Guide high school and middle school students to become informed and active citizens.

Social studies teachers prepare middle and high school students to become knowledgeable and engaged participants in our civic life. By earning a bachelor's degree in composite social studies education from the University of North Dakota, you'll learn the foundations of how to teach political science, geography, history, and economics. Your social studies degree will allow you to educate students about the influences shaping their world.

Program Snapshot
- Program type: Major
- Format: On-campus
- Est. time to complete: 4 years
- Credit hours: 125

Why Study Composite Social Studies Education at UND?

The University of North Dakota offers the most comprehensive teacher education program in the state of North Dakota. Our graduates make an impact all across the nation.

With the composite social studies education major, you'll combine courses in teaching and learning with classes in history, economics, geography fundamentals and political science as well as the behavioral sciences. You'll be well-rounded and conversant in the history of Western civilization, the principles of economics and the workings of American politics.

Our curriculum is designed to give you real-world experience in middle and secondary school classrooms while you take courses that prepare you to teach and advocate for a diversity of learners. Your program culminates in a student teaching assignment where you'll have the responsibility for instruction and assessment.

CAEP Accredited Degree

Teacher Education programs at UND meet the rigorous expectations set by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Programs (CAEP).

The B.S.Ed in Social Studies Education is also approved by the North Dakota Educational Standards and Licensing Board.

Application Deadlines

FALL:
FRESHMEN: FEB. 1* | AUG. 1
TRANSFERS: APRIL 15* | AUG. 1
*ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINE
SPRING: DEC. 15
SUMMER: MAY 1

Social Studies Program
- On graduation, you'll work with faculty to obtain the appropriate teaching license and/or endorsement.
Gain a global perspective on education by studying abroad. Students recently have completed student teaching in Australia and Ireland.

Join the largest pre-professional association for students entering teaching. Student North Dakota United (SNDU) is affiliated with the National Education Association, the largest professional teacher organization in the U.S.

The Teacher Education VITAL Program connects you with local volunteer opportunities at area schools, adding to your teaching experience, building your resume, and creating professional networks.

As a student in Teacher Education, you will be eligible for scholarships through the College of Education & Human Development.

Social Studies Teacher Outlook

20%  
Increase in annual demand for all teachers*

316K  
Expected teacher shortage by 2025*

*Learning Policy Institute

Job prospects look favorable for graduates of the B.S.Ed. Composite Social Studies Education Program who receive their teaching license (grades 5-12 in North Dakota). Social studies was declared a critical shortage area by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction Education Standards and Practices Board.

Career opportunities in social studies are abundant in the region and in most places of the United States. Rural school districts as well as large cities, sorely need quality social studies teachers and you are likely to have many choices selecting an employer that fits your geographic preference.