

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Secondary Social Studies program ensures that you will develop deep content knowledge across a number of disciplines important to become a successful Social Studies teacher with courses in history, political science, geography, economics and more. You will also be prepared with the methods and foundations coursework that will make you a highly effective, innovative and compassionate secondary Social Studies teacher skilled in improving student performance and reaching the needs of today's diverse learners in a variety of school settings. You will have the skills to be a teacher leader. CU Denver graduates often go on to acquire positions in educational leadership as their careers progress.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) requires all students to meet with their Academic Advisor several times a year to develop and learn more about their own individualized plan of study.

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**GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver, students must satisfy all of the requirements below, in addition to completing a Major and fulfilling all of their School or College requirements.

1. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to graduate from CU Denver with a bachelor's level degree.
2. A minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA is required for all University of Colorado coursework.
3. Satisfactory completion of the CU Denver Core Curriculum.

In addition to the general university graduation requirements listed above, all SEHD students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Students must earn a final grade of at least a C (2.0) in major courses and a B- (2.7) or above in designated major courses and Professional Year Residency courses within the major. These courses/requirement must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
2. Students must complete required classroom-based field experiences.
3. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the Student Handbook. For teacher education licensure students, this includes passing the appropriate Praxis exam.
4. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

**Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development to confirm major requirements.** Students completing the Education and Human Development BA degree in Secondary Social Studies (7-12 Licensure) are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum total of 126 semester hours for the EDHD Secondary Social Studies Education Track.
2. Students must pass the appropriate Praxis Exam prior to beginning their final semester of their Professional Year. It is recommended students complete the exam in the year prior to their Professional Year.
3. Application to the last year of the program, the Professional Year Residency is required. After successfully completing all other Core, major, and elective courses, all students must apply for admission into the Professional Year. Requirements for admission include a 3.0 GPA, positive letters of recommendation, successful evaluations of earlier clinical experiences, and a successful interview. (Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions. Please see SEHD website.)
4. A minimum of C- is required for all content courses.
5. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all major courses applying to EDHD – Secondary Social Studies Education requirements unless otherwise specified.
6. Students must complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average in Professional Year coursework to complete licensure requirements. Please see an advisor for more information on this requirement.
7. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

## SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES (7-12 LICENSURE)

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development (B.A.) – Catalog Year 2022-2023

Courses	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 37</b>	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
<b>EDHD – Secondary Social Studies Education Major Requirements</b>	<b>30</b>	
CLDE 2000 Foundations of Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Edu	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i>
HDFR 3050 Children’s Thinking & Assessment	3	
SPED 4400 Universal Design for Learning (UDL)	3	*Prerequisite: 57+ credit hours completed
CLDE 4020 Responsive Classroom Communities	3	*Prerequisites: EDFN 4010, 40+ credit hours completed; † <i>Education Licensure Course</i>
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</b>	<b>6</b>	§ <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
EDHD 1930 Community Based Field Experience & Seminar	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
EDFN 1000 Equity, Rights & Education	3	Course can fulfill Core Social Sciences; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>	<b>6</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 1930; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
EDHD 2930 Learning & Development Field Experience & Seminar	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
EDFN 4010 Social Foundations & Cultural Diversity in Urban Education	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed; † <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Diverse Learners</b>	<b>6</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 2930; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
EDHD 3930 Diverse Learners Field Experience & Seminar	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
SPED 4030 Understanding (dis)Ability in Contemporary Classrooms	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ; § <i>Clinical Field Experience Block</i>
<b>Secondary Social Studies Content Course Requirements</b>	<b>45</b>	
HIST 1361 U.S. History to 1876	3	Course can fulfill Core Humanities; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
HIST 1362 U.S. History Since 1876	3	Course can fulfill Core Humanities; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
HIST 1026 World History Since 1500	3	‡ <i>Content Course</i>
HIST 3601 Colorado History	3	
ECON 2012 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics	3	Course can fulfill Core Social Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics	3	Course can fulfill Core Social Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
PSYC 1000 Introduction to Psychology I	3	Course can fulfill Core Behavioral Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
PSYC 1005 Introduction to Psychology II	3	Course can fulfill Core Behavioral Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
PSCI 1101 American Political System	3	Course can fulfill Core Social Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
GEOG 1202 Introduction to Physical Geography	3	Course can fulfill Core Nat & Phys Science no Lab; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography	3	‡ <i>Content Course</i>
ANTH 2102 Culture and the Human Experience	3	Course can fulfill Core Behavioral Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
SOCY 1001 Introduction to Sociology	3	Course can fulfill Core Social Sciences; ‡ <i>Content Course</i>
Two additional upper-division courses in ANTH, ECON, ETST, GEOG, HIST, PSCI, PSYC, or SOCY	6	*Check prerequisites for individual courses
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>0 - 13</b>	General Elective credits will vary; consult with advisor
<b>Professional Year Courses</b>	<b>25</b>	<i>Professional Year (separate admission required; see note below)</i>
LCRT 4100 Secondary Literacy Instruction and Assessment	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4040 Planning for Learning	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4052 English/LA & Social Studies Capstone: Secondary Ed	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4464 Methods of Teaching Social Studies	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4465 Methods of Teaching History	3	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4931 Internship & Learning Community I	2	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4932 Internship & Learning Community II	2	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
UEDU 4933 Internship & Learning Community III	6	† <i>Education Licensure Course</i> ;    <i>Professional Year</i>
<b>Total Program Hours:</b>	<b>126</b>	

