

Queens College
Secondary Education & Youth Services (SEYS)
Social Studies Graduate Initial Certificate Program (Grades 7-12)
AESST-AC

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PLEASE CHECK WITH AN ADVISOR FOR UPDATES TO THE PROGRAM.

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This program is intended for students who would like to become initially certified in Secondary Education (grades 7-12) with a concentration in Social Studies Education.

To qualify for student teaching, you must have an average minimum GPA of 3.0 and have earned a B in Methods (SEYS 563).

GENERAL COURSE SEQUENCE

Course Number	Title	Pre-requisites and Co-requisites	Credits	Fieldwork Required
SEYS 536 (Spring or Fall)	Historical, Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education	Matriculation in program	3	30 Hours Fieldwork
SEYS 700 (Spring or Fall)	Language, Literacy, and Culture In Education	Matriculation in program	3	30 Hours Fieldwork
ECPSE 550 (Spring or Fall)	Foundations of Special Education	Matriculation in program	*3	15 Hours of Fieldwork
SEYS 563 (Spring only)	Seminar in Teaching Social Studies in Middle and High School	Matriculation in program	3	30 Hours Fieldwork
SEYS 573.2** (Fall only)	Student Teaching I in Secondary Social Studies	Pre-requisite: SEYS 536, SEYS 700, Grade of "B" or higher in SEYS 563 Co-requisite: SEYS 583	3	150+ Hours of Clinical Practice, 5 days a week
SEYS 583** (Fall only)	Standards-Based Curriculum and Assessment in Teaching Social Studies	Pre-requisite: SEYS 536, SEYS 700, Grade of "B" or higher in SEYS 563 Co-requisite: SEYS 573.2	3	
SEYS 573.4 (Spring only)	Student Teaching II in Secondary Social Studies	Pre-requisite: Grade of "B" or higher in SEYS 573.2 & SEYS 583 Co-requisite: 552	3	240+ hours, 3-4 periods/day, 5 days/week
SEYS 552 (Spring only)	Educational Psychology	Pre-requisite: Grade of "B" or higher in SEYS 573.2 & SEYS 583 Co-requisite: 573.4	3	
TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS			21 + *3	

All students are required to complete 100 hours of fieldwork prior to Student Teaching I.

*Credits not applicable to the Program's Total Number of Credits

**Submission of CST official score report, with overall score and sub-scores (candidates who do not pass must develop a remediation plan signed by advisor prior to student teaching).

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To be eligible for recommendation for New York State teaching licensure, all candidates must also complete the following:

A. Exams and Workshops:

1. Certification Exams: Educating All Students (EAS) + Content Specialty Test (CST) (in social studies). Visit for more information:
<https://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>

2. New York State certification workshops:
Child Abuse Identification and Reporting (NYS Mandated Reporter)
School Violence Prevention and Intervention (SAVE)
DASA Training (Dignity for All Students Act)
Visit for more information:
<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/se/workshop-information/>

B. Content coursework:

Through all of the coursework you have taken (*at all universities you have attended*), you must have:

A) completed one economics course (for a letter grade)

B) completed one political science course (for a letter grade)

C) completed a social studies major of 30 credits or more (e.g., history, economics, political science, sociology, Africana Studies, and others)#

D) completed at least 21 credits of history (2 courses are required in US history, and 2 courses are required in non- US History (and one of those must be non-Western, like history of Africa, Asia, or Oceania))*#

*Note: If you complete(d) a social studies major in history, then you have met both requirements for C and D.

#Note: If you find yourself having to take additional social studies content courses to fulfil requirements C and D, consider that graduate content taken at Queens College during the Graduate Initial Certificate Program *may* also count toward your content requirement for a hypothetical future MSED in social studies. Please consult with an advisor before planning such an endeavor.

General note: You may have already met these requirements through your undergraduate experience!