

K-12 Subject Matter Education (SME): Social Studies (B.A. + B.A. Dual Degree Program)

Department of Content Area Teacher Education (CATE) & Department of History Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2026)

All students must consult with their College of Education advisor, Melissa English Zachowski (englishme@rowan.edu) in the College of Education Advising Center located on the 2nd floor of James Hall on a regular basis to ensure timely graduation.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for ALL MAJORS/DEGREES

- Students must complete at least 120 s.h. (semester hours) of coursework that applies to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have an overall/cum. G.P.A. of at least 2.0 (Only Rowan University courses count toward the G.P.A.).
- A minimum of 30 s.h. of coursework must be completed through Rowan University
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation requirements (some programs may set higher minimums)
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements

Program-Specific Graduation & Certification Requirements

- Students must receive a grade of C- or better in all courses required for B.A. in History and SME
- Students **MUST** have an **overall** G.P.A. of at least 3.0 to graduate with the Education degree (Only Rowan University courses count toward the G.P.A.)
- All students must meet *Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Admission* to subject-specific SME program; Admission to Clinical Practice; and Completion of Program (i.e., Transition Point Requirements) – see Guidelines for list of requirements
- Students must apply for graduation and teaching certification within the semester in which all such requirements are complete
- All students must take and pass Praxis II: Social Studies (test code: 5581) (see p. 4 for details)

Rowan Core Requirements¹

Students must satisfy all **six** Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 s.h. of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy.
With the exception of the 9 s.h. counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- ☐ (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
 - ☐ COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 s.h.) (or equivalent)
 - ☐ COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 s.h.) (or equivalent)
 - ☐ CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 s.h.) (or equivalent)
- ☐ (ARTL) Artistic Literacy
- ☐ (GLBL) Global Literacy Recommended: ANTH 02202 or GEOG 16100 or GEOG 16110 or GEOG 16140
- ☐ (HUML) Humanistic Literacy Recommended: ECON 04101 or ECON 04102
- ☐ (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy Recommended: MATH 01115 Contemporary Math or MATH 01118 Quantitative Literacy
- ☐ (SCIL) Scientific Literacy Recommended: General BIOL 01113 Biology: For Non-Biology Majors (4-credit Lab science course)

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 s.h.

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- ☐ (LIT) Broad-Based Literature course Recommendation from major: ENGL 02116
- ☐ (WI) Writing Intensive course Recommendation from major: HIST 05306
- ☐ (RS) Rowan Seminar course²

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

Non-Program Courses (21-24 s.h.)

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Year	Grade	Credits
EDUC 21230 or PSY 22215	Characteristics of Knowledge Acquisition or Education Psychology (prereq PSY 01107)		1 or 3		3 s.h.
PSY 09210 or PSY 09209	Adolescent Psychology or Child & Adolescent Development		1 or 2		3 s.h.
	Any Foreign Language I/ASL	Must take 2 courses in the same language ³	2 or 3		3 s.h.
	Any Foreign Language II/ASL		2 or 3		3 s.h.
POSC	Any Political Science course (Recommended: POSC 07110 American Government for Ed majors)		1 or 3		3 s.h.
GEOG or ANTH	Any Geography or Anthropology course (Recommended: ANTH 02202 or GEOG 16100 or GEOG 16110 or GEOG 16140)	Satisfies Global Literacy (GLBL)	1 or 3		3 s.h.
ENGL 021116	Intro to Global Lit	Satisfies Rowan Experience LIT requirement	2 or 3		3 s.h.
ECON 04101 or ECON 04102	Intro or Macroeconomics or Intro to Microeconomics	Satisfies Humanistic Literacy (HURL)	2 or 3		3 s.h.
SPED 08130	Disability as Diversity	(8-week online course)	2-3		3 s.h.
HLTH 00103	Health & Wellness (If no BIOL course taken)	Required for NJ teacher certification	1 or 3		3 s.h.
					Subtotal: 21-24 s.h.

Free Electives (24-27 s.h.)

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Year	Grade	Credits
	Elective				3 s.h.
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	Elective				3 s.h.
					Subtotal: 24-27 s.h.

Education Major Requirements (33 s.h.)

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Year/Sem	Grade	Credits
SMED 50	Schools & Society (prerequisite for EDUC 01270 & pre- or corequisite for EDUC 01272)		Yr. 2-3		3 s.h.
EDUC 01270	Humanities Teaching Methods I: Creating Supportive Learning Environments	Spring Only Includes 25 hr Clinical Experience ⁴ (fulfills half of the Experiential Learning Requirement)	Yr. 2-3		3 s.h.
EDUC 01272	Teaching Content in Diverse Classrooms	Includes 25 hr Clinical Experience ⁵	Yr. 2-3		3 s.h.

