West Chester University B.A. in History with Elective Social Studies Teacher Certification through the Honors College Advisement Sheet

Effective for students entering Spring '26 and later.

Indicate all the courses you have taken at WCU or transferred for credit. For completed courses, also list the grades. Mark an asterisk (*) beside courses you are currently taking.

Students must maintain a grade of "C" in all HIS courses both required and elective.

I. HISTORY CORE (15 credits)

Five courses (15 credits) comprising 1 approved lower-level course in World History, 1 approved lower-level course in U.S. history, 2 other approved lower-level courses, and HIS 300.

A. World History (3 credits)

Select one course from the following:

HIS 100____ (Contemporary Global History)
HIS 101 ____ (History of Civilization I)
HIS 102 ____ (History of Civilization: Power, Identity, and Culture in the Modern World)

B. U.S. History (3 credits)

Select one course from the following:

HIS 150 ___ (The American Experience)
HIS 151 ___ (History of the United States I)
HIS 152 ___ (History of the United States II)

C. Lower-Level Electives (6 credits)

Select two courses from the following:

HIS 100 ___ (Contemporary Global History)
HIS 101 ___ (History of Civilization I)
HIS 102 ___ (History of Civilization: Power, Identity, and Culture in the Modern World)
HIS 150 ___ (The American Experience)
HIS 151 ___ (History of the United States I)
HIS 152 ___ (History of the United States II)
HIS 200 ___ (Making History: Controversies in History)
HIS 214 ___ (Do No Harm? The Pursuit of Justice in the History of Medicine)
HIS 215 ___ (Introduction to the History of Science)
HIS 221 ___ (The Medieval Middle East)
HIS 222 ___ (The Modern Middle East)
HIS 224 ___ (Reform and Revolution in Imperial Russia)

D. Required Course (3 credits)

HIS 300 ___ (Varieties of History)

E. Historical Focus Area (21 credits)

Students choose one 300/400-level course from each of the geographic regions of U.S., European, and World/Regional history, and 4 thematically related 300/400-level courses independent of geographic region, chosen with approval from advisor.

U.S. History (1)
European History (1)
World/Regional History (1)
Thematic Focus-Area (4)

NOTE:
See the next page for specific courses.

F. Capstone Requirement (3 credits)

HIS 400 ___ (Research Seminar in History)

II. Social Studies Disciplinary Content Courses

The 5 Behavioral Science Courses required of History Teacher Cert Candidates (PSY 100, PSC 100, ECO 111 OR 112, GEO 101 OR 103, and SOC 100 OR ANT 102) are incorporated within completion of the Honors Core and B.A.

III. REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES (32 credit hours)

(Reminder: EDF 300 and ENG/LAN 382 are met within completion of Honors Core, specifically HON 312 and HON 322. Students take EITHER HON 312 (in place of EDF 300) OR HON 322 (in place of LAN/ENG 382.)

EDA 103 ____ (Spec. Ed. Found.)
EDA 303 ____ (Process/Procedures)
EDP 280 ____ (Dev. Psych)
EDR 347 ____ (Inclusion)
ERM 355 ___ (Assessment)
EDF 300___ (Democracy and Education)
OR
LAN/ENG 382___ (Teaching English Language Learners PK-12)
SED 100 ___ (Secondary Exploration)
SED 200 ___ (Environ & Field)
SED 300 ___ (Teaching & Tech)
SED 331___ (Teaching Soc. Studies)
SED 411 _____ (Student Teaching)
SED 412 _____ (Student Teaching)

VII. ADDITIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

HON 212, 313, and 352 counts for the WRT, LIT, and one MAT course necessary for teacher candidacy. Taking a second MAT course (as listed in the Honors Core) will complete the Teacher Candidacy requirement.

III. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (0-15 credits.)

Demonstrating language proficiency through the intermediate level (202)

IV. HONORS COLLEGE CORE SEQUENCE for GEN ED (27 credits)

HON 100 _____ (Self Awareness)
HON 211 _____ (Public Discourse)
HON 212 _____ (Ethics & Technology)
HON 310 _____ (Community Change)
HON 311 _____ (Stewardship/Civic Responsibility)
HON 312 _____ (Educational Systems)*
or
HON 322 _____ (Leader. With ELLs)**
HON 313 _____ (Public Opinion)
HON 314 _____ (Environ. Systems)
HON 315 _____ (Community & Arts)
SCIENCE ____ __x___
MAT ___ __x___

NOTES: Particularly for teacher cert:
*Meets requirement for EDF 300
**Meets requirements of LAN/ENG 382

V. ADDITIONAL HONORS COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (9 credits)

A) Two HON seminars at the 320 level or above (except 322). For Teacher Candidacy Purposes, one must be HON 352.

