SOCIAL SCIENCE (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

Award: Graduate Certificate
Program of Study: Social Sciences
Program Code: 7771

This program is no longer accepting new students.

This graduate certificate is designed for high school teachers who need certification to teach history and political science courses for lower-division college level credit.

Graduate certificates will, at a minimum, align with either two Masters student learning outcomes or two Doctoral student learning outcomes, depending on certificate level. Certificates may choose to use more than two student learning outcomes, if desired. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, all recipients of this Graduate Certificate will be able to:

1. Contribute to scholarly advancement in the chosen field by completing projects individually and collaboratively (specialized knowledge/applied learning);
2. Create oral and written arguments or explanations, well-grounded in discipline-specific theories and methods, for specified audiences (communication fluency);
3. Formulate and evaluate hypotheses as related to research problems, issues, concepts, and various perspectives (critical thinking);
4. Synthesize, evaluate, or refine the information base of various scholarly sources (information literacy); and
5. Evaluate moral, ethical, legal, or professional challenges within the discipline (ethical reasoning).

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options." This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Graduate Degree Requirements

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU graduate-level degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- Graduate certificates consist of a minimum of 5 credit hours. Master's degrees consist of a minimum of 30 credit hours. Doctoral degrees consist of a minimum of 60 credit hours.
- All credits in a graduate program must be minimally at the 500-level.
- At least fifty percent of the credit hours must be taken at CMU.
- Students must achieve a 3.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- Students may not apply coursework with a grade lower than a "C" toward graduation requirements. Individual graduate programs can institute polices that exceed these minimums.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and certificate requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Graduate Degree Requirements" in this catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
- All policies for graduate certificates are outlined in the Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual, which is provided on the Graduate Studies website.

Program Specific Requirements

(18 semester hours, must pass all courses with a grade of "B" or better.)

- For additional information on applicable polices, please refer to the Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
HIST 501	Early American History: Foundation - Civil War	3
HIST 502	Late American History: Civil War - Modern U.S.	3
HIST 510	Early European History: Ancient - Reformation	3
HIST 511	Modern European History: Reformation - 20th Century	3
POLS 501	Theories of Political Science	3
POLS 505	American Government	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		**18**

Suggested Course Plan

First Year		
Summer Semester		**Semester Credit Hours**
HIST 501	Early American History: Foundation - Civil War	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**3**
Fall Semester		
HIST 502	Late American History: Civil War - Modern U.S.	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**3**
Spring Semester		
HIST 510	Early European History: Ancient - Reformation	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**3**
Second Year		
Summer Semester		
HIST 511	Modern European History: Reformation - 20th Century	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**3**
Fall Semester		
POLS 501	Theories of Political Science	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**3**

Spring Semester		
POLS 505	American Government	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**3**
	Total Semester Credit Hours	**18**

Advising and Graduation

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a certificate. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and discussing the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended certificate.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a certificate and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their certificate requirements (for one-semester certificates, complete in the first week of class):

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found on the Graduation web page.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to apply for graduation in a subsequent semester. A student's "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.