

careers

Secondary school teachers will continue to be in demand, especially by 2010 as older teachers retire. The best prospects for teachers will be in the South and the West, so social studies teachers who are geographically mobile and those who obtain licensure in more than one subject will have an advantage in finding a job. Especially in demand are those teachers who specialize in Economics or who are bilingual or teach English as a second language. Social Studies majors need strong communication skills and research skills.

Career preparation opportunities

Teacher training places a strong emphasis on gaining exposure to real-life classroom situations, culminating in a ten-week student teaching experience. Students may select from a plethora of student teaching opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally.

Recent MSUM social studies grads are employed in states throughout the country. Many hold teaching positions in Minnesota and North Dakota, while others teach in states such as California and Texas.

program benefits

MSUM's long-standing excellent reputation for preparing students for careers in education provides social studies majors with strong training and preparation to be a classroom teacher.

Major emphasis is placed on giving students first-hand classroom experience from their introductory courses through student teaching.

Many Social Studies majors participate in the History Club, which hosts a variety of field trips and programs developed by students.

The Student Minnesota Education Association is active in promoting professional and personal development for teachers and providing seminars, speakers and professional information for education majors.

MSUM has a Texas Student-Teaching program in the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo School District offering future teachers an opportunity to work with students in another cultural setting.

Want more information about the MSUM Social Studies program?

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"History is a vast early warning system." Norman Cousins.

social studies

The study of history is just one part of social studies—a way of examining humanity and our world using geography, psychology, economics, and other areas of the social sciences. The main goal of a social studies program is to prepare young people for a life of inquisitive thinking about world issues—both current matters and critical issues of the past and future.

The social studies program at MSUM prepares students to teach a variety of social science disciplines in high school, junior high and middle school. Graduates are eligible for teaching certification in the state of Minnesota and their certification is generally transferable to other states. Our goal is to teach our social studies students how to become teachers of excellence.

Curriculum

Social studies majors begin their course work by completing introductory courses in the disciplines of history, political science, geography, anthropology, economics, psychology and sociology. Students, with the help of faculty, then choose two areas of concentration from among these disciplines. Students must also complete the professional teacher requirements.



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