The Bachelor of Applied Arts (B.A.A.) in teaching social studies is an interdisciplinary major with lower division coursework in each of eight areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and women’s studies. Students select one of these areas in which to complete an upper division emphasis. Within the teacher education program, students will have hands-on exposure to classrooms through volunteer experiences, observation, and student teaching. Students will be exposed to lesson planning, curriculum design, student development, technology, and diversity in the classroom.

**Why UMD**

- Graduates will be eligible for licensure in Teaching Social Studies grades 5-12.
- Focused course work on teaching about and with Native Americans, as well as the role of diversity in American education; candidates develop an understanding of working with all learners.
- Field-based program with many weeks of opportunities to be immersed in multiple classrooms.
- Opportunity to student teach abroad.
- STEP candidates classroom hours
  - Block 1 = 60 hours
  - Block 2 = 60 hours
  - Block 3, student teaching 16 weeks = 640 hours
  - Grand total of 760 hours in the classroom.

**Acquired Skills**

- Design and teach effective lessons.
- Create instruction opportunities that are adapted to students with diverse backgrounds and exceptionalities.
- Understand use of data for instructional and program improvement.

**Career Possibilities**

Entry level positions include middle or high school teacher, student affairs in higher education. Advanced degree positions include dean of students, principal, school counselor, community college instructor.

**Scholarships**

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit this webpage.

**Student Clubs**

- Education MN Student Association (EMSA)

**Faculty Highlights**

Faculty have won campus & college awards for outstanding teaching, research, advising and service. They are dedicated teachers, academic advisors, scholarly researchers and curriculum designers.
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Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Teaching Social Studies grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- 6th Grade Teacher - Dugsi Academy, St. Paul, MN
- 7th Grade Teacher - Eastern Carver County Schools, Chaska Middle School West, Chaska, MN
- High School Social Studies Teacher - Ortonville Public School, Ortonville, MN
- German & Social Studies Teacher - Phillips School District, Phillips, WI

For more data see the Teaching Social Studies Graduate Follow-Up Report.
For ideas about Teaching Social Studies and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

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