

University of California Irvine

Special Program for UCI Social Science¹ Undergraduates

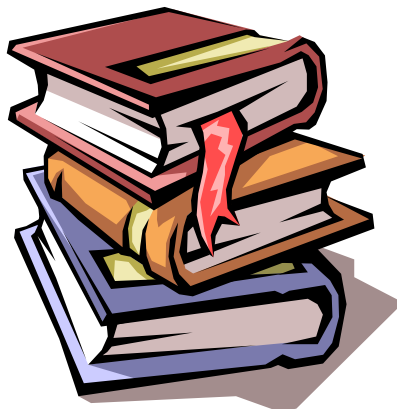
Would you like to be a Social Science teacher in the secondary schools?

Admission to the UCI Single Subject Credential Program is practically guaranteed for those UCI graduates of the Social Science program who have:

- Completed the subject matter preparation program in Social Science (or passed the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET)).
- Earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Submitted an application and all supporting documents, including letters of recommendation verifying good character, ability to work with children or youth, and academic readiness for teaching.
- Acquired a Certificate of Clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (applications available at the UCI Department of Education)
- Passed the CBEST Exam



What does it take to get a Single Subject Social Science Credential?



A Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science is awarded by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) upon completion of a baccalaureate degree and the state-approved UCI teacher education program which includes a semester of student teaching or a year of intern teaching.

Students must also complete a college-level course or pass an examination on the U.S. Constitution, pass the California Basic Skills Test (CBEST), and verify subject matter competence. This competence can be verified by passing the CSET exam OR by completing all course work in the approved subject matter preparation program. Use the information below to plan your undergraduate course work so that you can waive the exams verifying subject matter competence.

Subject Matter Preparation Program requirements may be satisfied easily while you are an undergraduate, but it is important that you plan early to be sure you select the right courses. As you know, the School of Social Sciences, recognizing that its majors have diverse goals, allows students wide latitude in selecting their courses. Those preparing to teach, however, know they will need a broad foundation in world and US history as well as many other areas of the Social Sciences. Participation in the Subject Matter Preparation Program will include study in behavioral science, economics, geography, anthropology and political science. The program will also include cultural studies and world philosophies. You will be expected to participate in fieldwork with K-12 students and the Academic Resource Center in 369 Social Science Tower is one of many resources on campus you can use to find out about these opportunities. Last, in consultation with your SMPP advisor, you will build a supplementary portfolio documenting your educational and classroom preparation for teaching.

¹ Requirements for the subject matter preparation program will be revised in 2004-2005. The revised program will include course options for UCI **History majors**. Contact the Department of Education to learn about the current program and the updated requirements (949-824-3348).

OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION PROGRAM ¹

History (6 courses)

History 21 A,B & C (World History)
History 40 A,B & C (US History)

Political Science (3 courses)

Pol Sci 21A “Introduction to American Government”
Pol Sci 154C “Comparative Politics: Four Nations, Three Continents”
Pol Sci 129 “California Legislative Process,” **OR** Pol Sci 122B “California Politics”

Economics (1 course)

Economics 1 “Introduction to Economics”

Geography (2 courses)

Soc Sci 5D “Human & Physical Geography of the World and the US”
Soc Sci 118G “Regional Geography to California”

Behavioral Science (1 course)

Anthropology 2A “Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology”

Education (2 courses)

Select **one** from the following three courses:

Education 100 “Educational Strategies for Tutoring & Teacher Aiding”;
Education 160 “Practicum in After-School Learning & Inquiry”; **OR**
Soc Sci 196 (former course number: 197) “Global Connect Practicum and Internship”

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Education 124 “Multicultural Education in K-12 Schools”

Interdisciplinary Social Science (4 courses)

Soc Sci 1A “Introduction to Social Science Analysis”
Soc Sci 2A “Principles in the Social Sciences”
Soc Sci 3A “Computer-Based Research in the Social Sciences”
Comp Lit 104 “The Interdisciplinary Course”

Cultural/Area Studies & World Philosophies (2 courses)

Soc Sci 170P “Philosophies and World Religions”
One course offering from Anthropology 160-169 (Area Studies)

Supplementary Portfolio

The portfolio has several purposes. During your undergraduate career, you and your advisor can use it as a guide as you shape a program of study, and as a place where you reflect on your courses and their relation to your future career. Along with your transcript, it will then be used by the Department of Education as a record of what you have done as that office decides whether you have satisfied the requirements of the SMPP. For more information, see your SMPP advisor.