

Murray State University History/Social Studies

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Program Summary

The History with Social Studies Certification (grades 8-12) offers baccalaureate degrees along with a certification to teach. Graduating students are also prepared for further study at the M.A. and Ph.D. levels.

Strengths & Noteworthy Practices

All education students are required to take HUM180, an introductory education course meant to give students in-depth exposure to what a career in education looks like early on. Faculty believe students should understand the complex nature of being a professional educator before investing four years toward that career path. The course immerses students in ten hours of classroom observations. It exposes them to content that includes working with diverse students, adhering to educational laws, and supporting students with special and gifted needs.

The substantial practical element of the program allows students to learn while putting into practice their learning through a range of real-life supervised teaching experiences, such as the Practicum in Secondary Schools, Student Teaching in the Secondary School, and Extended Practicum.

Students are challenged to apply and demonstrate problem-solving and analytical skills by developing a comprehensive Unit Plan that requires them to take account of a broad range of different considerations. Students are also regularly encouraged to reflect critically on their learning, their practice as teachers, and their progress, such as through the Career Development Assessment and the Professional Dispositions Assessment.