

Effective Fall 2008, the Praxis II MUST be taken in order to graduate from this program.

PROGRAM OUTLINE: B.A. IN HISTORY WITH SOCIAL STUDIES LICENSURE

I. Courses required before obtaining the Gold Card; you must earn a minimum 2.65 GPA on this set of courses. (Please read all of this packet for complete Gold Card information.)

ENG 101 _____ ENG 102 _____ (“C” average required in ENG 101/102)
ENG 203 _____ SCM 111 _____
MAT 101 (or higher) _____ Lab Science (2 courses) _____

Aesthetic values (ART 130, DAN 107, MUS 365, *or* THE 100) _____

PSY 110 _____ (prerequisite for PSY 374)
HIS 101 _____ HIS 102 _____

TWO required history or social science courses not listed above.
_____ (Some examples: PS 101, HIS 201, HIS 202, PS 301)

____ SOC 101 OR ANT 101 (choose one) OR GHY 101 (See below: History Education majors must take GHY 101 as well as SOC 101 or ANT 101.)

ADMISSION TO EDUCATION PROGRAM/ GOLD CARD:

Interview with advisor _____ (This can be done during an advisement appointment.)
BTLE _____ Praxis I _____ C Average in ENG 101/102 _____ TK20 subscription _____

II. Other university and college core courses

FOR LANG 202 _____ (Student may also need to take 101, 102, and/or 201, depending on initial skill level.)

GHY 101 _____ SOC 101 OR ANT 101 _____
PS 101 _____ PHI 151 *or* REL 131 _____

6 hours in Economics.

Choose **two** of the following: ECO 101 _____ ECO 201 _____ HIS 375 _____
(ECO 202 is **NOT** recommended for non-business majors.)

III. History Program

HIS 201 _____ HIS 202 _____
(Complete HIS 101, 102, 201, and 202 **BEFORE** taking HIS 300.)
HIS 300 _____ (Complete HIS 300 before beginning your 400 level courses.)
HIS 370 _____ Latin American History (310 preferred) _____
Non-Western History (African, Islamic, Asian) _____

Required History Electives: Take a variety of courses that cover different time periods and parts of the world. You will need a broad knowledge base as a classroom teacher.)

TWO HIS electives (U.S.) _____
TWO HIS electives (European) _____

(continued on page 2)

IV. Additional Social Science Requirements

PS 301 _____ GHY 331, 341, or 350 _____

V. EDUCATION COURSES: Gold Card needed for admission, except for PSY 374

Read this packet carefully for detailed instructions on getting a Gold Card.

Before beginning your education courses (CIS 313 and HIS 488) you must complete the following basic courses with a "C" or better: HIS 101 and HIS 102; HIS 201 and 202; GHY 101; PS 101; SOC 101 OR ANT 101; PSY 110; ECO 101 and 201 (You may substitute HIS 375 for one of the ECO courses.).

PSY 374 _____ (Must take PSY 110 first)

CIS 313 _____ Take this course at your first opportunity. Do NOT take this course during the summer term; it will not count toward your degree. (The summer course does not include school visits that are required by our program; it is only for alternate route students.)

CIS 313 is a prerequisite for HIS 488. BOTH involve extensive visits to local schools..

CIS 302 (Classroom Management/Discipline) _____

REF 400 _____ REF 469 _____ SPE 400 _____

HIS 488 _____ (**HIS 488 is NEVER offered during the summer term.**)

Student Teaching (Teacher Candidacy): HIS 490 _____ HIS 491 _____

(Since this will serve as your capstone course, you will **not** take HIS 400.)

In order to student teach, you must:

1. Complete **all** coursework in your program; no "I" on your record;
2. Earn a minimum grade of "C" is required in **ALL COURSES PERTAINING TO YOUR CERTIFICATION AREA/MAJOR** (history, economics, political science, sociology, psychology, anthropology, geography, education [CIS, REF, SPE, PSY courses]);
3. Subscribe to the TK20 system;
4. Earn acceptable scores on the History Department's Dispositions Assessment. **This is administered to all students in HIS 488 AND may be used at any point in the program to assess individual problems with attitudes and/or ethics.** Those who evidence dispositional problems AND fail to successfully complete remediation to the Department's satisfaction may be removed from the program;
5. Have a 2.5 GPA in program;
6. Obtain liability insurance or a signed waiver indicating that you were told to get it and did not do so;
7. Complete your application for graduation;
8. Attend the required pre-teacher candidacy meetings and submitted appropriate paperwork.

IMPORTANT: Complete the Praxis II (Social Studies Content and Principles of Learning and Teaching) **the semester before** student teaching. Areas tested: U.S. History, World History, Geography, Political Science, and Behavioral Sciences such as Sociology/Anthropology and Psychology.)

DO NOT WORK OR TAKE OTHER COURSES DURING STUDENT TEACHING.

ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION: OBTAINING A GOLD CARD

You must meet the following requirements to be formally admitted to the Teacher Education program.

- __1. Obtain a minimum GPA of 2.65 on a selected 44-hour core (see section I, page 1 of your History Education advisement checklist.)
- __2. Obtain an average grade of “C” or better in English 101 and 102.
- __3. Receive an acceptable score on **one of the following** Teacher Admissions Entrance Examinations:
 - ACT: 21 composite with no sub-score below 18 and a math sub-score of 20 or higher.
 - SAT: 860 or higher
 - Praxis I: Reading 170, Math 169, and Writing 172

NOTE: ACT/SAT SCORES MUST BE PRIOR TO ANY HIGHER EDUCATION.

