



## **ED.M. IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION WITH INITIAL CERTIFICATION: SOCIAL STUDIES K-12 TEACHING (TWO-YEAR MASTER'S)**

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*Students who complete this program successfully will receive an Ed.M. in Social Studies Education from the GSE as well as a nomination to the New Jersey Department of Education for a **Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) in Social Studies (K-12)***

**I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Ed.M. in Social Studies education with initial certification is designed for individuals who have completed a bachelor's degree, 30 credits in an approved social science or a closely related discipline, and wish to become highly qualified social studies teachers. Students in this program must complete the required general education and social science coursework. Once admitted to the program, students enter a professional education sequence to prepare them as teachers of social studies.

Upon completion of program requirements, students earn an Ed.M. in Social Studies Education and the GSE will make a nomination to the New Jersey Department of Education on behalf of the student to receive a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) in Teacher of Social Studies (K-12).

The Ed.M. in Social Studies education with initial certification offers a range of foundational and specialized topics in social studies education using a cohort model. Students develop a comprehensive, empirically motivated understanding of social studies education through coursework and curriculum analysis that challenge them to think critically about individual student experiences and identities, and their effect on classroom learning and student development. Students explore topics including the anthropology of education, gender and education, civic learning, the history and philosophy of education, and race, ethnicity, and equity in education, among others. This program is well suited to students with career interests in teaching, curriculum, and educational research at the elementary, secondary, and college levels.

In alignment with the GSE's mission, all teacher preparation programs and courses are designed to prepare teacher candidates to be culturally responsive practitioners and effectively teach diverse learners by fostering a deep understanding of students from historically underserved linguistic, economic, and cultural backgrounds and communities. Pedagogy courses aimed at meeting the specific learning needs of middle and high school students, along with carefully crafted internships under the guidance of experienced teachers and expert faculty providing feedback, ensure that candidates are well-prepared as teachers to advance equity and excellence in their content area.

**II. SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALIZATION:** Students must complete 30 credits, with 12 at the 300 level or above, in one of the social studies' subject areas: history (including one course in world history and one in US history), civics/political science, sociology, geography, anthropology, economics.

Students who complete the required 30 credits in civics/political science, sociology, geography, anthropology, economics, must complete an additional 15 credits in history including one course in world history and one in US history.

Students who complete the 30 credits outside the social studies' subject areas, must complete an additional 30 credits in history with 12 at the 300 level or above, including one course in world history and one in US history.

**III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide the following before the application deadline:

1. Personal statement
2. One letter of recommendation
3. Official undergraduate transcripts - the New Jersey Department of Education requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be admitted to a teacher education program.

(NOTE: Praxis Core, SAT, GRE, ACT or other basic skills exams are no longer required as of January 1, 2025. Admission to the GSE Teacher Education Programs is competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements above does not guarantee admission.)

**IV. HOW TO APPLY:** Applications are submitted online at the Graduate Admissions website:

<https://newbrunswickgrad.rutgers.edu/>

1. Click on "Create Account or Login" and follow the instructions given.
2. Under "Start an application today!", click **Apply Now**  
Application Selection
3. For "Level of Application", select **Graduate**
4. For "Applicant Type", select **Degree**
5. Continue filling out the application, following the on-screen instructions.  
Program of Study
6. Under "Program Information", make sure **Degree** is selected for "Applicant Type"
7. For "Degree Type", select **Master's (e.g. MA, MS, EdM, MFA)**
8. For "Area of Study", select **Education**
9. For "Location/Instructional Method", select **New Brunswick**
10. For "Program Selection", select **Education – Social Studies – Certification (EDM) New Brunswick**
11. For "Term", select the summer semester after your May undergraduate graduation date.
12. Complete the rest of the application by providing the requested information.
13. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
14. Submit your application.

**V. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Students must complete coursework in each of the following areas by completion of the program; fulfillment of these courses is not required for admission into the program.

General Education Requirements	
<b>1. Educational Technology: one course</b>	
05:300:350	Education and Computers <b>or</b>
15:255:503	Introduction to Teaching with Digital Tools
<b>2. Human Development: one course</b>	
05:300:306	Educational Psychology: Principles of Classroom Learning <b>or</b>
05:300:307	Human Development: Birth Through the Transition to Adulthood

**VI. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (3 credits, take in Phase 1 or 2)**

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
15:255:568 <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Teaching in Urban Schools & Communities <sup>1</sup>	3.0

**VII. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
<b>Phase 1 Summer (0 credits)</b>		
n/a	Working with Minors	0
n/a	School Law	0
<b>Phase 1 Fall 1 (7 credits)</b>		
15:255:530	Clinical Experience Phase 1	1.0
15:253:512	Teaching Emerging Bilinguals in PK-12 Classrooms	3.0
15:257:560	Introduction to Social Studies Education	3.0
<b>Phase 2 Spring 1 (9 credits)</b>		
15:255:531	Clinical Practice Phase 2	3.0
15:293:534	Classroom Organization for Inclusive and Special Classrooms	3.0
05:300:472 <sup>G</sup>	Materials & Methods in Social Studies Education	3.0
<b>Phase 3 Summer 2 (3 credits)</b>		
15:257:561	Analysis of Social Studies Curricula	3.0
<b>Phase 3 Fall 2 (12 credits)</b>		
15:255:535	Clinical Practice Phase 3	9.0
15:255:532	Clinical Practice Phase 3 Seminar	3.0
<b>Phase 4 Spring 2 (9 credits)</b>		
15:255:539 <b>or</b> 15:253:522 <b>or</b> 15:253:523 <b>or</b> 15:253:539 <b>or</b> 15:293:539 <b>or</b> 05:300:406 <sup>G</sup>	Students, Communities, and Social Justice <b>or</b> Bilingual-Bicultural Education <b>or</b> Language and Culture <b>or</b> Methods of Teaching and Assessing English Language Learners (TELL) <b>or</b> Students with Disabilities, Schools, and Social Justice <b>or</b> Community-Based Language Learning (CBLL)	3.0
15:293:523	Inclusive Teaching in Education	3.0
15:257:569	Making Democracy in the Classroom	3.0
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>		<b>43.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students who completed 05:300:368 as an undergraduate do not need to repeat the course, but a 300-level course is required to replace the required 3 graduate credits.

<sup>G</sup> Course must be 300-level or above to count towards graduate credits. 300- and 400-level courses must be registered with a **G-prefix**.

## **Additional Program Completion Requirements**

**VIII. PRAXIS II TESTS:** Students seeking certification in social studies must achieve a passing score on the Social Studies: Content Knowledge (Test Code 0081/5081) Praxis II examination. **Students must pass the Praxis II prior to the start of full-time Clinical Practice Phase 3.**

**IX. PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT (PBA):** All candidates must pass a designated performance-based assessment during Clinical Practice Phase 3.

**X. PHYSIOLOGY, HYGIENE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES:** The Office of Student and Academic Services administers this New Jersey Department of Education exam during the final semester of the program.