



# VCU School of Education

## 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.

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:
    - Local Politics: 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: 6 total credits
  - 6 credits human geography/urban studies (any two of the following courses): URSP 102; 108; 116; 303; 304; 306; 312; 315; 316; 331; 333; 334; 340; 350; **and/or** HIST 338; 340; 341; 342; 343; 345; 354; 358; 359; 368; 374; 378; 381
- 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 (see above)

**Registration note:** HIST courses listed here count for both geography AND history VDOE requirements.

## 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.