Required Coursework for Secondary Education Social Studies Certification (grades 7-12)

**HIS 101 Western Civilization I: Antiquity to the Renaissance (3 cr):**
This course covers the ancient, medieval, and early modern periods, and looks at the evolution and development of Western Civilization from the Fertile Crescent through the Greeks and Romans, and onward to feudalism and the Renaissance.

**HIS 102 Western Civilization II: Reformation to the Cold War (3 cr):**
This course looks at the development of Western Civilization during the Reformation, the age of Revolutions, the era of European empires, and the 20th century.

**HIS 112 The Study of American History (3 cr):**
Introduces student to the chronology of American history, a broad selection of key documents, appropriate secondary reading materials, and descriptions of selected key events in the evolution of American history.

**HIS 240 Topics in Global History (3 cr):**
The study of non-Western culture and history. Potential topics include: East Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African histories. This course fulfills the human diversity graduation requirement. Course may be repeated for credit with different topics.

**HIS 300 Colonial America (3 cr):**
Traces Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-French struggles for control of North America, the transplanting of European peoples and institutions to the original 13 British colonies, and development of those 13 colonies into semi-independent states before 1763. Prerequisite: HIS 112 or junior-level standing.

**HIS 303 20th Century World History (3 cr):**
This course covers world history in the 20th century, focusing on major changes from the end of World War I to the present.

**HIS 307 Greco-Roman Civilization (3 cr):**
Covers the growth of the classical civilizations of the West, from the Minoan/Mycenaean civilization through the rise of Greece, the transformation of Greek civilization into the Hellenistic civilizations, and the triumph and decline of Rome. Prerequisite: HIS 121 or junior-level standing.

**HIS 308 American Revolution and Constitution (3 cr):**
Examines late colonial era including causes of the Revolutionary War, emergence of the United States under the Articles of Confederation, and special emphasis on origins and ratification of the Constitution. Prerequisite: HIS 112 or junior-level standing.

**HIS 319 Late Antiquity and Early Medieval (3 cr):**
Traces fusion of classical civilization, Christianity and German tribes into the first Europe. Emphasizes understanding transition from the Ancient World to birth of European civilization of the High Middle Ages. Prerequisite: HIS 121 or junior-level standing.
HIS 323 The High and Late Middle Ages (3 cr):
The High Middle Ages was the burst of development, which formed Western European civilization. It was followed by a partial collapse known as the Late Middle Ages, which served as the transition to the Renaissance and to modern Europe. Traces this coalescing of Western European civilization and the period of collapse. Prerequisite: HIS 121 or junior-level standing.

HIS 322 Early National and Jeffersonian America (3 cr):
Follows development of American society and culture as Americans sought to define precisely what their revolution had won for them and what an “American” was. Traces Federalist, and Jeffersonian periods and the emergence of the Jacksonian age. Prerequisites: HIS 112 or junior level standing.

HIS 337 Early Modern Europe (3 cr):
From the Renaissance to the Elizabethan Age to the court of Louis XIV, this course follows fragmenting of the medieval world and emergence, through upheaval, of new religious, political and intellectual styles. Prerequisite: HIS 121 or junior-level standing.

HIS 344 The Era of the Civil War (3 cr):
Covers the development of the sectional crisis from the Compromise of 1850, through the crisis of the 1850s, to the Civil War itself, and to the passing of Reconstruction. Course ends with the disputed election of Hayes and the North’s abandonment of Reconstruction. Prerequisite: HIS 112 or junior-level standing.

HIS 349 The Age of Revolutions (1610-1815) (3 cr):
Traces political, intellectual, and socio-economic upheavals associated with such figures as Galileo, Newton, Cromwell, Louis XIV, Locke, Montesquieu, Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Adam Smith, Voltaire, Robespierre and Napoleon. Concentrates on interplay of individuals and trends. Prerequisite: HIS 121 or junior-level standing.

HIS 352 America’s Industrial Revolution and the Age of Reform (3 cr):
Examines America’s Industrial Revolution, westward expansion, immigration, urbanization, and attempts to control rapid change through reform. Also covers America’s growing involvement in world affairs through World War I and the Versailles Treaty. Prerequisite: HIS 112 or junior-level standing.

HIS 353 The European Century (1763-1914) (3 cr):
Follows Western European civilization as it approached its apogee and spread across the world. Focuses on European civilization as it developed its mature forms of political, intellectual, and socio-economic thought. Prerequisite: HIS 121 or junior-level standing.

HIS 364 America’s Trial: The Depression through the Korean War (3 cr):
America’s Trial: The Depression through the Korean War Studies 24 years that covered Great Depression, New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, and the Korean War, and how these years affected American institutions. Examines upheavals of the “Jazz Age” and the 1920s. Prerequisite: HIS 112 or junior-level standing.
**POS 101 Introduction to Political Science (3 cr):**
Introduction to politics and political theory; presentation of general information about various political systems. Focus is on the central question in politics—the quest for justice in society.

**POS 111 American Democratic Government (3 cr)**
Description and analysis of the basic institutions and political process of the American federal government.

**POS 212 Comparative Politics (3 cr):**
Examination of governmental systems and politics around the world in a comparative view. Focus is on the importance and role of institutions in determining policy outcomes.

**POS 225 Contemporary World Affairs (3 cr):**
Study of contemporary issues in international relations and foreign policy. Focus is on international relations since 1945, current events, and significant international crises. Exposure to basic theories of international relations. Other topics include international law and organizations, international economics, and war and peace.

**POS 331 Constitutional Law (3 cr):**
Introduction to U.S. Constitution and major cases that have come before Supreme Court. Helps the student understand the role of the Constitution in the economy as well as its role as protector of the rights and liberties of the people of the United States. Course examines dynamic character of Constitutional interpretation in our nation’s history.

**POS 424 History of Political Thought (3 cr):**
Focuses on the enduring questions of politics—what is justice and how can we attain it for ourselves and our societies? What is the proper relationship of the individual to the state? This course is an in-depth study of political thought through the ages, requiring direct text readings and critical analysis of the ideas that have shaped political theory. Cross-listed with PHI 420.

**POS 425 Research Seminar (3 cr):**
Intensive study in research methodology. Student work culminates in a major research paper.

**PHI 420 Social and Political Philosophy (3 cr):**
Readings from major historical sources in social and political philosophy. Focus on issues such as the grounds of political obligation, nature of justice, and relation between freedom and human rights. Cross-listed with POS 424.

**ECON 110 Current Economic Issues (3 cr):**
The class is designed to use basic economic theory and demonstrate how it is applied to current real-world public policy decisions, and how the outcomes have immediate and personal impact.