School of Education Admission Application

It's time to apply to your Teacher Education Program in the School of Education. Our goal is to make the process as clear and as concise as possible. Everything you need to apply is right here at your fingertips.

Step One – Am I Ready to Apply?

Review the admission criteria to ensure you have met the minimum admission requirements. The following requirements must be met before applying to the program. If you do not meet the admission criteria, you should not apply for admission.

- **GPA Requirement:** At the time of application, applicants must have 58 credits with a minimum 2.5 GPA; and a minimum of 2.75 GPA in any social studies courses (economics, geography, history, political science, psychology or sociology courses). The GPA will be calculated on all transfer and UW-Milwaukee course credits.

- **Oral and Written Communication (OWC) Competency Part A:** Applicants must achieve a placement level of 4 or higher on the English Proficiency Test, or complete English 102 or an equivalent with a grade of C or better.

- **Quantitative Literacy (QL) Competency Part A:** Applicants must achieve a placement level of 30 or higher on the Math Placement Test or complete Math 102, 103, 105, 108, or 175, or an equivalent, with a grade of C or better.

- **Communication Requirement:** Applicants are required to complete 103 with a grade of C or better.

- **CURRINS 300 Requirement:** Applicants are required to complete CURRINS 300: Introduction to Teaching: Colloquium and Fieldwork, or an equivalent transfer course, with a grade of C or better.
Step Two – What should I Include in my Application?

Review the application checklist (below) and gather all these materials. Make sure all forms are filled in completely. DO NOT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNLESS ALL ITEMS ARE INCLUDED. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Application Checklist

- School of Education Undergraduate Admission Application (page 6)
- Unofficial UWM transcript – request [here](#)
- Admission Essay - see instructions below
- Resume – see instructions below
- Faculty Signature – Dr. Jeffrey Hawkins must sign your application prior to submission. (see step 3)

Please keep a copy of all documents for your records. Documents will not be returned to you.

Admission Essay

In a separate typed document, discuss what experiences you have had that have influenced your decision to study education - in particular in a teacher certification program housed in a School of Education invested in improving and supporting urban education in the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Please frame your essay in a way that the following issues contextualize your discussion:

- Relevant course work that informs your decision to certify in Social Studies.
- Relevant field (life) experiences, in and out of a school setting, that inform your decision to become an educator.
- An appreciation of the broad social issues that affect urban schools and their students.
- Concrete detail and rich language that describe your experience.

Note: There is no specified format for the essay other than to address the points listed above and present your answer in a professional format (12-point font, double spaced and one-inch margins).

Resume

Your resume should not exceed two pages and should include educational background, work experience, special talents/skills, and other relevant experience with children. Information about resume writing can be found at [http://uwm.edu/careerplan/students-2/application-materials/resumes/](http://uwm.edu/careerplan/students-2/application-materials/resumes/)
Assessment Requirements

Throughout the program there are several assessments required by the Department of Public Instruction. These requirements are designed to assess your readiness for teaching.

Subject Area Competency

All candidates who complete their educator preparation programs at a Wisconsin college/university or alternative program after August 31, 2004, are required to demonstrate proficiency in their content area to qualify for a Wisconsin educator license. The Social Studies program allows you to satisfy this requirement in one of two ways:

- **GPA** – Earn a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the Social Studies content area.
- **Praxis Subject Assessment Test** - The Praxis Subject Assessment test measures subject-specific content knowledge, as well as general and subject-specific teaching skills, that you need for beginning teaching.

**Students who do not meet the GPA required MUST take the Praxis Subject Assessment test to demonstrate subject area competency.**

Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)

The edTPA is a review of your teaching materials at the culmination of your program. Materials that document and demonstrate your ability to effectively teach are submitted to an independent reviewer. Students are required to successfully complete the edTPA in order to be licensed as a Social Studies educator.

Student Teaching

You will be required to complete student teaching during the last semester of your program. Student teaching placements are not automatic. Students must apply for student teaching, be approved, and register for a student-teaching course, in order to student teach.

Information about application deadlines and application materials can be found [here](#).
Submit your application. The Social Studies Education program begins in the spring. You must meet with the Program Director, Dr. Jeffrey Hawkins, between September 4 and September 28, 2018 to submit your application. When you meet with Dr. Hawkins, he will review and sign your application. See below for available dates and times. If you are unable to make any of the scheduled dates and times, please email Dr. Hawkins at hawkinj@uwm.edu.

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Dr. Hawkins office is located in Enderis Hall, Room 393

Bilingual, English as a Second Language or World Languages Certification
You may want to increase your marketability by adding a Bilingual, English as a Second Language, or World Languages certification to an English certification. If you are interested in pursuing this, an additional application packet must be submitted. The following must be included:

- Copy of your School of Education application with the additional certification indicated.
- Copy of your unofficial UWM transcripts.
- Copy of your resume
- Admission Essay – In a separate typed document, discuss what experiences you have had that have influenced your decision to study education in a teacher certification program in a School of Education invested in improving and supporting urban education in the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Please frame your essay in a way that the following issues contextualize your discussion:
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For program requirements for language certification, visit our Web site: http://uwm.edu/education/academics/second-language/
A letter indicating the status of your application will be mailed prior to the start of the semester. The letter will be sent to the address listed on your application. Please do not call or e-mail asking about the status of your application.

**Assistance with your Application**

**Admissions Manager**

For questions about the admissions process or this application, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Manager, Maggie Kaczmarek at (414) 229-6675 or kaczmarm@uwm.edu.

**Academic Advising**

We strongly recommend an appointment with an advisor prior to application to the program if possible. The advisors for the program are Tammy Badura (last names beginning A-L) and Tyree Bolden (last names beginning M-Z). To schedule an appointment, please call (414) 229-4721.
# Social Studies Admission Application

**Undergraduate Teacher Certification Program**

*Complete this application for spring 2019 admission*

## REQUIRED BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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### ADMISSION CRITERIA

**Communication Requirement**

- [ ] Completed COMMUN 103
  - Grade _____ Semester ________ Year ______

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**Field Experience**

- [ ] CURRINS 300 (100) or other________ Grade _____ Semester ________ Year ______

**Oral and Written Communication (OWC) Competency Part A (check one):**

- [ ] Placement Test (Indicate date ___________) OR [ ] Completed ENGL 102 or equivalent _____: Grade _____ Sem _____ Year ______

**Quantitative Literacy (QL) Competency Part A (check one):**

- [ ] Placement Test (Indicate date ___________) OR [ ] Completed Math 105 or equivalent_____: Grade _____ Sem _____ Year ______

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- Social Studies - Early Adolescence through Adolescence
  
  Choose one major:
  - [ ] Economics
  - [ ] Geography
  - [ ] History
  - [ ] Political Science
  - [ ] Psychology
  - [ ] Sociology
  
  Choose two areas of concentration:
  - [ ] Economics
  - [ ] Geography
  - [ ] History
  - [ ] Political Science
  - [ ] Psychology
  - [ ] Sociology

- [ ] Additional Certification(s)

**Note:** An additional application is required if applying for an additional certification.

- [ ] English as a Second Language minor
- [ ] World Language minor
  - Indicate language: [ ] Chinese
  - [ ] French
  - [ ] German
  - [ ] Hebrew
  - [ ] Italian
  - [ ] Latin
  - [ ] Russian
  - [ ] Spanish
  - [ ] Bilingual Supplemental Certification. Indicate language: [ ] Hmong
  - [ ] Lao
  - [ ] Spanish

## STUDENT SIGNATURE

[Signature]

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DATE

## FACULTY SIGNATURE (required prior to submission)

[Signature]

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Date Received______________________________