

To: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (Wesley Allen, Chair; Chris Mitchell and Mike Cornebise, Associate Deans)
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Subject: Creation of a History Teaching Minor

The History department would like to propose a History Teaching Minor for students in other education programs (or with licensure) seeking to add a social studies endorsement. The impetus for this comes from a change at the state level in how teachers are licensed through the Illinois State Board of Education. At present, anyone with a teaching license in one area can become licensed as a secondary social studies teacher by taking 18 hours in history and completing the state content test (ILTS 246). Any student is free to take any random 18 hours in history and seek the endorsement from the state itself, but this would apply to students requesting that the College of Education acquire this endorsement on their behalf. Other programs are considering a recommended list or a minor as well.

The minor would consist of two required US and two required world surveys to prepare students broadly for the teaching of history as well as for the content test. We would also require HIS 2500, our undergraduate research and writing class, to ground future social studies teachers in the disciplinary skills and methodology central to history. Students would be required to choose one upper-level three-credit history course and to take the one-credit introduction to teaching social studies, SOS 2400, to acquaint them with disciplinary-specific approaches to planning and instruction (in all social studies, not just history).

Effective Year/Term: Fall 2021

Proposed Catalog Language

History Teaching Minor

Total Hours: 19

The minor comprises the following courses:

- HIS 2500 - Historical Research and Writing. Credits: 3
- SOS 2400 - Introduction to Teaching Social Studies in the Middle and Secondary Classroom. Credits: 1

Two of the following:

- HIS 2010G - History of the United States to 1877. Credits: 3
- HIS 2020G - History of the United States Since 1877. Credits: 3
- HIS 3600G - The U.S. Constitution and the Nation. Credits: 3

Two of the following:

- HIS 1500G - Roots of the Modern World: Society and Religion. Credits: 3
- HIS 2560 - Early Modern World History. Credits: 3
- HIS 3555 - Modern World History. Credits: 3

And one-upper division 3 CU History elective course (numbered 3000 or 4000) not listed above.

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