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

All candidates completing this program and student teaching are eligible to receive Pennsylvania certification after achieving a passing or qualifying score on Pennsylvania Department of Education required exam(s). If you are interested in teaching in another state, please contact the Department of Education in that state.

Related Links

Middle-Level Education - Social Studies, BSED Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/middle-level-education-social-studies/)

Secondary Education/Foundations of Education Department Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/coe/departments/secondary-education-/-foundations-of-education/)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/)

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
Computer Competency		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	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
Humanities Inquiry		
HIST 180	Spotlight on the Past	3
Social Science Inquiry		
POLS 101	American National Government	3
Natural Sciences Inquiry		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Physical Sciences Inquiry		
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**

Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
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 [1]	3
SEFE 230	Production and Utilization of Instructional Technology [1]	3
SEFE 251	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas Grades 4-8 [1]	3
SEFE 300	Middle Level Cognitive Development [1]	3
SEFE 326	ELL Strategies and Practice [1]	3
SEFE 335	Teaching Middle Level Social Studies [1]	3
SEFE 338	Standards-Based Instruction & Assessment in the Inclusionary Classroom [1]	3
SEFE 342	Educational Psychology for Diverse Learners [1]	3
SEFE 370	Educational Measurements, Assessment and Evaluation [1]	3
SEFE 380	History and Philosophy of Education [1]	3
SEFE 426	Practicum in Middle-Level & Secondary Education [1]	1
SEFE 456	Student Teaching - Middle Level Grades [1,2]	12
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education [1,3]	3
SPED 315	Special Education Issues in Diverse Secondary Classrooms [1,2]	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
POLS 101	American National Government [3]	3
HIST 300/400 level		3
HIST 300/400 level		3
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 201	Principles of Sociology	
INDP 202	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 50% of Major requirements but not for Major GPA
[2] SPED 315 & SEFE 456 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 104		
BIOL 105	Environmental Biology	
BIOL 216	Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	
CHEM 104	Introduction Chemistry I	
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	
EGEO 100	Environmental Geology	
EGEO 101	Physical Geology	
EGEO 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

Grades below a “C” are not admissible.

Code	Title	Hours
Basic Courses		
Select 6 of the following:		18
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education	
SEFE 230	Production and Utilization of Instructional Technology	
SEFE 326	ELL Strategies and Practice	
SEFE 370	Educational Measurements, Assessment and Evaluation	
Math Requirement for BS in Education		
Required prior to Admission to Teacher Candidacy		
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 118	Elementary Geometry	
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	3
Total Hours		**24**

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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Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FYRST Seminar *	1
HIST 180	Spotlight on the Past	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	3
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery [1]	3
Computer Competency Requirement [2]		0-3
	Hours	**16-19**
Spring		
SEFE 200	Introduction to Education, Teaching Methods and Field	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 118	Elementary Geometry	3
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
	Hours	**15**
Second Year		
Fall		
SEFE 230	Production and Utilization of Instructional Technology	3
POLS 101	American National Government	3
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education	3
BIO/CHEM/EGEO/PHYS Course 1		3
Social Studies Course Major		3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
SEFE 326	ELL Strategies and Practice	3
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 151	Ancient World to the Age of Global Encounters	
HIST 152	Early Modern to Contemporary World	
BIO/CHEM/EGEO/PHYS Course 2		3
Social Studies Certification Specialization Course		3
	Hours	**15**
Third Year		
Fall		
SEFE 370	Educational Measurements, Assessment and Evaluation	3
SEFE 380	History and Philosophy of Education	3
ENGL 328	Young Adult Literature	3
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
SEFE 300	Middle Level Cognitive Development	3
SEFE 342	Educational Psychology for Diverse Learners	3
ENGL 305	Practicum: Teaching Writing	3
Social Studies Certification Specialization Course		3
Social Studies Certification Specialization Course		3
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
SEFE 251	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas Grades 4-8	3
SEFE 335	Teaching Middle Level Social Studies	3
Social Studies Course Major		3
SEFE 338	Standards-Based Instruction & Assessment in the Inclusionary Classroom	3
SEFE 426	Practicum in Middle-Level & Secondary Education	1

Social Studies Certification Specialization Course		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
SEFE 456	Student Teaching - Middle Level Grades	12
SPED 315	Special Education Issues in Diverse Secondary Classrooms	3
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours**	**122-125**

[1] Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject
[2] Pass Computer Competency Exam or complete CPSC 100, CPSC 110, CPSC 130, or PE 202
* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

*** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.*

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