Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Major in Geography (Teacher Certification in Social Studies, Grades Seven through Twelve: History Minor and Political Science Third Field)

Minimum required: 130 semester credit hours

Admission Requirement

1. All students pursuing teacher certification must apply and be accepted to the Office of Educator Preparation (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/education/office-of-educator-preparation/).

General Requirements

1. The general education core curriculum courses are listed in the degree plan below along with the statewide component code number. See the General Education Core Curriculum (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-education-core-curriculum/) section of this catalog for the Texas State requirements and options in the core curriculum, including Honors courses.

2. To satisfy graduation requirements for teacher certification, students must have at least a 2.75 Overall GPA, at least a 2.50 major GPA for Geography, at least a 2.50 GPA in the professional sequence, and a 2.50 GPA in the second and third teaching fields. In addition, students must make a "C" or higher in certain Core classes and in all coursework pertaining to each teaching field.

3. Students must complete a minimum of 36 advanced hours (3000 or 4000 level courses).

4. The minimum number of hours required for this degree program is 130. The number of free elective hours a student will complete depends on the number of hours a student may need to achieve the required 130 total or 36 advanced hours.

5. Nine semester credit hours must be writing intensive (WI).

6. This degree plan is designed to prepare students for secondary teacher certification in the social studies disciplines: Economics, Geography, Government, and History. The Social Studies Composite requires 130 total or 36 advanced hours.

7. The minor in History requires the following 24 hours of History courses:

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8. The third field in Political Science requires the following 15 hours of Political Science courses:

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9. In addition to the major, minor, and third field requirements, students must also complete 21 hours of professional sequence courses through the College of Education. All coursework must be completed prior to EDST 4681.

10. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires multiple background checks for progression through the Educator Preparation Program.
Program. Based on information recorded in your criminal history, you may be ineligible for issuance of a teaching certificate upon completion of the Educator Preparation Program. If you have a criminal history, you may obtain a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation from TEA. For more information, go to: https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/.

## Course Requirements

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