

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST  
SECONDARY  
SOCIAL STUDIES CERTIFICATION (Grades 9-12)**



**Education department**

**GENERAL EDUCATION**

**38 – 47 hrs**

The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

**LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE**

**40 – 63 hrs**

Secondary Education majors may choose from the following recommended degree areas.

- BA – American Studies
- BA – Biology
- BS – Biology
- BA – Business Administration
- BS – Business Administration
- BA – Chemistry
- BA – English
- BS – Environmental Science
- BA – History
- BS – Mathematics
- BA - Sociology

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

**CONTENT AREA COURSEWORK FOR SOCIAL STUDIES**

**40 hrs minimum**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
<b>U.S. History (12 hrs)</b>			
	HIST 121	American History to 1877	3
	HIST 122	American History Since 1877	3
	Electives:	Six (6) hours of U.S. History Electives	6
<b>World History (8 hrs)</b>			
	Choose:	HIST 101 - Western Civilization I or HIST 111 - World History to 1500	3
	Choose:	HIST 102 - Western Civilization II or HIST 112 - World History Since 1500	3
	Electives:	2-3 hours of World History electives	2-3
<b>Political Science (6 hrs)</b>			
	POSC 111	American National Government	3
	POSC 215	State and Local Government	3
<b>Economics (3 hrs)</b>			
	Choose:	ECON 293 - Macroeconomics or ECON 294 - Microeconomics	3
<b>Geography (3 hrs)</b>			
	GEOG 101	Introduction to Geography	3
<b>Behavioral Sciences (6 hrs)</b>			
	PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
	Choose:	SOCI 111 - General Sociology or SOCI 270 - Minority Cultures and Relations	3
<b>Electives (0-2 hrs) Only needed if the 40-hour minimum is not met in the categories above</b>			
	Electives:		0-2

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK**

**53 hrs**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Minority Cultures and Relations	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education (formerly EDUC 102/103)	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 198	Field Experience I*	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 298	Field Experience II*	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	EDUC 392	Adolescent Psychology	3	none
<b><i>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</i></b>				
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 338	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas & Secondary Schools	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 362	Teaching Middle and Secondary Social Studies	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 375	Advanced Content Methods	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none
<b><i>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)</i></b>				
	EDUC 422	Student Teaching in the Secondary Schools	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	53	

***Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)***

\*If EDUC 200 and 230 were taken previously with field experience (Aug 2010 – July 2013), EDUC 198 and 298 are not required.

\*\*Evening Campus students must transfer to the Day Program in order to enroll in student teaching.

**NOTE: To take any course listed with a field experience component, student must submit application forms by the deadline (semester BEFORE desired enrollment). See Education Office for deadline information.**

**Retention Criteria:**

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and faculty supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above after acceptance to the program
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

\*This is not a degree checklist  
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