

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Degree Offered

Secondary Education Masters: Social Sciences

Requirement for Admission

Standard Educator License

Graduate Faculty

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ENDORSEMENT AREA: SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

Program Description

The Master of Science in Education degree with an endorsement in social science is an interdisciplinary degree program designed especially for social studies teachers in junior and senior high schools and community colleges. More specific objectives of this endorsement are to:

1. Provide advanced knowledge and theory for students in the social sciences and allied fields;
2. Explore, develop, and disseminate techniques and methods of teaching and research in the social and behavioral areas of concern;
3. Encourage within students a sharpened sense of awareness of current and future developments in a modernized global society;
4. Stimulate students to become better prepared to provide professional services and leadership to their respective communities as well as the greater society;
5. Serve as a resource center for local schools and other community organizations.

Course Requirements

Education Core Courses (12 hours)

	Credits
ED 512 Foundations of American Research	3 hrs.
ED 514 Methods of Educational Research	3 hrs.
ED 533 Curriculum (Methods) Development	3 hrs.
PH 513 Advanced Educational Psychology	3 hrs.

Required Courses (15 hours)

	Credits
EC 501 Advanced Microeconomics	3 hrs.
SY 502 Comparative Family Systems	3 hrs.
GT 501 Blacks and the American Political System	3 hrs.
HI 506 African and Afro-American History	3 hrs.
SS 585 Methods of Teaching Social Sciences	3 hrs.

Electives (6 hours)		Credits
EC 502	Advanced Macroeconomics	3 hrs.
EC 504	Seminar on Comparative Economic Systems	3 hrs.
EC 530	Economic Security & Social Welfare	3 hrs.
GT 504	Government and Politics in Modern Africa	3 hrs.
GT 506	Race & International Politics	3 hrs.
HI 501	History of American Constitutional Law I	3 hrs.
HI 502	History of American Constitutional Law II	3 hrs.
SS 517	Social Science Symposia	2-4 hrs.
SY 516	Social Foundation of Personality	3 hrs.
TOTAL		33 hrs.

Sociology Course Descriptions (SY)

SY 502 – COMPARATIVE FAMILY SYSTEMS

(3 Credits)

This course is designed to acquaint the students with the cross-cultural patterns of family life; the importance and significance of the family and the social interaction involved at various social levels.

SY 504 – ADVANCED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

(3 Credits)

An analysis and study of the contemporary anthropological theories of culture; a comparison of economic, political, religious, and kinship structure of various societies of the world.

SY 516 – SOCIAL FOUNDATION OF PERSONALITY

(3 Credits)

The impact of social and cultural factors on the growth and development of personality; with emphasis on social status, norms, roles, and social interaction as discussed in various theories of personality development.

SY 567 – RACIAL AND CULTURAL MINORITIES

(3 Credits)

This course will examine and explore race and ethnic relations in American society. It will delve into the historical and cultural heritage of the diverse ethnic groups found in America and around the world. Particular attention will focus on the present day sociological, economic, religious, and political issues and problems that evolve racial relationships across the U.S. Particular attention will be given to recent immigrants and resulting immigration policies and legislation. A deep examination will be conducted that looks at conflicts and issues that arise between ethnic minorities because of competition for resources and differential treatment by the prevailing dominant group.

Economics Course Descriptions (EC)

EC 501 – ADVANCED MICROECONOMICS

(3 Credits)

Intensive study of economics principles and theories underlying consumer demand, production theory and the behavior of firms.

EC 502 – ADVANCED MACROECONOMICS

(3 Credits)

Intensive study of determinants of national income and employment. The consumption spending theories, business investment theories, government spending, taxing and monetary policies, and their role in determining the level of economic activity and growth.

Political Science (GT)

GT 501 – BLACKS IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

(3 Credits)

A review and analysis of the role and position of Blacks in American politics from earliest times to the present. Special attention will be given to the “Civil Rights Era.”

GT 518 – COMPARATIVE POLITICS

(3 Credits)

A systemic examination of the similarities and differences of political experiences by a wide variety of political systems in the modern world with emphasis on historical and social impacts on political settings, political developments and changes, structure and performance of political systems, citizen participation, and public policy and its impacts.

GT 525 – PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

(3 Credits)

Advanced study in leadership, communication, planning, policy analysis, and program evaluation; directed research in selected substantive policy areas.