

SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION, Associate in Arts Degree - 5140

Social Sciences Division

The College's range of education programs allows students planning a career in teaching to complete the first two years of a transfer program and earn an associate in arts degree whether they plan to teach in elementary or secondary schools. All students should be aware of the standards of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and that they specify different preparations for elementary and secondary school teachers.

The PA State Board of Education passed new requirements for admission to, as well as exit from, professional education programs. On October 7, 2000, Title 22 of the PA School Code, Chapter 354, became law. This regulation affects every institution that prepares teachers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These requirements affect all (elementary and secondary) bachelor's level-education programs for PA Teacher Certification. Students who complete 48 credit hours after August 15, 2002 but prior to August 15, 2003 must have a 2.8 GPA (3.0 GPA after August 15, 2003) to enter professional courses leading to initial teacher certification. They will also be required to attain a qualifying score on the PRAXIS-I Academic Skills Assessment test.

Each student will be required to have an Act 34 Criminal Background Investigation and an Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance prior to any practicum/student teaching experience and employment. The student should consider these factors prior to enrolling in this program.

Since the requirements of senior institutions vary widely, it is essential to choose an intended transfer institution as soon as possible and carefully follow the program described in that college's catalog. The entire program is available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and Gettysburg Campuses.

Career Opportunities

This transfer Pre-Teaching curriculum is provided as a guide for students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate degree granting institution.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 61)

| General Education | | Major | |
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| ENGL 101 English Composition I | 3 | EDUC 110 The Education Professional | 3 |
| ENGL 102 English Composition II | 3 | History Electives | 6 |
| SPCH 101 Effective Speaking | 3 | Select two history courses from the following: | |
| Core A Elective | 3 | HIST 103 History of the United States I | |
| Core B Elective | 3 | HIST 104 History of the United States II | |
| Core B Elective | 3 | HIST 107 The United States Since 1918 | |
| Core C Elective Math | 3 | HIST 201 Western Civilization I | |
| Core C Elective Science | 3 | HIST 202 Western Civilization II | |
| Core C Elective | 3 | English Literature Transfer Elective | 3 |
| General Education Transfer Elective | 3 | Philosophy Transfer Elective | 3 |
| Physical Education & Wellness | 1 | Social Science Transfer Electives | 12 |
| | 31 | CIS 109 Technology in Education | 3 |
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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| ENGL 101 | 3 | ENGL 102 | 3 | EDUC 110 | 3 | Social Science | |
| Core A Elective | 3 | SPCH 101 | 3 | Social Science | | Transfer Electives | 6 |
| Core B Elective | 3 | Core B Elective | 3 | Transfer Elective | 3 | History Elective | 3 |
| Core C (Math) | 3 | Core C Elective | 3 | Philosophy Transfer | | Core C (Science) | 3 |
| Social Science | | English Literature | | Transfer Elective | 3 | GenEd Trans. Elec. | 3 |
| Transfer Elective | 3 | Transfer Elective | 3 | History Elective | 3 | | |
| PE & W | 1 | | | CIS 109 | 3 | | |

Effective Fall 2008 all Associate Degree Programs must meet Diversity (D) and Physical Education and Wellness (W) requirements.