† **Education Licensure Course:** requires minimum grade of B- or higher

‡ **Content Course:** requires minimum grade of C- or higher

§ **Clinical Field Experience Block:** All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester

Field experience paperwork deadlines: Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline; 4/15 Final deadline. Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final deadline

|| **Professional Year:** Admission to Professional Year required; Requirements for admission to Professional Year include:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in major coursework
- Successful completion of all other coursework (including Core, major, content, and elective requirements)
- Successful completion of the application and interview process
- Taking the appropriate Praxis exam (students *must* pass the Praxis prior to beginning their final semester)
- Professional Year application deadlines: Fall start = 2/15 deadline. Spring start = 10/1 deadline

### SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. Consult with an academic advisor to develop an individualized plan of study. **Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and must meet with the academic advisor in their department to confirm degree requirements.**

\*Note: Many required courses are also available in summer semesters.

Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CLDE 2000 / SEHD Learning Community	3
	General Elective – UNIV 1110 / SEHD Learning Community	1
	PSCI 1101 ( <i>fulfills CU Denver Core Social Sciences</i> )	3
	GEOG 1202 ( <i>fulfills CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science no lab</i> )	3
	SOCY 1001	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</b>	
EDHD 1930	3
EDFN 1000	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	HDFR 3050	3
	PSYC 1000 ( <i>fulfills CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences</i> )	3
	HIST 1361 ( <i>fulfills CU Denver Core Humanities</i> )	3
	General Elective – LCRT 4720 <i>recommended</i>	3
	<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>	
	EDHD 2930	3
	EDFN 4010	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>	

Spring	CRS
HIST 1362	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
HIST 1026	3
GEOG 1302	3
PSYC 1005	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	ECON 2012	3
	SPED 4400	3
	Upper-division content course	3
	<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Diverse Learners</b>	
	EDHD 3930	3
	SPED 4030	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring	CRS
CLDE 4020	3
ANTH 2102	3
ECON 2022	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
HIST 3601	3
Upper-division content course	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

In first semester of year three, take the appropriate Praxis exam. Students *must* pass the Praxis prior to beginning their final semester.  
In second semester of year three, apply for admission to Professional Year. Deadlines for Professional Year application are 2/15 for Fall start or 10/1 for Spring start.

Year Four: Professional Year	Fall	CRS
	LCRT 4100	3
	UEDU 4040	3
	UEDU 4464	3
	UEDU 4931	2
	UEDU 4932	2
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>

Spring	CRS
UEDU 4052	3
UEDU 4465	3
UEDU 4933	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

After graduation, apply for a teaching license through the Colorado Department of Education.