

## Checklist for Social Science Teaching Majors

(HIS-TL, SOS-GEG, 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. 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 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. Prepare an e-portfolio for submission during week 14 the semester prior to your student teaching. 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 2001 and CEPS courses)
  - ☐ Primary Source Analysis Paper & Reflective Page on Historical Thinking
  - ☐ Two Learning Segments (3-5 class periods each; completed as part of SOS 3400)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Receive positive recommendations from at least three faculty members in any social studies department (ANT, ECN, GEG, HIS, PLS, PSY, SOC, and SOS). The reference forms (available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~socsci/approval.php>) are due by week 14 the semester prior to your student teaching.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Pass the appropriate Content Area Test (GEG, HIS, PLS, PSY, or SOC) by mid-semester prior to student teaching.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Submit and receive a passing score on edTPA during student teaching.

