

**Major Course Requirements**

A minimum of 68 hours (29 upper-division hours):

► **Required Core Courses (31 hours):**

GEOG 210	World Regional Geography	3
HIST 101+102	History of World Civilizations I,II	4+4
HIST 134+135	History of the United States I,II	4+4
HIST 180+81	History Methods IA,IB	1+1
HIST 280	History Methods II	2
HIST 380	History Methods III	2
HIST 480+81+82	Senior Thesis I,II,III	1+1+1
PLSC 328	Critical World Issues	3

► **Electives (at least 37 hours):**

Complete at least 37 hours of electives, including at least 21 upper-division hours, distributed as described:

At least 22 hours from the following 22  
 Additional HIST courses.

Take the following: 15  
 At least 6 hours from ECON courses  
 At least 3 hours from PLSC courses  
 At least 6 hours from SOCI courses

*Electives for those interested in social work, teaching, medicine, or law should be chosen in consultation with the major advisor.*

► **Additional Requirement:**

Prospective teachers must take HIST 394: CSET Examination Preparation Course.

\* This course is offered during even-year summers in Jordan at the Madaba Plains Project excavation in consortium with La Sierra University (LSU). Credits are earned through LSU and transferred to PUC.

**Teaching Credential**

Students desiring to enter a program of studies leading to a California teaching credential in social science should take the B.S. degree in Social Studies. Students will need to pass the social science portion of the CSET exam one quarter prior to doing full-time student teaching. Students are invited to discuss the program with their major advisor in the History Department.

Those who plan to teach on the secondary level should consult with the credential analyst in the Education Department and should become acquainted with the specific requirements for admission to and successful completion of the Secondary Teaching Credential as outlined on page EDUC-06.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

**Students can:**

- Effectively synthesize, evaluate and present historical arguments.
- Demonstrate familiarity with both the academic and professional nature of the discipline.
- Be conversant with the historical trajectory of the major events associated with American, European, and world History.

**Occupational Information**

**What can I do with this major?**

The social studies major has been most often earned by those interested in elementary or secondary teaching. It is diversified enough to provide a student an acquaintance with a minimum of four areas in the social sciences, and is a broad introduction to the liberal arts. Besides the most obvious group who take this major, it serves very well for pre-professionals who wish contact with the social sciences and still have enough room in their programs to complete their specific requirements for medicine, dentistry or law.

**Additional Education Required?**

The Social Studies major is designed to prepare students for teaching at the secondary level. The only additional training required are those steps necessary to achieve denominational and state credentials.

**Public Sector vs. Denominational**

A Social Studies degree will prepare you to take the CSET exam for California state credentialing making your degrees useful in both the Public Sector and in Denominational service.

**Job Outlook**

Positions open to those with the B.S. in Social Studies and without additional graduate work would be primarily in elementary or secondary teaching. Qualified candidates with a Social Studies major are placed at a very high rate coming from PUC's program. Others would be preparing simultaneously for a specific postgraduate training.

**General Education Requirements**

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-01, Summary of General Education Requirements: B.S. Degree.

**How to Construct Your Own Program**

1. Counsel with your advisor.
2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
5. For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I+II unless waived by previous work.

**What the Degree Includes**

- A total of 180 quarter hours including:
1. A minimum of 60 upper division hours.
  2. General Education requirements.
  3. Major requirements.
  4. Minimum 2.0 GPA, overall and major.

**For More Information**

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**Sample Four-Year Program**

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>First Year</b>			
History Methods I IA,IB	1	1	-
Intro to American Government	4	-	-
History of World Civilizations I,II	4	4	-
College English I,II	-	4	4
History of the U.S. I,II	4	4	-
Religion Course	-	-	3
Communication and Public Speaking	-	-	4
General Education/Electives	3	3	5
	16	16	16
<b>Second Year</b>			
Economics	4	-	-
Intro to Political Thought	3	-	-
200-Level Introductory History	4	4	-
World Geography	-	3	-
History Methods II	-	-	2
300-Level History	-	-	4
300-Level Political Science	-	-	3
Religion Course	3	-	-
General Education/Electives	2	9	7
	16	16	16
<b>Summer</b>			
History Study Tour* (4)			
<b>Third Year</b>			
History Methods III	-	-	2
300-Level American History	-	4	-
300-Level European History	4	-	-
400-Level History Seminar	-	-	4
Adventist Heritage	-	-	3
General Education/Electives	12	12	6
	16	16	15
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
Senior Thesis	1	1	1
300-Level American/European History	4	-	-
400-Level History Seminar	-	4	-
Senior Assessment Seminar	-	-	.2
General Education/Electives	11	11	15
	16	16	16.2

\* When offered.