

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION 6-12 (B.ED.) - ONLINE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
COMS 101	Speech Communication	3
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
HIUS 221	Survey of American History I	3
Information Literacy Elective		3
Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
MATH Elective		3
Critical Thinking		
ENGL 201	American Literature I	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview ²	4
Civic & Global Engagement		
CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
Natural Science Elective		3
Christianity & Contexts		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey ²	4
Total Hours		39-42

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skills requirements

² Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

As a requirement for completion of this program, including student teaching and passing required licensure tests, the graduate of this program, regardless of state residency, must obtain a VA state teaching license. The VA teaching license may then be used for reciprocity in another state according to the regulations of that state.

Major Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Major Foundational Courses		
HIEU 201	History of Western Civilization I ¹	3
MATH 121	College Algebra ¹	3
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics ¹	3
Total Hours		9

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
<i>Education Courses</i>		
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	3
EDUC 221	Content Area Reading and Differentiated Teaching and Learning	3
EDUC 230	Foundations of Reading and Literacy	3
EDUC 235	Content Instructional Design	3
EDUC 350	Behavior and Individual Differences	3
EDUC 360	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 425	Content Measurement and Evaluation	3
EDUC 435	Content Curriculum Fundamentals	3
HIST 419	Secondary Social Studies Teaching Methods	3
<i>Practicum and Gate Courses</i>		
EDGT 175	School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDGT 275	School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDGT 375	School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 188	Practicum in Education I: Distance ¹	0
EDUC 288	Practicum in Education II: Distance ¹	0
EDUC 388	Practicum in Education III: Distance ¹	0
<i>Secondary Courses</i>		
ECON 213	Principles of Microeconomics	3
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
GEOG 320	Regional Studies in Geography	3
or GEOG 410	Global Issues in Geography	
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
HIST 300	Historical Methodology	3
HIEU 370 or History: European History Elective ²		3
HIUS 222	Survey of American History II	3
United States History Elective ³		3
HIUS 360	History of American Entrepreneurship	3
HIUS 390	History of Virginia	3
HIUS 420	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIWD 370	Comparative Civilization	3
HIWD 375	East Asian Warfare	3
<i>Student Teaching</i>		
EDST 475	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
<i>Choose one of the following: ^{1,4}</i>		9
EDST 460	Student Teaching - One Placement – Distance	
EDST 461	Student Teaching - One Placement – Local	
EDST 464	Student Teaching - Own Classroom – Distance	
EDST 465	Student Teaching - Own Classroom – Local	
EDST 466	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - One Placement – Distance	

Code	Title	Hours
EDST 467	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - One Placement – Local	
Total Hours		84

¹ Liberty University School of Education Background check is required for all practicums and student teaching.

² Choose any HIEU course not already required for the degree

³ Choose from HIUS 310, HIUS 312, or HIUS 313

⁴ This course should be taken in the final semester.

Note:

- All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and candidate should not plan to take those courses in summer terms.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- **123** Total Hours
- **3.0** Overall grade point average
- **30.75** Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major
- **25%** Of major taken through Liberty University
- **30.75** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
HIUS 221	Survey of American History I	3
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
EDGT 175	School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	3
Hours		13-16
Second Semester		
COMS 101	Speech Communication	3
CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
EDGT 275	School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 221	Content Area Reading and Differentiated Teaching and Learning	3
HIUS 222	Survey of American History II	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
First Semester		
Information Literacy Elective (HIEU 201) ¹		3

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RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
Natural Science Elective (PHYS 101) ¹		3
EDUC 188	Practicum in Education I: Distance ²	0
EDUC 235	Content Instructional Design	3
HIUS 420	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
ENGL 201	American Literature I	3
MATH Elective (MATH 121) ¹		3
EDUC 350	Behavior and Individual Differences	3
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
HIST 300	Historical Methodology	3
Hours		18
Third Year		
First Semester		
EDUC 288	Practicum in Education II: Distance ²	0
EDUC 425	Content Measurement and Evaluation	3
GEOG 320	Regional Studies in Geography	3
or GEOG 410	or Global Issues in Geography	
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
HIST 419	Secondary Social Studies Teaching Methods	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
EDUC 360	Foundations of Education	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
HIEU 370 or HIEU Elective ³		3
HIUS 310 or HIUS 312 or HIUS 313		3
HIUS 360	History of American Entrepreneurship	3
HIWD 370	Comparative Civilization	3
Hours		18
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
ECON 213	Principles of Microeconomics	3
EDGT 375	School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 388	Practicum in Education III: Distance ²	0
EDUC 435	Content Curriculum Fundamentals	3
HIUS 390	History of Virginia	3
HIWD 375	East Asian Warfare	3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
EDST 475	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
Student Teaching Option ^{2,4}		9
Hours		12
Total Hours		120-123

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- ² Liberty University School of Education Background check is required for all practicums and student teaching
- ³ Choose any HIEU course not already required for the degree
- ⁴ Choose one of the following Student Teaching options: EDST 460, 461, 464, 465, 466, or 467