



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Harper College

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## Western Michigan University Secondary Education - History Curriculum Guide

### General information:

- A Secondary Provisional Certificate is valid for teaching your subject areas (major and minor) in grades 6-12;
- Students must choose at least one teachable major and one teachable minor. For a list of **teachable majors and minors** see the content areas in secondary education on the WMU Secondary Education website;
- Students are encouraged to meet with a WMU education advisor as early as possible prior to transfer for assistance with their choice of majors and minors;
- Course sequencing at WMU in Secondary Education requires at least two years to complete, and a minimum of 60 credits of the overall degree must be completed at WMU;
- Students who choose **History** as their teaching major or minor will follow requirements in the History department for the major or minor. General education and teacher preparation requirements are determined by the College of Education and Human Development (**CEHD**);
- All applicants intending to pursue a teaching program at WMU will be admitted into “pre-education” at the time of admission to WMU. After completion of the pre-professional requirements, pre-education students must apply to the upper level as indicated below;
- For students who started at Harper before Fall 2014, and will transfer directly to WMU, **your requirements may be different**. Please check with the CEHD advising office (contact information is listed below);
- At the end of their professional education program, students must complete a minimum of one semester of Internship (Student Teaching).

### Pre-Professional Requirements for Secondary Education CAS Majors:

After satisfying the following requirements students should submit the Professional Education Admission application for admission to upper professional level education courses:

- Completion of at least 60 credit hours;
- Completion of all WMU Intellectual Skills Development classes IF REQUIRED (e.g. MATH 1090, LS 1040, ENG 1000);
- Completion of an approved college level writing class;
- Completion of ES 2000 or an approved course with a grade of CB (2.5) or better;
- Achievement of a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better; \*\*

- Achievement of passing scores on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) - Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) (#96), or passing by an alternate method. Please contact the CEHD advising office if you have questions. Students from states other than Michigan will have to take the test after they transfer to WMU;
- Completion of a background check through Castle Branch at [portal.castlebranch.com/wc48](http://portal.castlebranch.com/wc48) with Submission of Judgment of Sentence or Register of Action for any convictions, if necessary;
- Submission of a formal application to the Office of Admissions and Advising, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5275;
- Please visit the WMU College of Education website for additional information.

\*\* Any student with a cumulative GPA between 2.75 and 2.99 who has met all of the other requirements may apply for provisional admission to the professional education program. Provisional admission decisions will be made by secondary education faculty and admission is not guaranteed.

**Courses that can be taken at Harper:**

**WMU courses**

HIST 1000 or 1010  
 HIST 2100 or 2110  
 ENGL 2220 or 2230 or 3120  
 ECON 2010 or 2020  
 GEOG 1020 or 1050 or 2050  
 PSCI 2000  
 PSCI 2400 or 2500

**Harper courses**

HST 141 or 142  
 HST 111 or 112  
 ENG 223 or 206 or 207  
 ECO 211 or 212  
 GEG 101 or 111 and 112 or 100  
 PSC 101  
 PSC 250 or 270

51 total hours are required for the Secondary Education, History major. No more than half of these hours may be completed outside of WMU. The same restriction also applies to the Secondary Education, History minor. 21 total hours are required for a minor and no more than half of those hours may be completed outside of WMU.

**General education requirements:**

- Please refer to the [WMU general education transfer guide](#) and talk with your WMU College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) advisor.

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