To sign up for the Praxis I: Computer-Based Test visit Walker Science Building, Room 217, or call 601-266-6123. Study materials can be obtained by visiting www.ets.org/praxis

If you would rather take the Praxis I in a paper and pencil version, you can go to www.ets.org or call 1-800-772-9476.

- __4. Obtain passing Basic Technology Literacy Examination (BTLE) scores. Register for the exam at <http://www.usm.edu/btle> or call 266-4446. The exam is offered the **first half of each semester**. You must have a **valid usm.edu email address**. To obtain a free usm.edu email address, please call 601-266-HELP.

Students failing any portion of the exam will be able to retake it during the **second half of each semester**.

- __5. Apply for admission to Teacher Education and obtain a Gold Card from **Ms. Sherry Dann, in OMH 108C or call 601-266-5522.**
- __6. The Professional Education policy at Southern Miss requires all teacher education candidates to subscribe to the **Tk20 Assessment System**, which will track, store, retrieve, and analyze student data. This data is used for accreditation purposes, and most importantly, for program improvement.

Candidates will be required to pay a one-time subscription rate of \$100.00. The subscription will be active for seven (7) years from the date of purchase.

FREQUENT Q'S AND A'S

1. **What's a Gold Card?**

A Gold Card is simply a small card that verifies that you have been fully admitted to a teacher education program at The University of Southern Mississippi.

2. **What's needed for a Gold Card?**

You must have a selected GPA of 2.65 or higher on a selected 44 hour GPA. Also, you must pass the BTLE, have the needed standardized test scores, and earn at least a "C" average in ENG 101 and 102 to obtain a Gold Card. **NEW: Students must subscribe to the TK20 system when they enter a teacher education program.**

3. **When do I take the Praxis I?**

If you must take Praxis I for a Gold Card , you should take it at your earliest opportunity!

4. **How do I sign up for the Praxis I?**

To sign up for the **pencil and paper based test**, you can go to www.ets.org or call 1-800-

772-9476. You may also take Praxis I by **computer** in the Walker Science Building, Room 217. To schedule a computerized Praxis I test, call 601-266-6123.

5. **When do I take the Basic Technology Literacy Exam (BTLE)?**

Take the BLTE the first semester that you are enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi. Initial BTLE test dates are only offered the first half of each semester. You will need to retake failed portions of the BTLE during the second half of a semester.

6. **How do I sign up for the BTLE?**

To sign up for the BTLE, go to www.usm.edu/btle

7. **What courses are needed for the 44-hour selected GPA?**

The courses included in the 44-hour teacher education core ("Gold Card courses") vary from college to college. **Please see your academic advisor for details.**

8. **Can I take restricted education courses (all education courses except PSY 374) without having the required standardized test scores or BTLE scores?**

Because of accreditation issues, no exceptions are made for the BLTE or standardized test requirements.

9. **Can I take restricted education courses without having completed the 44-hour selected core?**

You can take restricted education courses **IF** you have met all Gold Card requirements with the exception of 3 hours of the 44-hour core. To qualify for this exception, you must show proof that you are enrolled in the final course needed for the 44-hour core. **Please call 6-01-266-6897 for details about requesting an exception to the 44-hour requirement.**

Graduation and Licensure Information

NEW Graduation requirement, effective FALL 2008: TAKE THE PRAXIS II EXAMINATION (PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING AND TEACHING AND the SOCIAL STUDIES content area exam.) It is strongly suggested that you take both tests the semester **before** you student teach.

Keep copies of your scores to submit with your licensure paperwork. Test requirements vary by state, sign up for the tests required for **Mississippi licensure in Social Studies 7-12.**

Earn a minimum grade of “C” in all history, social science AND education courses.

Apply for graduation one semester before you plan to graduate.

Earn acceptable scores on the Department’s Dispositions Assessment Instrument as administered in HIS 488 BEFORE advancing to student teaching. Complete dispositions remediation if needed to the department’s satisfaction.

Do not plan to work or take other courses when student teaching; student teaching is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for professional preparation.

Apply for student teaching one semester before you plan to student teach by attending a MANDATORY meeting. (Those who are student teaching in the fall will attend a SPRING meeting.)

Overall GPA of 2.5 required to student teach; ALL COURSE WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE STUDENT TEACHING. (No incompletes)

Apply for licensure at the end of your student teaching semester.

For questions about issues specific to History Education, call Dr. Phyllis Jestice, History Department Chair (266-5844); Mrs. Mary Beth Farrell (266-4335); Dr. Deanne Nuwer (Gulf Park Campus: 228-214-3423); or Dr. Kyle Zelner, Director of Undergraduate Studies(266-6196).

<Phyllis.jestice@usm.edu> <mary.farrell@usm.edu> <Deanne.nuwer@usm.edu>
<Kyle.zelner@usm.edu>

I received this information from my advisor about the requirements for the History Education Program.

(student signature) (date)

(advisor signature) (date)

Please be aware that Mississippi Law requires fingerprinting and background checks on all new hires for licensed teaching positions. This may be required prior to practica and/or student teaching at the discretion of the school district. You are responsible for any fees involved.