

**SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY PROGRAM**  
Advising and Planning Workbook

# Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science



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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

- \* **First:** Read the booklet through carefully.
- \* **Second:** Gather your transcripts.
- \* **Third:** Complete the Advising Worksheet as fully as you can *before* visiting an advisor.
- \* **Fourth:** See an advisor ASAP!! Call or stop by during their office hours, but don't wait until the last minute!
- \* **Fifth:** Attend a Single Subject Credential Orientation. Information is available at:

<http://www.sfsu.edu/~cstpc/>.

Please Contact the History Department (415) 338-1604 or by e-mail at [history@sfsu.edu](mailto:history@sfsu.edu) for the Office Hours of Subject Matter Competency Advisors .

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### SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY PROGRAM SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

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In order to teach in the secondary schools of California, you must have a valid Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a single subject teaching credential from the state. Entry into a single subject teaching credential program requires a Bachelors degree from an accredited institution and demonstrated competency in the subject area to be taught. Competency is demonstrated by earning a passing score on the appropriate subject matter examination by the State of California (the CSET).

San Francisco State University offers a CCTC approved Subject Matter Competency Program in Social Science that is overseen by the History Department. It will prepare you to enter the Secondary Education Credential Program in the Education Department of San Francisco State as well as credential programs at many other universities. The preparation program is designed to educate you and assess your competency in the history and social science subjects most commonly taught in California's secondary schools under the History/Social Science Framework adopted by the State of California in 1987.

## Applying The Social Science Secondary Education Credential Program at SFSU Using the Subject Matter Competency Program

### Preparing to Apply: Completing Subject Matter Competency Requirements

Ideally, you will begin preparing for entry into the Subject Matter Competency program at the beginning of your junior year or earlier so that you can choose courses that can be used toward the History Major (ideal for Subject Matter Competency candidates) and the Subject Matter Competency program. In this case, you should meet with a Subject Matter Competency Advisor to plan your studies to maximize course utilization and to help you prepare for application to the Single Subject Credential Program in Social Science. The worksheet on page 4 can be used to plan your coursework and track your progress.

Many students do not gain interest in teaching until later in their academic careers. In this case, a Subject Matter Competency Advisor can evaluate the coursework you have completed to date. You will need to bring copies of your transcripts and the completed worksheet on page 4. If you attended school elsewhere, please complete the form to the best of your ability; if you think a class may work, write it down and bring in a short course description to review with the Subject Matter Competency advisor.

Selecting a Subject Matter Competency Advisor and meeting regularly with him or her until you have completed your program is crucial to your success, regardless of whether you are preparing early or have completed most or all of your undergraduate work. Contact information, office hours, and office locations are available through the History Department website at <http://history.sfsu.edu>. You should meet regularly with your advisor until you have completed the subject matter competency program to monitor your progress and make any adjustments need in accord with changes to the requirements set forth by the CCTC. Once you have completed the required coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0, a Subject Matter Competency Advisor will sign-off on the Subject Matter Competency Review form that is attached to this booklet.

### Applying to the Single Subject Credential Program in Social Science

Details of the application process are available at <http://www.sfsu.edu/~cstpc/apply.html>. *Please refer to the website* periodically and before applying for admission to the program to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information on the application process

### Application Check-List for the Single Subject Credential Program at SFSU

<i>Application Requirement for Entry to the Single Subject</i>	<i>Completed?</i>
CSU Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Application	
Single-Subject Credential Program Application	
Transcripts from All Universities Attended (for the Secondary Ed. Department)	
Bachelors Degree (Minimum GPA of 2.67 overall or 2.75 in the last 60 units)	
Three Letters of Recommendation, Minimum	
Completion of Subject Matter Competency (Passing score on CSET)	
Passing Score on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)	
Second-Language Requirement	
Fingerprint Clearance and a Negative TB Test valid within 12 Months of program start	

### Social Science Subject Matter Competency Program -- 51 to 54 Units

### *Core Requirements*

<b>United States History</b>				<b>6 Units</b>
HIST 120	U.S. History through Reconstruction	<i>and</i>	HIST 121	U.S. History since Reconstruction
<b>California History</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
HIST 450	History of California			
<b>United States Government</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
PLSI 200	American Politics			
<b>World History</b>				<b>6 Units</b>
HIST 114	World History to 1500	<i>and</i>	HIST 115	World History from 1500
<b>Economics</b>				<b>3 or 6 Units</b>
ECON 305	Economic Analysis for Non-Majors (3 Units)	<i>OR</i>	ECON 100 <i>and</i> ECON 101	Introduction to Economic Analysis I <i>and</i> II (6 Units)
<b>Physical Geography</b>				<b>6 Units</b>
GEOG 107	World Regions	<i>and</i>	GEOG 550	The United States and Canada
<b>Integration of the Various Social Sciences and Their Methodologies</b>				<b>6 Units</b>
SS 300	Social Sciences Core I	<i>and, select one of the following:</i>		
SS 301	Social Sciences Core II	<i>or</i>	HIST 300	Seminar in Historical Analysis