HON 352 _____
HON _____ _____

B) Capstone Project^

HON 490 _____

^NOTE: ***Enrollment upon core completion***: ideally 6th or 7th semester.

VI. DIRECTED ELECTIVES

Take enough directed electives to complete 120 credits. The actual number of electives required will vary depending upon (among other things) the option to complete a minor(s) and the number of courses the student must take to complete the foreign language requirement.

Bring this sheet with you whenever you meet with your advisor about scheduling or course planning!

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Historical Focus Areas

A. United States History Courses

HIS 313 ___ (Eugenics and the University: The History of Higher Education's "War on the Weak")
HIS 329 ___ (Gender and Peace)
HIS 343 ___ (Colonial America)
HIS 344 ___ (History of Pennsylvania)
HIS 352 ___ (Modern American Military History)
HIS 356 ___ (U.S. Environmental History)
HIS 357 ___ (Diplomatic History of the United States)
HIS 362 ___ (Violence in America)
HIS 364 ___ (U.S. Urban History)
HIS 365 ___ (American Popular Culture in the 20th Century)
HIS 366 ___ (The Turbulent Sixties)
HIS 367 ___ (American Material Culture)
HIS 368 ___ (Gay America)
HIS 369 ___ (American West)
HIS 370 ___ (American Indians)
HIS 373 ___ (African-American History)
HIS 376 ___ (American History at the Movies)
HIS 378 ___ (Revolutionary America)
HIS 380 ___ (History of U.S. Involvement in the Middle East)
HIS 390 ___ (History on the Web)
HIS 393 ___ (Reproduction and Reproductive Rights in the United States from 1700 to the Present)
HIS 399 ___ (Topics in U.S. History)
HIS 410 ___ (Independent Study in History)
HIS 413 ___ (Nuclear War: The History of Fighting, Filming, Surviving, or Preventing One)
HIS 418 ___ (Global History of Slavery)
HIS 440 ___ (American Jewish History)
HIS 444 ___ (History of American Education)
HIS 450 ___ (Internship in History)
HIS 451 ___(Women and Gender in American History)
HIS 458 ___ (History of The Cold War)
HIS 460 ___ (Field Studies in History)
HIS 480 ___ (Digital History)

B. European History Courses

HIS 318 ___ (The Ancient World)
HIS 319 ___ (Medieval Europe)
HIS 320 ___ (Renaissance and Reformation)
HIS 323 ___ (Austrian Civilization)
HIS 324 ___ (Race & Nation in the Russian Empire)
HIS 328 ___ (The French Revolution and Napoleon)
HIS 329 ___ (Gender and Peace)
HIS 331 ___ (20th Century Europe)
HIS 332 ___ (The Holocaust)
HIS 390 ___ (History on the Web)
HIS 398 ___ (Topics in European History)
HIS 410 ___ (Independent Study in History)
HIS 413 ___ (Nuclear War: The History of Fighting, Filming, Surviving, or Preventing One)
HIS 418 ___ (Global History of Slavery)
HIS 421 ___ (History of England to 1688)
HIS 422 ___ (History of England Since 1688)
HIS 423 ___ (Modern Germany)
HIS 424 ___ (World of Communism)
HIS 425 ___ (Twentieth-Century Russia)
HIS 427 ___ (Modern France: 1789 To Present)
HIS 434 ___ (19th Century Europe)
HIS 450 ___ (Internship in History)
HIS 458 ___ (History of The Cold War)
HIS 460 ___ (Field Studies in History)
HIS 480 ___ (Digital History)

C. World/Regional Courses

HIS 302 ___ (Modern India)
HIS 305 ___ (Modern China)
HIS 306 ___ (Chinese Civilization)
HIS 308 ___ (Introduction to the Islamic World)
HIS 311 ___ (History of Africa to 1875)
HIS 312 ___ (History of Africa Since 1875)
HIS 314 ___ (Latin American Women's History)
HIS 315 ___ (Colonial Latin America)
HIS 316 ___ (Modern Latin America)
HIS 317 ___ (History of Mexico)
HIS 318 ___ (The Ancient World)
HIS 349 ___ (The Jew in History)
HIS 375 ___ (A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict)
HIS 380 ___ (History of U.S. Involvement in the Middle East)
HIS 381 ___ (The Forgotten Queens of Islam)
HIS 390 ___ (History on the Web)
HIS 397 ___ (Topics in World History)
HIS 407 ___ (History of Brazil)
HIS 410 ___ (Independent Study in History)
HIS 418 ___ (Global History of Slavery)
HIS 424 ___ (World of Communism)
HIS 450 ___ (Internship in History)
HIS 458 ___ (History of The Cold War)
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