

# Graduate Certificate in Teaching Secondary Education (9-12) Social Studies

## Required courses

**MDSK 6162:** Planning for K-12 Teaching (3)

**READ 5255:** Integrating Reading and Writing in the Content Areas (3)

**EDUC 5100:** Diverse Learners (3)

**SECD 5140:** The Secondary School Experience (3)

**MDSK 5253:** Middle and Secondary Social Studies Methods (Prerequisite: Completion of all background courses)

## Final course

**MDSK 6161:** Analysis of K-12 Teaching (3)

This final course is a full time internship requiring employment as a secondary teacher in your field of licensure in an approved high school or a non-paid placement with a licensed teacher in a public high school. It requires application and approval during the semester prior to the internship.

## Additional requirements for licensure

Other specific background courses in social studies, if applicable – See background requirements below

Technology portfolio

## Applying for the teaching license

Application for NC Standard Professional I license to be filed in TEAL Office, with all appropriate forms regarding completion of coursework, technology portfolio, and internship

## Looking ahead

You may wish to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Secondary Education at the completion of the Graduate Certificate program: <http://www.uncc.edu/gradmiss/index.asp> . All your coursework for the Graduate Certificate will be applied toward the requirements for that degree. Completion of the master's degree leads to the advanced "M" teaching license and a 10% pay raise.

## Secondary Social Studies (9-12) Background Requirements

Candidates are expected to have at least a bachelor's degree with a major or equivalent (at least 24 hours) in history, political science, or geography.

In order to complete the licensure program, candidates with degrees in other fields must satisfy the basic requirements for (1) the equivalent of a major in history, political science, or geography (at least 24 hrs.)

**OR**

(2) the equivalent of a minor in history, political science, or geography (at least 18 hours) combined with passing scores on the Praxis II exams in Social Studies.

In addition to either the appropriate major or the combination of the appropriate minor and passing scores on the Social Studies Praxis II exams, all candidates must present coursework for the specific licensure competencies noted below. The GPA for background requirements must be at least a 2.5, and no courses may be presented with grades lower than a C.

Competency Area	Course requirements and UNC Charlotte examples There must be at least one course in each cell unless otherwise noted	Candidate's courses	Grades	Plan for satisfying deficiencies
<b>U.S. History</b>	<i>A two-course basic sequence in U.S. history, e.g.,</i> HIST 1160 <b>and</b> 1161			
<b>World History</b>	<i>A broad-based course in modern world history, e.g.,</i> HIST 1100: The World in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century HIST 1121: European History since 1660			
<b>Economics (macro, micro)</b>	<i>A course in economics, e.g.,</i> ECON 1101: Econ. for Non-Majors ECON 1201: Prin. of Economics – Macro ECON 1202: Prin. of Economics - Micro			
<b>Government / Political Science</b>	<i>A broad-based political science course that focuses on American politics and government, e.g.,</i> POLS 1110: Intro. To American Politics  <b><u>AND</u></b> <i>A broad-based political science courses that focuses on international or comparative politics, e.g.,</i> POLS 1130: Intro. To Comparative Politics POLS 1150: Intro. To International Politics			
<b>Physical/Cultural Geography</b>	<i>A course that includes both physical and cultural geography e.g.,</i> GEOG 1101: World Regional Geography			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Cultural History</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Developing Nations</b></li> </ul>	<i>Coursework focused on the development and culture of non-Western nations:</i>  <i>One course focused on Latin America or South America, e.g.,</i> HIST 2207: Modern Latin America HIST 3176: History of Mexico HIST 3178: History of Brazil <b><u>AND</u></b> <i>One course focused on East Asia or Africa, e.g.,</i> HIST 2200: Asian Civilization HIST 2201: History of Modern Asia HIST 2211: Modern Africa HIST 3160: History of Modern China HIST 3165: History of Modern Japan			