Geography with a Social Studies Education Major Requirements
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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**

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 (9 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]**

- **GEA 2000-World Regional Geography**

Geography Coursework: 30 credit hours (10 courses)

One of the following: GEO 3421-Cultural Geography
GEO 3471-Political Geography
GEO 3502-Economic Geography

**SYA 3300-Research Methods**
GEO 4xxx-Senior Geography Capstone Seminar

Three Upper-Division GEO courses (at least ONE at the 4000 level)
GEO 3
GEO 3
GEO 4

Two Upper-Division GEA courses:
GEA
GEA

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

One Elective (GIS course recommended)
**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.