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. Additional coursework in education is completed—including foundations of education, pedagogy, learning theory, teaching diverse populations, and professional field experiences. The secondary teacher education program (STEP) offers a variety of content areas for specialization. Classes will include a combination of specific content area and teacher education coursework. 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. Students will learn the value of collaboration, reflection, empowerment, and social justice.

**Why UMD**

- Graduates will be eligible for MN licensure in Teaching Social Studies grades 5-12.
- Focused coursework on teaching about and with American Indians, as well as the role of diversity in American education; candidates develop an understanding of working with all learners.
- Known for teachers who are technologically adept and skillful.
- Program is relevant and current, faculty engage in best practices, professional collaborations, and research in education.
- Field-based program with many weeks of opportunities to be immersed in multiple classrooms.
- Opportunity to student teach abroad.

**Acquired Skills**

- Effective lesson plan design and instruction.
- Oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to create instruction opportunities that are adapted to students with diverse backgrounds and exceptionalities.
- Use of data to improve programs and instruction.

**Career Possibilities**

**Entry Level:**

- Middle or high school teacher
- Human Resources

**Advanced Degree:**

- Dean of Students
- Principal
- School Counselor
- Superintendent
- 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 our scholarship webpage.
UMD's Education Department has over 25 scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $10,000. Scholarships vary in criteria and some are specifically for subject areas or students entering student teaching in the US or starting their student teaching abroad.

Student Clubs

- Education MN Student Association (EMSA)

Faculty Highlights

- Recipients of campus and college awards for outstanding teaching, research, advising, and service.
- Faculty members are dedicated teachers, academic advisors, scholarly researchers, and curriculum designers.

Graduate Report

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.

- Teacher - Anoka-Hennepin Schools, Coon Rapids, MN
- Social Studies Teacher - Connections Academy, St. Paul, MN
- High School Teacher - Crosby-Ironton School District, Crosby, MN
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher - School District 197, West St. Paul, MN

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.