

Social Studies Education

The B. A. Social Science: Social Studies Education Degree program is a cooperative effort between the UAPB School of Education and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Both organizations strive to provide students preparing for the education profession with the philosophical and mechanistic skill sets necessary to succeed in and excel in the profession of education. Additionally this co-operative program strives to prepare each student for the rigors of the profession and instill within each student the ethics required to be an exceptional educator.

The educational skill sets are instilled in each education student through course work in three areas of achievement. These are: the general education requirement, the professional educational courses, and the required social science courses. The general education requirement is composed of thirteen courses designed to prepare each student for the basic university level education and expand the knowledge base of these students. The professional educational courses prepare each student for the administrative and classroom aspects of the educational profession. This is accomplished through seven classroom courses and two student teaching course experiences. The required social science courses provide the student with baseline knowledge which will allow and encourage proficiency in teaching social science subjects and encourage the life long learning expected of a dedicated and superior educator.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the B. A. Social Science: Social Studies Education degree through the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is to prepare exceptional pk - 12 social studies teachers for Arkansas. This will be accomplished by following the guidelines of the Arkansas Department of Education for course requirements and rigor of training courses. Additionally, the program will be coordinated by a certified licensed social studies teacher who also holds a master's degree and/or a Ph.D. in one or more of the social studies.

Goals:

The B. A. Social Science: Social Studies Education degree will:

2. Provide real world examples drawn from licensed teachers on how to employ these theoretical concepts in the classroom.
3. Provide concepts and motivation for our students which will empower them to teach students by judicious employment of classroom discipline and content dissemination.

Program Competencies:

1. Completion of a course of study which prepares students with a fundamental understanding of the subject matter contained within the discipline of social studies.
2. Understand and employ professional and ethical principles to teaching.
3. Develop an appreciation for diversity, differences, human rights, economic justice, and an appreciation for the best qualities for American culture.
4. Develop a professional demeanor towards one's students, their parents, one's colleagues, and one's superiors in academia.

ORIENTATION

Any student interested in completing the B. A. Social Science: Social Studies Education degree must meet officially with the coordinator of the B. A. Social Science: Social Studies Education degree program within the department of Social and behavioral Sciences. The student and the coordinator will enter into a contract. This contract will include the courses needed to complete the course of training, a tentative schedule of courses to be successfully completed, and a schedule of meetings.

2. Understand the importance of integrating the Arkansas PRAXIS standards into the secondary social studies curriculum. (CF Knowledge of Content) (NCSS 1.3, 1.5, 1.10).
3. Better understand how community and global awareness may enlighten secondary students in aspects of appreciating diversity and global differences in cultural and societal activities. (CF Knowledge of Content) (NCSS 1.3, 1.5, 1.10).
4. Recognize a variety of classroom management and teaching techniques as employed during class meetings. (CF Knowledge of Content) (NCSS 1.3, 1.5, 1.10).
5. Achieve a basic level of knowledge necessary to function within secondary social studies. (CF Knowledge of Content) (NCSS 1.3, 1.5, 1.10).
6. Organize content knowledge for lucid presentation and provide appropriate instruction in secondary social studies. (CF Knowledge of Content) (NCSS 1.3, 1.5, 1.10).
7. Develop a personal appreciation of teaching a marvelous matrix of peoples and cultures that enrich us all. (CF Knowledge of Content) (NCSS 1.3, 1.5, 1.10).

Social Studies Education Faculty

Full-time Faculty Members

Michael J. Lynch III, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Email: lynchm@uapb.edu

Phone: 870-575-8171

1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4988

Pine Bluff, AR 71601

, University of Texas - Austin
, Texas A&M University - Kingsville
, Texas A&M University - College Station

