

**AREA:
History/Social Studies Certification (Grades 8-12)**

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science CIP 54.0101

Note: Certification requires a grade of *B* or better in one English composition course and a grade of *B* or better in a University Studies math course, COM 161, and EDU 103 or equivalent course. Additional requirements for admission to teacher education and student teaching must be met. See advisor and/or Office of Teacher Education Services for details.

University Studies Requirements 41-44 hrs
(See *Academic Degrees and Programs*.)

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship

University Studies Elective

Required Courses 16 hrs

HIS 100T Transitions
HIS 300 Introduction to Historical Studies
HIS 400 Professional Engagement Senior Seminar (2)

Three of the following:

HIS 201 Modern Europe
HIS 202 Understanding Global History
HIS 221 American Experience to 1865
HIS 222 American Experience Since 1865

Required Social Science Courses 12 hrs

ECO 231 Microeconomics
GSC 110 World Geography
POL 140 American National Government
SOC 133 Introduction to Sociology

Required Limited History Electives 18 hrs

Upper-level courses (not including HIS 361), at least two must be at the 400-level, to include the following:

Global History Electives (6 hrs)

HIS 301, 305, 309, 316, 325, 331, 340, 350, 352, 354, 355, 356, 357, 359, 360, 362, 370, 407, 418, 449, 450, 451, 456, 459, 472, 474, 475, 476, 478, 479, 481.

U.S. History Electives (3 hrs)

HIS 315, 320, 322, 323, 326, 327, 329, 330, 333, 334, 416, 417, 421, 422, 424, 425, 430, 431, 433, 434, 435, 436, 441, 442, 445, 446, 491.

European History Electives (3 hrs)

HIS 301, 302, 303, 304, 306, 307, 310, 324, 363, 364, 401, 402, 403, 406, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 419, 425. Depending on topic, these courses will be acceptable under an above group with advisor approval: HIS 390, 415, 477, 490.

Elective hours of choice (6 hrs)

Required for Secondary Certification 32 hrs

HUM 180 Exploring Teaching in the Humanities (1)
EDU 280 Educating for Human Development
HIS 361 Teaching History
HUM 380 Inclusive Teaching of Diverse Learners in Humanities
EDU 485 Professional Perspectives for Teaching
SEC 420 Practicum in Secondary Schools
SEC 421 Student Teaching in the Secondary School
SEC 422 Extended Practicum (3)

Curriculum Requirements 120-125 hrs (This course program consists of 121 hours.)

- 1 A grade of *B* or better is required.
- 2 A grade of *C* or better is required.
- 3 Taken semester before student teaching.

Program Requirements

Faculty continuously assess candidates' progress toward demonstrating proficiency in the Kentucky Teacher Performance Standards using a checkpoint system: admission to teacher education, admission to student teaching, and program completion. The eligibility portfolio is assessed during the student teaching semester.

Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for test(s), please refer to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website for current requirements or contact your academic advisor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT TEACHING AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY (Revised 8-29-18)

Teacher Education

To be admitted to teacher education, students must meet these requirements.

1. Attend an admission to teacher education orientation.
2. Review the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel. During the admission to teacher education orientation, sign the **Declaration of Eligibility** (pink sheet) affirming a commitment to uphold the code and acknowledging awareness of information required for state certification. If answers given on the Declaration of Eligibility change during the time of participation in the teacher education program, the Director of Teacher Education Services must be notified immediately.
3. Earn passing subject scores on one of these tests. Request ETS to send scores to Teacher Education Services electronically by using this code - R1494.
 - a) Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Reading 156, Writing 162, Mathematics 150
 - b) PPST (taken before 9-2-14): Reading 176, Writing 174, Math 174
 - c) GRE (Graduate Records Exam): Verbal 150, Quantitative 143, analytical Writing 4.0. This exam is for students seeking initial certification at the graduate level
4. Earn an overall undergraduate GPA of ≥ 2.75 on a 4.0 scale at the point of admission to teacher education. Maintain a 2.75 GPA throughout the entire certification program.
5. Complete a minimum of 24 credit hours with a GPA ≥ 2.75 , including this coursework:
 - a) ENG 101, 102, 104 or 105 with a "B" or higher
 - b) MAT 117 (or higher level math) with a "B" or higher
 - c) COM 161 or HON 165 with a "B" or higher
 - d) EDU 180 or equivalent course with a "B" or higher
6. Schedule an admission to teacher education interview with academic advisor.
7. Submit application in *Recruiter*. Admission will only be granted following a successful review by Teacher Education Services.

NOTE: Students who have not been admitted to Teacher Education will not be eligible to enroll in upper level courses that specify admission to teacher education as a prerequisite.

Student Teaching

To be admitted to student teaching, students must meet these requirements.

1. Gain admission to Teacher Education.
2. Attend an Admission to Student Teaching orientation.
3. Formally apply for admission to student teaching two semesters before they plan to student teach. Applications are initiated during student teaching orientations.
4. Complete the supplemental items required for student teaching in *Recruiter*. See the Teacher Education Services homepage- Student Resource Links – Help Documents
5. Earn and maintain GPA ≥ 2.75 in major/areas, professional education, and overall.
6. Demonstrate teaching ability during clinical experiences.
7. Document completion of 200 or more field hours and required components.
8. Complete all major courses and specialty areas to attain senior, post-bac, or graduate status.
9. Complete all required professional teacher education courses (EDU 180, EDU 280, EDU 380, EDU 480, EDU 485 or equivalents) with a “B” or higher.
10. File a valid and current medical examination, including a TB risk assessment within six months of student teaching.
11. Complete a criminal records background check and a Child Abuse and Neglect check.
12. Supply TES with additional information upon request (e.g. transcripts, course exception forms, etc.).

General Requirements for Kentucky Certification

Graduates who are seeking recommendation for initial Kentucky teaching certification must meet these requirements.

1. Complete an approved teacher education program including student teaching.
2. File an application for certification (CA-1) with Teacher Education Services at MSU.
3. Obtain passing scores on the PRAXIS II specialty area tests and the appropriate Principles of Learning and Teaching Test (PLT).
4. Complete all applicable computer literacy and applications requirements.
5. Earn a bachelor’s degree.
6. Pay certification fee to Kentucky Department of Education/Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (formerly EPSB).
7. Send an official transcript to Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (formerly EPSB).

To be recommended for certification in other states, all Kentucky requirements must be met.

NOTE: Requirements for Kentucky teacher certification may occur after publication of the current Murray State University *Bulletin*. For the most current information, students should check with their academic advisor.