<http://www.frbsf.org/education/>

U.S. News & World Report: MONEY

<http://money.usnews.com/>

### **Geography**

10 Ways to Teach Geography (NYT)

[http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/04/all-over-the-map-10-ways-to-teach-about-geography/?\\_r=1](http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/04/all-over-the-map-10-ways-to-teach-about-geography/?_r=1)

National Geographic Teaching Resources

[http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/teaching-resources/?ar\\_a=1](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/teaching-resources/?ar_a=1)

Geography World Online

<http://geographyworldonline.com/teach.html>

Association of American Geographers

<http://www.aag.org/>

### **Political Science/Government/Civics**

Time Magazine Covers, 1923-Present

<http://content.time.com/time/coversearch/>

Thomas Jefferson Digital Archive (UVA)

<http://rotunda.upress.virginia.edu-founders/TSJN.html>

James Madison Papers

[http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison\\_papers/](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison_papers/)

Documents from the Continental Congress and Convention (LoC)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwccc.html>

Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: Congressional Docs and Debates, 1774-1873

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html>

Famous Trials

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/trials/trials.htm>

American President: An Online Reference Resource (Miller Center)

<http://millercenter.org/academic/americanpresident>

Oyez (US Supreme Court)

<http://www.oyez.org/>

The Avalon Project

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>

The Living Room Candidate

<http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/>

### **Psychology**

Teaching High School Psychology Blog

<http://teachinghighschoolpsychology.blogspot.com/>

American Psychological Association Teaching Resources

<http://psych.hanover.edu/APS/teaching.html>

Society for Teaching Psychology

<http://www.teachpsych.org/>

NIH- The Brain Lesson Plans

[http://science.education.nih.gov/supplements/nih2/addiction/guide/guide\\_lessons\\_toc.htm](http://science.education.nih.gov/supplements/nih2/addiction/guide/guide_lessons_toc.htm)

APA Links & Resources for Psychology Teachers

<http://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/topss/resources.aspx>

### **Sociology**

Resources for High School Sociology (ASA)

<http://www.asanet.org/introtosociology/home.html>

IntroSite Resources for High School Teachers

<http://www.asanet.org/teaching/HighSchool.cfm>

Teaching High School Sociology Blog

<http://teachinghighschoolsociology.blogspot.com/>