Social Science Education // MAJOR MAP



	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	CAREER
Grow ACADEMICALLY	Investigate introductory courses like HIS 11113 Introduction to the History of World Civilization I, HIS 1123 Introduction to World Civilization II, HIS 2213 U.S. History I, and HIS 2223 U.S. History II. Familiarize yourself with your department by getting to know the professors and students.	Explore career goals with your advisor and consider when you will take the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA). Discover more about your major by engaging in courses like EDU 2113 Educational Psychology and EDU 2313 Foundations of Education.	Continue engaging in your Professional Educational Coursework through EDU 2131 Field Experience Level 1, EDU 2823 Technology for Educators, and EDU 4542 Methods of Teaching Social Science in Middle and Secondary Schools.	EDU 4949 Student Teaching in Secondary School, EDU 4691 Student Teaching Seminar, EDU 4832 Assessment and Evaluation of Learners, and EDU 4842 Teaching Diverse Learners will bring your academic experiences together and prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.	POSSIBILITIES History Teacher Political Science Teacher Geography Teacher Social Studies Teacher
Pursue SERVANT LEADERSHIP	Participate in student organizations and professional associations like Student Missouri State Teachers Association (SMSTA). Strive to be in the top 20 percent of the freshman class and maintain a 3.5 GPA for entrance into Phi Eta Sigma.	Take more responsibility in your extra-curricular activities. Engage in your student organization and consider a leadership role within SMSTA. Consider tutoring with SBU's Run2Win program or in an area school.	Demonstrate servant-leadership by making new members feel welcome and pursuing leader and officer positions in your organization. Strive to be in the top 10 percent with a 3.8 GPA for entrance into Alpha Chi Honor Society.	Spread the word about what clubs/ organizations/events you have enjoyed and help others to get connected on campus. Consider substitute teaching during your non-student teaching semester.	American Government Teacher Principal Assistant Principal Athletic Director
Embrace OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY	Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections to learn about global service opportunities. Be involved locally by assisting in the SBU History Bowl and volunteering at the Polk County Genealogical Society.	Consider how you can utilize your skills through tutoring or volunteering in a school classroom. Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.	Explore another culture or improve your language skills by taking World Religions or being involved with the Center for Global Connections.	Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation. Investigate opportunities to teach abroad.	
Plan for YOUR FUTURE	Discuss your career interests with an advisor and identify your goals. Develop good reading habits, strong writing skills, and confidence in public speaking. Become familiar with the basic structures and processes of American government, so you can hold intelligent conversations on topics without having to check the Internet for basic details.	Use your field experience to make professional connections and build your career network. Begin building your résumé by keeping track of all clubs and organizations. Continue this through your college career.	Explore graduate schools, if you desire to continue your education. Consider SBU's Master's degrees in Education. Prepare for the Missouri Content Assessment.	Identify and ask individuals if they will write your letters of reference/recommendation. Finalize your résumé and cover letter. Plan a time to meet with the Career Services Director to practice a mock interview.	