Social studies teachers learn to apply social sciences such as history, geography, and economics to help young people become informed citizens. The Bachelor of Applied Arts (B.A.A.) in teaching social studies is an interdisciplinary major. You'll take courses in eight areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and women's studies. Later, you'll select one of these areas as an emphasis for your upper-division courses. Within the teacher education program, you'll get hands-on classroom experience through volunteer experiences, observation, and student teaching.

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 our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

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

Faculty have won campus & college awards for outstanding teaching, research, advising and service. They 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.

- 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
- High School Social Studies Teacher - Sage Academy Charter School, Brooklyn Park, MN
- Academic Advisor - Northland Community & Technical College, Thief River Falls, 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.