

## Middle Grade Social Science Endorsement

Any teacher candidate applying for an initial IL teaching license and seeking a subsequent middle grade social science endorsement to be added to an elementary or high school Professional Educator License will need to meet Illinois middle grade social science requirements of 18 semester hours in the social sciences, including HIST 325, the two-hour methods course, and **pass the middle level social science content exam**. Illinois no longer *designates* coursework to meet the middle grade social science endorsement requirements. *Any history or social science course counted toward the middle grade endorsement must have a final grade of C- or higher.*

**Social Science Middle Grade Endorsement: 18 hours** (including history and social science credit at the Core general education requirements)

### Recommended courses:

HIST 102 or 103 Exploring the Global Past or Exploring the American Past (4 hrs.)

HIST 251 or 252 American History to 1865 and from 1865 (4 hrs.)

ECON 211 Principles of Microeconomics (4 hrs.)

PSCI 135 American Politics and Government (4 hrs.)

GEOG 211 General Geography (2 hrs. offered in fall)

HIST 325 Methods of Teaching Middle Grade History/SSCI (2 hrs. offered in spring)

SSCI 321 Elementary and Middle School Curricular Themes in Social Science (2 hrs. Elementary Education majors only)

### Practica Options:

Students who already know by sophomore year that they are majoring in History and Secondary Education or are getting the Middle School Social Science Endorsement should be placed in a middle school for their 225L practicum. If not placed in a middle school for 225L, students have the option of taking the Middle Grade Practicum 405L/507L or of student teaching in a middle school to fulfill the requirements of the middle grade endorsement.

### Final Step:

*Pass the Illinois Middle Level Social Science Content Exam*