Master of Teaching (M.T.) Secondary History/Social Studies Resource
Thank you for your interest in teaching, passion for education, and enriching the minds of the next generation. This checklist serves as a resource for students applying to the initial licensure Master of Teaching (M.T.) secondary history and social studies concentration.

There are 2 application processes to get into our program: 1) Teacher Prep, 2) Graduate School. When you complete these processes depends on whether you are currently a VCU undergraduate, or a graduate from another university coming to VCU. Review the M.T. application resource located on this page for important dates and application support. If you have any questions about the M.T. application process, please email soeinfo@vcu.edu.

To teach in VA, you need a major in history or political science and EXTRA coursework for what is called the broad endorsement. All students must take EDUS 301, or equivalent. It is a prerequisite for all graduate-level education courses. All students are required to have 3-4 credits of science as undergraduates.

Content Area Requirements per VDOE

History Majors:

- Poli-Sci: 9 total credits
  - POLI 103 (U.S. Gov.), or POLI 105 (International Relations), and two 300-level courses, such as:
    - POLI 322 (VA Politics), POLI 331 (Public Administration), POLI 302 (Politics of the Civil Rights Movement), or POLI 345 (African American Politics)
    - International Politics: POLI 351 – 367 all focus on international issues

- Geography/Urban Studies: 6 total credits
  - 6 credits human geography/urban studies: URSP 102; 108; 116; 303; 304; 306; 312; 315; 316; 331; 333; 334; 340; 350

- Economics: 3 total credits
  - ECON 101, 103, 203, 210, 211, 304 (NOTE: if you are averse to math, take lower level courses)

Political Science Majors:

- History: 15 total credits
  - 6 credits 100 level survey courses
  - HIST 201
  - 6 additional credits of 300-level history courses

- Geography and Economics requirements are the same as for history majors

Transcript Review Request
If you would like a pre-application transcript review, please complete the transfer credit request form and include all unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended for our licensure team and faculty coordinator concentration to review.

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