UAB’s Secondary Education program prepares future educators to recognize and meet the evolving needs of students in today’s society. Intellectually curious and career-minded students have a variety of options with the General Social Sciences teaching certification degree from UAB. Social scientists study all aspects of society, from historical events and human achievements to the geographic landscape and the formation of government. The General Social Sciences teaching certification degree offers a curriculum across many departments. This program prepares candidates to teach grades 6-12.
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Concentration in General Social Science

As a secondary education student majoring in General Social Sciences, your interest may be history, geography, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology. With such a broad spectrum of study, you are able to craft your educational experience to maximize your analytical skills and potential for employment or further investigation through a higher degree.

- 6 out of the last 9 Alabama Teachers of the Year are alumni of the UAB School of Education.
- Learning to teach diverse populations is paramount to our work. During your time at the UAB School of Education, you will have teaching field experiences in urban, suburban, and rural environments.
- Students can participate in service learning opportunities, including mentoring high school students throughout the state with GEAR UP Alabama.
- Unique courses in public history and Birmingham historic preservation are available through this degree program.
- Teacher candidates learn how to develop and strengthen their students’ analysis skills and content area thinking skills as they explore the unique dimensions and components of economics, geography, civics, and history.
- HY 497, the History Capstone course, offers the opportunity for students to participate in research, including a paper and presentation, with a faculty advisor.

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CURRICULUM

ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSES ARE OUTLINED IN THE UAB UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG. A FULL CHECKLIST MAY ALSO BE FOUND AT UAB.EDU/EDUCATION/HOME/STUDENTSERVICES/PROGRAM-OF-STUDY-CHECKLISTS

GENERAL STUDIES

GENERAL STUDIES INCLUDE COURSES AND/OR EXPERIENCES IN THE HUMANITIES, SOCIAL STUDIES, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND LOWER LEVEL TEACHING FIELD COURSES.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES INCLUDE COURSES IN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND RESEARCH, SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT. A 6 SEMESTER HOUR INTERNSHIP AS WELL AS A ONE HOUR INTERNSHIP SEMINAR MUST BE COMPLETED.

TEACHING FIELD

MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST 32 SEMESTER HOURS IN THE TEACHING FIELD WITH A MINIMUM OF 19 HOURS AT THE UPPER DIVISION LEVEL.

YOU WILL TAKE COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:*
- WESTERN CIVILIZATION
- UNITED STATES HISTORY
- PSYCHOLOGY
- GEOGRAPHY
- SOCIOLOGY
- GOVERNMENT
- NON-WESTERN HISTORY (OPTIONS INCLUDE EAST ASIAN HISTORY AND JAPAN TO THE 19TH CENTURY)
- ECONOMICS

*SOME OF THE COURSES IN THE TEACHING FIELD MAY ALSO BE USED TO FULFILL GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS.

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