University of New Hampshire

SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Middle & Secondary Social Studies Certification in New Hampshire

Students pursuing secondary social studies certification (5-12) upon completion of the MAT or MED degree must:

a. Possess an undergraduate major in history or social science, or
b. Possess coursework equivalent to an undergraduate major in a history or social science (typically 40 credits or about 10 courses), or
c. Possess coursework in history, political science, geography, economics, and one of the behavioral sciences (anthropology, psychology, or sociology) totaling the credit-hour equivalent of a degree major (i.e., approximately 40 credits).

In addition, those certified must demonstrate coursework (at least one course) at the undergraduate or graduate level in:

- U.S. History
- European/Western History
- Non-Western History
- U.S. Government or Comparative Government
- Economics
- World Geography
- Anthropology or Psychology or Sociology
- Research Methods (in history or a social science)

Furthermore, to meet New Hampshire accreditation requirements for teacher preparation in social studies, program graduates must complete the set of courses listed in two of the four subject area below (OR demonstrate comparable performance through a portfolio document that may or may not include Praxis II test results):

- Geography-401: Regional Geography of the Western World; 402: Regional Geography of the Non-Western World; and, 581: Human Geography.

Several of the above course requirements can be satisfied by taking alternative courses. For information on alternative courses and any other questions regarding social studies certification, contact:

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** Any Education course taken for a teacher licensure requirement must be completed with a grade of B- or better. This applies to any courses from other departments that have been designated as equivalent to an Education course.