

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN EDUCATION, 4-8 SOCIAL STUDIES

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, major in Education, 4-8 Social Studies</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum</b> ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) <sup>2</sup>		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) <sup>3</sup>		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) <sup>4</sup>		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) <sup>5</sup>		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) <sup>6,7</sup>		4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
BIOL 1408	Contemporary Biology <sup>2</sup>	4
ECON 1100	Economics of Social Problems <sup>7</sup>	1
ENGL 2332	World Literature I: Before the 17th Century <sup>3</sup>	3
or ENGL 2333	World Literature II: From the 17th Century and After	
GEOG 1300	People, Places, and the Environment <sup>5</sup>	3
MATH 1384	Introduction to Foundations of Mathematics I <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Major: Foundation</b>		
BESL 3301	Second Language Acquisition <sup>8</sup>	3
CIME 2313	Teaching as a Profession	3
CIME 3327	Integrating Technology in the Middle Grades	3
CIME 3374	Human Growth & Learning	3
CIME 3375	The Middle Level Child	3
CIME 3385	The Middle Grades Classroom	3
ECON 2301	Principles Of Macroeconomics	3
EDUC 1101	Educator Preparation	1
GEOG 3359	Regional Geography: the United States and Canada	3
GEOG 4358	Geography of Texas	3
HSTY 2311	World History to 1500	3
HSTY 2312	World History Since 1500	3
HSTY 3384	Texas History	3
MATH 1385	Introduction to Foundations of Mathematics II	3
MATH 3381	Introduction to Foundations of Mathematics III	3
SPED 2301	Introduction to Exceptionality	3
<b>Major: Required</b>		
<b>Field Experience I</b>		
SPED 3301	Learning and Instruction for Children with Disabilities	3
TESL 3313	English Second Language Methodology I <sup>8,9</sup>	3
<b>Field Experience II</b>		
READ 3373	Content Area Reading in the Middle Grades	3
READ 3374	Vocabulary and Word Study in the Middle Grades	3
<b>YCT Semester I</b>		
CIME 3376	Curriculum and Assessment For Middle Grades	3

CIME 4336	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle Grades	3
CIME 4391 or CIEE 4391	Student Teaching in the Middle Grades Student Teaching Elementary School	3
READ 4311	Critical Inquiry & Thinking in Middle Grades	3
<b>YCT Semester II</b>		
CIME 4392 or CIEE 4392	Student Teaching in the Middle Grades Student Teaching Elementary School	3
EDUC 4301	Teacher Education Capstone	3
TESL 4314	English Second Language Methodology II <sup>9</sup>	3
<b>Minor: Not Required</b> <sup>10,11</sup>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

- <sup>1</sup> MATH 1384 satisfies the requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and the major.
- <sup>2</sup> To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science), BIOL 1408 and BIOL 1436 are suggested.
- <sup>3</sup> ENGL 2332 or ENGL 2333 satisfies the requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and the major.
- <sup>4</sup> To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area V (Creative Arts), CAMX 2301 is suggested.
- <sup>5</sup> GEOG 1300 satisfies the requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and the major.
- <sup>6</sup> To satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option), COMS 2382 is suggested.
- <sup>7</sup> ECON 1100 satisfies one hour of the requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option) and the major.
- <sup>8</sup> BESL 3301 is a prerequisite for TESL 3313.
- <sup>9</sup> TESL 3313 is a prerequisite for TESL 4314.
- <sup>10</sup> A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so additional semester credits hours may be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.
- <sup>11</sup> All minors can be paired with this degree program.

### Notes

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Field Experience in public schools is required for many CIEE, CIME, ECHE, READ, SPED, and TESL classes.

Full admission to the Educator Preparation program and CIME 2313, CIME 3374, and SPED 2301 are required prior to enrollment in Field Experience I.

BESL 3301 is required prior to enrollment in Field Experience I.

CIME 3385 is required prior to enrollment in YCT Semester I.

4-8 teaching candidates are now eligible to add a Minor in Special Education. This degree minor provides a pathway for College of Education students majoring in grades 4-8 certification tracks or the grades 7-12 certification tracks to also graduate with a teaching certification in the area of special education. The course requirements are available by clicking here (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/special-education-minor/>).

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### First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area I ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai</a> )		3 Component Area I ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai</a> )	3

Component Area III ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	4	Component Area VI ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi</a> )	3
Component Area V ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3	Component Area IX ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> ) <sup>5</sup>	3
Component Area VI ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi</a> )	3	GEOG 1300 <sup>6</sup>	3
ECON 1100 <sup>3</sup>	1	MATH 1385	3
MATH 1384 <sup>4</sup>	3	POLS 2305 <sup>7</sup>	3
	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
BIOL 1408 <sup>1</sup>		4 BESL 3301 <sup>9</sup>	3
CIME 2313		3 CIME 3374	3
EDUC 1101		1 HSTY 2312	3
ENGL 2332 or 2333 <sup>8</sup>		3 MATH 3381	3
HSTY 2311		3 SPED 2301 <sup>10</sup>	3
POLS 2306 <sup>7</sup>		3	
	<b>17</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
CIME 3327		3 ECON 2301	3
CIME 3385		3 GEOG 3359	3
HSTY 3384		3 GEOG 4358	3
SPED 3301 <sup>10</sup>		3 READ 3373	3
TESL 3313 <sup>9,11</sup>		3 READ 3374	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
CIME 3375		3 CIME 4392	3
CIME 3376		3 EDUC 4301	3
CIME 4336		3 TESL 4314 <sup>11</sup>	3
CIME 4391		3	
READ 4311		3	
	<b>15</b>		<b>9</b>

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- <sup>7</sup> Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- <sup>8</sup> ENGL 2332 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=ENGL%202332>) OR ENGL 2333 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=ENGL%202333>) satisfies the requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and the major.
- <sup>9</sup> BESL 3301 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=BESL%203301>) is a prerequisite for TESL (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=TESL%203303>) 3313. (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/tesl/>)

<sup>10</sup> SPED 2301 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%202301>) is a prerequisite for SPED 3301 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%203301>).

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The BS, Major in Education, 4-8 Social Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Prepared to teach social studies content necessary for 4 - 8 certification.
- Prepared to implement evidence-based methods of teaching and learning.
- Fully qualified to teach in Texas public schools.