### *Breadth and Perspective Courses*

<b>Modern History of Areas Outside Europe and North America – one course</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
HIST 550	Social Change in Modern Latin America	HIST 611	Modern Africa	
HIST 584	History of the Indian Subcontinent	IR 342	Middle East Heartland	
HIST 588	History of South Eastern Asia	ANTH 315	Regional Ethnography	
HIST 571	History of Modern China	PLSI 412	South Asian Politics	
HIST 605	History of the Islamic World 1500-Present			
<b>Ethics and Religion</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
PHIL 502	World Religions	HIST 482	Religion in America	
<b>Global Perspectives and International Relations – one course</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
IR 104	Introduction to World Affairs	HIST 461	History of American Foreign Relations	
IR 312/PLSI 302 Introduction to International Political Economy				
<b>Field Experience- one course</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
HIST/SS 681	Field Course in Social Science: Focus on Schools	S ED 610	Early Field Experience in Secondary Schools	
<b>Ethnic Studies- one course</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
ETHS 220	Asians in America	ETHS 265	Issues in La Raza History	
ETHS 260	The African American and Western Racism	HIST 464	U.S. Ethnic and Race Rltns. I: 1740-1890	
ETHS 571	Women, Class, and Race	HIST 465	U.S. Ethnic and Race Rltns. II: 1890-Prsnt	
<b>Women's Studies- one course</b>				<b>3 Units</b>
WOMS 200	Intro to Women and Gender Studies	HIST 468	Women in U.S.: 1890-Present	
WOMS 561	Women of Color in the U.S.	HIST 347	Women in Modern Europe	
WOMS 562	Hist. African American Women	HIST 575	Women in China and Japan	
HIST 467	Women in the U.S. to 1890	HIST/RAZA 535	Women in Latin America	

### Social Science Subject Matter Competency Worksheet

Social Science Subject Matter Competency Course	SFSU Semester	Proposed substitution (requires advisor approval)	Units	Grade	Advisor Initials
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>33 to 36 Units (of 51 to 54 Units Total)</b>			
World, U.S. And California History (15 Units)					
HIST 114: World History To 1500					
HIST 115: World History Since 1500					
HIST 120: History of the U.S. Through Reconstruction					
HIST 121: History of the U.S. Since Reconstruction					
HIST 450: History of California					
U.S. Government (3 Units)					
PS 200: American Politics					
Economics (3 or 6 Units)					
ECON 305: Economic Analysis for Non-Majors <i>or</i>					
ECON 100: Introduction to Economic Analysis I <i>and</i>					
ECON 101: Introduction to Economic Analysis II					
Geography (6 Units)					
GEOG 107: World Regions					
GEOG 550: The United States and Canada					
Integration of the Various Social Sciences and Their Methodologies (6 Units)					
SS 300: Social Science Core I <i>and</i>					
SS 301: Social Science Core II <i>or</i> HIST 300: Sem. in Hstrcl. Analysis					
<b>Breadth and Perspective Courses</b>		<b>18 Units (of 51 to 54 Units Total)</b>			
Modern HIST of Areas Outside Europe and North America (3 Units, choose 1 course)					
ANTH 315: Regional Ethngrphy. HIST 571: Hist. of Modern China HIST 550: Soc. Change in Latin Am. HIST 584: Indian Subcontinent HIST 588: S. East Asia	HIST 605: Islamic world 1500-prnt HIST 611: Modern Africa IR 342: Middle East Heartland PS 412: South Asian Politics				
Ethics and Religion (3 Units, choose 1 course)					
Philosophy 502: World Religions	HIST 482: Religion in America				
Global Perspectives and International Relations (3 Units, choose 1 course)					
IR 104: Intro to World Affairs HIST/IR 461: US. Foreign Policy	IR 312/PS 302: Intntl. Ptcl Econ				
Field Experience (3 Units, choose 1 course)					
HIST/SS 681: Community Service Learning in the Schools S ED 610: Early Field Experience in Secondary Schools					
Ethnic Studies (3 Units, choose 1 course)					
ETHS 220: Asians in America <i>or</i> ETHS 260: Afrcn Amcns&Wst Rcsrn ETHS 571: Women, Class and Race	ETHS 265: Issues in La Raza HIST 464: US Eth & Race Rltns I HIST 465: US Eth & Race Rltns. II				
Women Studies (3 Units)					
WOMS 200: Intro to WOMS WOMS 561: Wmn of Clr in U.S. HIST 347: Wmn in Mdrn Europe HIST 467: Wmn in US to 1890	HIST 468: Wmn in US 1890-prsnt HIST/RAZA 535: Wmn in Ltn. Am. HIST 575: Wmn in China&Japan				
			Total Units:	GPA:	
Admitted to the Subject Matter Competency Program for the Social Science Secondary Credential			Recommend Admission to Secondary Credential Program		
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Advisor Signature			Advisor Signature		



Subject Matter Competency Review

This form needs to be completed by subject matter competency advisor.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN [ ][ ]-[ ][ ]-[ ][ ][ ][ ]

Subject Area: Social Science

COURSEWORK COMPLETED

Table with 6 columns: SFSU COURSE, DEPT. & COURSE #, COURSE TITLE, UNITS & GRADE, TERM, INSTITUTION (other than SFSU)

COURSEWORK IN PROGRESS (SHOW PROOF OF ENROLLMENT)

Table with 6 columns: SFSU COURSE, DEPT. & COURSE #, COURSE TITLE, UNITS & GRADE, TERM, INSTITUTION (other than SFSU)

- Has completed 100% of Commission-approved subject-matter program requirements
Will meet 100 % of subject matter requirement, pending satisfactory completion of work in progress.
Has not met subject program requirement.

Signature of Subject Area Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Students who will not be attending SFSU's credential program need to get an accompanying letter from the SFSU Credential Services office (BH 244, 415-405-3394) to submit to their chosen credential program. The Credential Services office charges a \$25.00 fee for the letter.