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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Kevin Hussey
Chair, Council on Teacher Education

SUBJECT: Revised Social Science Teacher Certification Programs

DATE: November 9, 2001

Attached for consideration by the Council on Teacher Education are two agenda items relative to revised curricula for Social Science Teacher Certification programs. The changes in these two majors are a result of efforts by the Social Science Studies Committee (composed of the chairs of the departments of economics, geology/geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology/anthropology) to make the social science certification programs at the University compatible with the Content Area Standards for Social Science developed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

There are two programs leading to Social Science Certification which have been designed by the Committee based on recommendations by the curriculum committees and chairs of the appropriate departments in both colleges involved in the program, the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Sciences. The programs are as follows:

1. *The Option in History w/ Teacher Certification in Social Science:* This essentially replaces the existing History Major w/Teacher Certification. It was designed to meet the new standards by restructuring the history course portion of the major and by including significantly more hours in the various social science disciplines. Individuals who choose this major will be extensively prepared in history, will be able to meet all of the social science standards and will be certified to teach all of the social science subjects in Illinois secondary schools.

2. *The Social Science Teaching Major:* This major essentially replaces the existing Social Science With Teacher Certification major. Rather than having segments with specific numbers of semester hours in each of the social science disciplines as the current program does, the new program has designations in Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology/Anthro-pology. Individuals who choose a designation will be more extensively prepared in that specific area, will be able to meet all of the social science standards and will be certified to teach all of the social science subjects in the state of Illinois.

The Social Science Studies Committee hopes to include the revised programs in the 2002-2003 catalog.

Thanks for your assistance.

Charles Titus
Chair, Social Science Studies

Revision of Teacher Certification Options

Please list the required semester hours for each sub-category, and then subtract any “double counted” hours. Finally, list the total semester hours needed for graduation.

History Major w/Teacher Certification in Social Science

Major requirements:

Total Major Hours..... 84

General Education requirements:

General Education Hours.....40

Minus Courses that are “double counted” for the major and general education12

Please list individual “double counted” hours.

3 SH Humanities and Fine Arts

6 SH Social/Behaviorial Sciences

3 SH Constitution

Total General Education Hours..... 28

Professional Education Requirements:

Professional Education Hours.....34

Minus Professional Education courses included in the Major.....3

Please list individual course titles and hours.

3 SH (SOS 3400)

Total Professional Education Requirements.....31

Total hours needed for graduation.....143

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Please list the required semester hours for each sub-category, and then subtract any “double counted” hours. Finally, list the total semester hours needed for graduation.

Social Science Teaching Major w/Political Science or Psychology or Sociology/Anthropology Designation

Major requirements:

Total Major Hours..... 78

General Education requirements:

General Education Hours.....40

Minus Courses that are “double counted” for the major and general education12

Please list individual “double counted” hours.

3 SH Humanities and Fine Arts

6 SH Social/Behavioral Sciences

3 SH Constitution

Total General Education Hours..... 28

Professional Education Requirements:

Professional Education Hours.....34

Minus Professional Education courses included in the Major.....3

Please list individual course titles and hours.

3 SH (SOS 3400)

Total Professional Education Requirements.....31

Total hours needed for graduation.....137

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Please list the required semester hours for each sub-category, and then subtract any “double counted” hours. Finally, list the total semester hours needed for graduation.

Social Science Teaching Major w/Geography Designation

Major requirements:

Total Major Hours..... 83

General Education requirements:

General Education Hours.....40

Minus Courses that are “double counted” for the major and general education16

Please list individual “double counted” hours.

3 SH Humanities and Fine Arts

6 SH Social/Behaviorial Sciences

4 SH Scientific Awareness

3 SH Constitution

Total General Education Hours..... 24

Professional Education Requirements:

Professional Education Hours.....34

Minus Professional Education courses included in the Major.....3

Please list individual course titles and hours.

3 SH (SOS 3400)

Total Professional Education Requirements.....31

Total hours needed for graduation.....138