

MIDDLE-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES (4-8), BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (BSED)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

GPA must be 3.0 or higher for Teacher Candidacy.

A 3.0 GPA and passing subject area assessment (PECT) or a 2.8 GPA and a *qualifying* passing subject area assessment (PECT) score (as determined by PDE) is required for certification.

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
Rock Studies 2 Requirements		42
Other Basic Requirements		0-3
Major Requirements		76

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15

Integrated Inquiry

<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
HIST 180	Spotlight on the Past	3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
POLI 101	American National Government	3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15

Additional Rock Studies 2 Requirements (12 credits)

MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3

SPED 121	Overview of Special Education	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 151	Ancient World to the Age of Global Encounters	
HIST 152	Early Modern to Contemporary World	
Total Hours		42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major Requirements

- 40 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 40 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above
- All grades in Professional Education & Specialization must be grades of "C" or above.

Code	Title	Hours
Middle Level Education		
SEFE 200	Introduction to Education, Teaching Methods and Field	3
SEFE 230	Production and Utilization of Instructional Technology	3
or CIEL 245	Innovation and Instructional Technology	
SEFE 251	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas Grades 4-8	3
SEFE 300	Middle Level Cognitive Development	3
SEFE 326	ELL Strategies and Practice	3
or CIEL 326	Teaching Multi Language Learners	
Choose one of the following:		3
SEFE 335	Teaching Middle Level Social Studies	
SEFE 522	Teaching of Middle Level and Secondary Social Studies and the Engl Language Arts for the Humanities	
SEFE 338	Standards-Based Instruction & Assessment in the Inclusionary Classroom ¹	3
SEFE 342	Educational Psychology for Diverse Learners	3
SEFE 370	Educational Measurements, Assessment and Evaluation	3

or CIEL 316	Diagnostic, Formative, and Summative Assessment Strategies	
SEFE 380	History and Philosophy of Education	3
or CIEL 348	Educational Leadership, Advocacy & Program Development	
SEFE 426	Practicum in Middle-Level & Secondary Education	1
Select one of the following:		12
SEFE 456	Student Teaching - Middle Level Grades ^{1,2}	
CIEL 455	Student Teaching: Elementary or Secondary School ^{1,2}	
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education ³	3
SPED 315	Special Education Issues in Diverse Secondary Classrooms ²	3
Subtotal		49
Social Studies Certification Specialization		
HIST 180	Spotlight on the Past ³	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 151	Ancient World to the Age of Global Encounters ³	
HIST 152	Early Modern to Contemporary World ³	
HIST 435	Pennsylvania	3
POLI 101	American National Government ³	3
HIST 300/400 level		3
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Select two Social Studies courses from the following:		6
ECON 105	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
GES 105	World Regional Geography	
GES 170	Discover Geography	
INDP 106	Race and Ethnic Diversity in the USA	
INDP 104	Principles of Sociology	
INDP 108	Introduction to Anthropology	
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	
Select one History course from the following:		3
HIST 201	Colonial US to the Civil War Era	
HIST 202	US Civil War Era to Present	
Subtotal		27
Total Hours		76

¹ Course counts for Major requirements but not for Major GPA

² SPED 315 & SEFE 456 or CIEL 455 must be taken in the same semester.

³ Credits earned in these courses will be applied to Rock Studies 2.

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Grades 4-6 Core Content Areas

- To meet the English Language Arts 12 credit Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements, students must complete SEFE 251 – Teaching Reading in the Content Areas Grades 4-8 if they have not completed ENGL 102.

Code	Title	Hours
English/Language Arts		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing ¹	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading ¹	3
ENGL 305	Practicum: Teaching Writing	3
ENGL 328	Young Adult Literature	3
Math		
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I ¹	3
MATH 118	Elementary Geometry	3
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I ¹	3
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II ¹	3
Science		
SCI 101	Science of Life ¹	3
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World ¹	3
Select two of the following classes from different departments:		6
BIOL 101	General Biology	
BIOL 105	Environmental Biology	
BIOL 110	The Human Body: Fundamentals of Structure and Physiology	
BIOL 209	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 216	Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	
CHEM 104	Introduction Chemistry I	
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	
EVGE 100	Environmental Geology	
EVGE 101	Physical Geology	
EVGE 121	Meteorology/Lab	
PHYS 101	Concepts of Science I with Lab	
PHYS 201	Elements of Physics I with Lab	
PHYS 211	General Physics I with Lab	
Subtotal		36
Total Hours		36

¹ Credits earned in these courses will be applied to Rock Studies 2.

Prerequisites for Admission to Teacher Candidacy

- Teacher candidacy requires a minimum of 3.0 GPA with no basic skills or a 2.8 GPA with demonstration that basic skills have been met.

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Basic Courses		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
SEFE 200	Introduction to Education, Teaching Methods and Field	3
SEFE 230	Production and Utilization of Instructional Technology	3
or CIEL 245	Innovation and Instructional Technology	
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education	3
Math Requirement		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
MATH 113	Mathematics as a Liberal Art	
MATH 115	Financial Mathematics	

MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 118	Elementary Geometry	
MATH 120	Intermediate Algebra	
MATH 122	Finite Mathematics with Matrices	
MATH 123	Introduction to Applied Calculus	
MATH 125	Precalculus	
MATH 131	Discrete Mathematics	
MATH 225	Calculus I	
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	
Total Hours		21

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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