

Social Studies Endorsements Requirement Options July 2021

Thank you for your interest in adding a social studies endorsement to your Utah educator license.

Endorsement Types

There are two types of endorsements, an Associate Endorsement, and a Professional Endorsement.

If you have not completed all of the requirements of the Professional Endorsement, but have completed at least one third of the required course work, a major in the area, or have successfully passed a corresponding PRAXIS assessment, you will be eligible for an Associate Endorsement.

The Associate Endorsement will allow you to teach the social studies courses attached to the specific endorsement, and you will have three years to complete any additional requirements necessary to earn the Professional Endorsement.

Social Studies Endorsements

Social studies is a multi-disciplinary teaching area. There are stand-alone endorsements in history, geography, political science, psychology, economics, sociology, and anthropology. In addition, there is a social studies composite endorsement which allows teachers to teach any course in the social studies disciplines.

Pathways to Meet Requirements

There are multiple pathways to meet endorsement requirements, including:

- Post-Secondary Coursework at an Institution of Higher Education
- The Successful Passing of PRAXIS assessments, when applicable
- Completion of Microcredentials, when applicable
- Completion of National Board Certification, when applicable

This document lists the pathways for each endorsement area and can serve as a checklist.

Social Studies Composite Endorsement

Composite Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

Composite Requirement Area 2: United States and World History

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
U.S. History 1			
U.S. History 2			
World History 1			
World History 2			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of U.S. historical knowledge
- Demonstration of application of world historical knowledge

History Content Knowledge PRAXIS

Composite Requirement Area 3: Utah History

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Utah History			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of Utah history knowledge

Composite Requirement Area 4: Human and Physical Geography

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Human Geography			
Physical Geography			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of Human and Physical Geography knowledge

Geography PRAXIS

Composite Requirement Area 5: Utah Geography

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Utah Geography			

Microcredentials

- Demonstration of application of Utah Geography knowledge

Composite Requirement Area 6: Political Science

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Political Science			
American/ U.S. National Government			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of political science knowledge

History Content Knowledge PRAXIS

Composite Requirement Area 7: Economics

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
U.S. Economic History			
Economics as a Social Science			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of economics knowledge

Composite Requirement Area 8: Psychology

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Psychology			
Sports Psychology or Positive Psychology			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of psychology knowledge

Psychology PRAXIS (for Intro requirement)

Composite Requirement Area 9: Sociology

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Sociology			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of sociology knowledge

Sociology PRAXIS

Composite Requirement Area 10: Anthropology

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Cultural Anthropology or Archaeology			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of anthropology knowledge

History Endorsement

History Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

History Requirement Area 2: United States and World History

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
U.S. History 1			
U.S. History 2			
World History 1			
World History 2			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of historical knowledge

History Content Knowledge PRAXIS

History Requirement Area 3: Utah History, Historiography, Traditionally Underrepresented

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Utah History			
Historiography/ Historical Methodology			
History of Traditionally Underrepresented Communities			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of Utah history knowledge
- Demonstration of application of historiography
- Demonstration of application of knowledge of history of traditionally underrepresented community

Geography Endorsement

Geography Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials

- Social Studies Methods

Geography Requirement Area 2: Human and Physical Geography

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Human Geography			
Physical Geography			

Microcredentials

- Demonstration of application of Human and Physical Geography knowledge

Geography PRAXIS

Composite Requirement Area 3: Utah Geography, GIS

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Utah Geography			
Introduction to GIS			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of Utah Geography knowledge
- Demonstration of application of GIS knowledge

ARC/GIS Certification

Political Science Endorsement

Political Science Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

Political Science Requirement Area 2: Political Science Intro, U.S.

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Political Science			
American/ U.S. National Government			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of political science knowledge

Political Science Content Knowledge PRAXIS

Political Science Requirement Area 3: Comparative, Theory

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Comparative Politics			
Introduction to Political Theory			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of comparative political science knowledge
- Demonstration of application of political theory knowledge

Economics Endorsement

Economics Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

Economics Requirement Area 2: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Code	Course Name
Microeconomics			
Macroeconomics			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of microeconomics knowledge
- Demonstration of application of macroeconomics knowledge

Economics Content Knowledge PRAXIS

Economics Requirement Area 3: Economic History, Social Science

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
U.S. Economic History			
Economics as a Social Science			

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Demonstration of application of economic history knowledge
- Demonstration of application of economics as a social science knowledge

Psychology Endorsement

Psychology Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

Psychology Requirement Area 2: Intro to Psychology

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Psychology			
Sports Psychology or Positive Psychology			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of psychology knowledge

Psychology PRAXIS

Psychology Requirement Area 3: Psychology

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Sports Psychology or Positive Psychology			
Educational Psychology or Developmental Psychology			
Psychological Research Methods			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of sports psychology or positive psychology knowledge
- Demonstration of application of educational psychology or developmental psychology knowledge
- Demonstration of application of psychological research knowledge

Sociology Endorsement

Sociology Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

Sociology Requirement Area 2: Sociology Intro, Problems

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Introduction to Sociology			
Social Problems			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of sociology knowledge

Sociology PRAXIS

Sociology Requirement Area 3: Gender, Marriage and Family, Race and Ethnicity

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Marriage and Family or Sociology of Gender			
Race and Ethnic Relations			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of the sociology of gender and/or marriage and family
- Demonstration of application of the sociology of race and ethnicity

Anthropology Endorsement

Composite Requirement Area 1: Social Studies Methods

University Courses

- Any upper division undergraduate or graduate level 3-credit course that focuses on social studies methods. Every endorsement requires a social studies methods course or its equivalent. The methods course combines theory with practice, providing opportunities to develop effective teaching strategies, including integrated approaches to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the central role of inquiry.

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Social Studies Methods			

National Board Certification in Social Studies Area

Microcredentials (Under Development)

- Social Studies Methods Microcredential

Anthropology Requirement Area 2: Anthropology

University Courses

Requirement	Institution of Higher Education	Course Number	Course Name
Cultural Anthropology			
Archaeology			
Biological Anthropology			
World Prehistory			

Microcredentials (Under development)

- Demonstration of application of cultural anthropology knowledge
- Demonstration of application of archaeology knowledge
- Demonstration of application of biological anthropology knowledge
- Demonstration of application of world prehistory knowledge