University Requirements

- Lower division university core requirements or (for transfer students) general education requirements
- CLAS requirement
- A minimum of 120 credit hours in acceptable coursework is required.
- The final 30 credits must be taken at FIU (with exceptions requiring the approval of the Dean’s office)
- GPA 2.0 or higher

College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

- A minimum of 48 credit hours of upper division courses
- A minimum of 9 credit hours of upper division courses outside the Department of GSS
- A grade of “C” or higher in each major course
- Foreign language: equivalent of a second semester sequence course or one more advanced.

CURRICULUM FOR THE BA IN GEOGRAPHY WITH A SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION MAJOR

Requirements for Admission into this Major:
1. Completion of 60 credit hours (AA degree) where all the general education requirements are met
2. 2.5 GPA
3. Completion of the CLAS
4. The following UCC courses are recommended:
   a. Humanities with Writing: WHO 20001-World Civilization
   b. Life Sciences: EVR 3013 and EVR 3013-L – Ecology of South Florida
   c. Physical Sciences: EVR 1001 and EVR 1001-L – Introduction to Environmental Science
   d. Arts: ARH 2050-Art History I
   e. POS 2042-American Government

Common Pre-requisites (12 credits)

- Two 2000 level GEO prefix courses: GEO 2000-Introduction to Geography (offered in GSS) and GEO 2200-Physical Geography (offered in Earth & Environmental Studies) are recommended. [GEO 2200 can be substituted with an upper level GEO course with the approval of a GSS Advisor in writing]

Geography Coursework: 30 credit hours (10 courses)

One of the following: GEO 3421-Cultural Geography
GEO 3471-Political Geography
GEO 3502-Economic Geography
GIS 3048-Applications of GIS
SYA 3300-Research Methods
SYA 4011-Social Theory
Three Upper-Division GEO courses (at least ONE at the 4000 level) GEO 3_____________________
GEO 3_____________________
GEO 4_____________________

One Upper-Division GEA courses: GEA ______________________

One Upper-Division Anthropology (ANT) ______________________
One Upper-Division Sociology (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP) course ______________________

**Education Coursework:** 30 credit hours (10 courses)

EDP 3004-Educational Psychology ______________________
RED 4325-Subject Area Reading ______________________
SSE 3346-Social Science Content & Pedagogy ______________________
SSE 4380-Developing a Global Perspective ______________________
SSE 4383-Perspectives in Social Science Education ______________________
SSE 4384-Special Teaching Laboratory English ______________________
SSE 4942-Student Teaching (9 credits) ______________________

TSL 4324-TESOL Issues & Strategies for Content Area Teachers ______________________

**Additional Graduation Requirements:** All Majors are required to meet the following requirements before they can graduate from this Teacher Education Program:

1. **Have an overall GPA of 2.5**
2. Successfully demonstrate all the Florida Educator Accomplish Practices – Pre-professional level.
3. Earn **passing scores on the three (3) tests that make up** the Florida Certification Exam.