³ Students who have completed an Elementary II or higher language course have met this requirement. Dept. of World Languages can administer Credit-by-Examination.

⁴ Background Clearance and updated TB record is required to keep enrollment in courses with Clinical Experiences/ fulfills Experiential Learning requirement

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		(fulfills half of the Experiential Learning Requirement)			
SMED 52330	Humanities Teaching Methods II: Social Studies	Fall only	Yr 4/Sem 1		3 s.h.
SMED 40462	Clinical Practice I	Fall only - Clinical Experience, 2 days per week ⁶	Yr 4/Sem 1		3 s.h.
READ 30319 or BLED 40405 or BLED 40412 or BLED 40415	Teaching Reading/Writing in Content Area OR Current Policy and Practice in ESL and Bilingual Education OR Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition for Teaching Languages OR Understanding Immigrant, Bilingual, and English Learner Students	Fall only	Yr 4/Sem 1		3 s.h.
SELN 40477	Effective Inclusive Instruction	Fall only	Yr 4/Sem 1		3 s.h.
SMED 52331	Humanities Teaching Methods III: Social Studies	Spring only	Yr 4/Sem 2		3 s.h.
SMED 40463	Clinical Practice II	Spring only – Clinical Experience, 5 days per week	Yr 4/Sem 2		9 s.h.
					Subtotal: 33 s.h.

History Course Requirements (30 s.h.)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 12 sh of Foundational Courses
- 18 sh of Upper-Level Capstone Courses
- 30 s.h. total

Foundational Courses

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Year	Grade	Credits
HIST 05100	The West in the World to 1600		1-2		3 s.h.
HIST 05101 or HIST 05120	The West in the World to 1600 or World History Since 1500		1-2		3 s.h.
Any Level History elective	Recommended: HIST 05150 or 05151 United States to 1865 or US History since 1865		1-2		3 s.h.
HIST 05306	Historical Methods	<i>Satisfies WI requirement/ prerequisite for all upper-level history courses; prereq: Comp II</i>	2		3 s.h.
					Subtotal: 12 s.h.

Upper-level and Capstone Courses

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Year	Grade	Credits
HIST 05300-05400	Any upper-level		2		3 s.h.
HIST 05300-05400	Any upper-level		2		3 s.h.
HIST 05400-054990	Any 400 upper-level		3		3 s.h.
HIST 05300-05400	Any upper-level Global History course		3		3 s.h.
HIST 05300-05400	Any upper-level Global History course		3		3 s.h.
HIST 05492	Seminar in History	<i>Seniors Only / pre-req HIST 05306 and at least 3 Upper-levels</i>	3		3 s.h.
					Subtotal: 18 s.h.

Total BA Education & BA History Program Credits: 120 s.h.

⁶ Must meet Transition Point I requirements to keep enrollment in course

Required Tests for Education Graduation & NJDOE Teaching Certification

	Test Name	Notes	Year	Passing Score
SME: Social Studies Students only	Praxis II Social Studies Content Knowledge (#5581)	Graduation	Yr 2-3	153*

Transition Point Requirements

Transition Point #1: Admission to the Pre-Professional Coursework

(Enrollment in EDUC 01270 & EDUC 01272)

- ✓ Declared major in Subject Matter Education (SME) program & eligible Dual Major (English, History, or Spanish)
- ✓ Submit a clear TB test and NJ DOE Background Clearance as a “Substitute Teacher” using Rowan’s codes of County 15, District 7270 and School 001 for field placement. **Note: Students may be removed from courses with fieldwork if their documents are not submitted to OCE by deadline.*
- ✓ Meet minimum overall GPA of at least 3.0.

Transition Point #2: Admission to the Professional Coursework: Year-long Clinical Practice

(Enrollment in Clinical Practice I and its co-requisite courses)

- ✓ Successful completion of Pre-Professional coursework and (SPED 08130) Disability as Diversity with C- or better.
- ✓ Submit the “Year-long Clinical Practice Application” by established deadline
- ✓ Complete a minimum of 30 credits in content major courses; prepare a course sequence plan with your advisor.
- ✓ No D’s, F’s or Incompletes in any required dual major course.
- ✓ Attempt the subject specified **Praxis II exam** and have scores sent to Rowan by deadline established by Office of Clinical Experiences
- ✓ Meet minimum overall GPA of at least 3.0.

Transition Point #3: Graduation & Certification:

(Completion of program, graduation, and application to teacher certification)

- ✓ Pass the subject specified **Praxis II exam** at the minimum qualifying score.
- ✓ Successful completion of all Transition Points above.
- ✓ Submit Graduation application.
- ✓ Submit Certification application.
- ✓ Minimum of C- in all courses.
- ✓ Meet minimum overall GPA of at least 3.0.