

Middle Grade Social Science Endorsement

Any teacher candidate applying for licensure and seeking a middle grade social science endorsement to be added to an elementary or high school license will need to meet new Illinois middle grade social science requirements of 24 semester hours in the social sciences and **pass the middle level social science content exam**. Illinois now *designates* coursework to meet the middle grade social science endorsement requirements. These requirements relate to Illinois, the U.S., and the world and include history, geography, U.S. civics, economics, plus a middle grade social science content methods course (HIST 325). This new endorsement includes coursework from these four areas of the social sciences. *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: 24 hours (including history and social science general education requirements)

Required

HIST 102 or 103	4
HIST 351 or 352 American History to 1865 and from 1865	4
ECON 211 Principles of Microeconomics	4
PSCI 135 American Politics and Government	4
GEOG 211 General Geography	2 (Offered in fall)
HIST 325 Methods of Teaching Middle Grade History/SSCI	2 (Offered in spring)
SSCI 321 Elementary and Middle School Curricular Themes in Social Science (Elementary Education majors only)	2

Additional 2-4 hours to reach the 24 required hours from HIST or any of the Social Sciences (B/EC, PSCI, ANTH, IR, SOC, PSYC, URBN, HNGR)

Final Step:

Pass the Illinois Middle Level Social Science Content Exam