

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING



M.A. in Social Studies Education

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NYU Steinhardt's master's degree program in Social Studies Education prepares both aspiring and current teachers and teacher leaders to serve in multicultural, multiethnic, urban middle and high schools in New York City and around the country. It combines academic rigor, collaboration with the NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science, a key focus on civic engagement, and extensive, mentored teaching practice through a half-time residency model that is deeply connected to our partnership school network.

Revitalizing the Teaching of History

The Social Studies Education curriculum integrates knowledge of history and social studies with effective and innovative strategies to engage the variety of learners you'll encounter as a teacher.

We are dedicated to revitalizing the teaching of history and social sciences in middle and secondary schools. You'll learn to teach with primary sources, engage students with competing and divergent historical interpretations, and use technology for historical research. Our faculty work closely with NYU Arts and Science faculty to link the latest developments in history and the social sciences to dynamic and effective teaching strategies. As a graduate of this program, you'll be capable of facilitating exciting, inquiry-based history workshops in your classrooms that bring the past to life.

A Commitment to Urban Education

The program encourages you to explore the curricular innovations needed to teach social studies in multicultural, multiethnic, urban schools.

We promote an interdisciplinary approach, focusing on how social studies teaching can be enhanced by integrating historical narrative with novels, film, music, photography, and visual arts, as well as the tools of social scientists. The strong emphasis on gender, ethnicity, and equity throughout our curriculum helps you to become a compassionate teacher for civic engagement in urban classrooms.



Teaching Social Studies, Grades 7-12

The 36-unit M.A. program leads to eligibility for initial teacher certification for grades 7-12. It can be completed in one year of full-time work, including summer. Students enrolling in full-time study in the fall semester will complete their studies the following June. Students enrolling in full-time study in the spring semester will complete their studies in December. Students may also study part time.

Degree Requirements

- Social Studies curriculum (6 units): U.S. and world history with a focus on national standards
- Pedagogical Content (8): teaching social studies in middle and high school; literacy and the social studies
- General Pedagogy (11): theories and history of education; adolescent development; teaching students with disabilities; and integrating media and technology into teaching
- Elective (3)
- Student Teaching (5): 100 hours of learning and observation followed by two semesters of student teaching in a middle and a high school
- Culminating Research Seminar (3): history and social studies workshop

Global Learning

NYU Steinhardt is a full participant in NYU's **Global Network University**. We offer exceptional January and summer study abroad opportunities for aspiring teachers who want to integrate cross-cultural understanding into their classroom teaching. Destinations include China, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

Other Degree Options

- 30-unit M.A. program in Teachers of Social Studies, leading to eligibility for professional certification for teachers who already hold initial certification
- 48-unit dual certification M.A. program in Educational Theatre, All Grades, and Social Studies, Grades 7-12
- Middle School extension for grades 5-6

Our Urban Residency Model

The Social Studies Education M.A. program has a long tradition of intensive on-site teaching practice in high need public schools. Our **Partnership Schools Network**, which includes middle and high schools on the Lower East Side, East Harlem, and the Bronx, promotes effective educational practice through close relationships between our faculty and school educators and leaders.

You'll be immersed in New York City classrooms right from the start of your studies through our half-time urban residency model. Faculty and top classroom educators mentor and advise you throughout your 20-hour per week residency in middle and high schools, which lasts for an entire public school year -- September through June. You'll take on more responsibility as the school year progresses, and use the lesson plans you create in your methods classes at NYU in your actual classroom. You'll be guided to draw deep connections between the learning that takes place on campus and that which occurs in your classrooms.

Through daily practice you'll experiment with and hone your teaching skills, create effective learning environments, manage classrooms, work with parents and families, and understand your professional roles as an educator in a school.

Participating in Faculty Research

We strive to connect you to the world of historical scholarship so that you can become a teacher whose classroom instruction is informed by the best scholarship in US and global history.

Our faculty are historians who engage in cutting-edge scholarship and have published major historical studies. Our master's students and alumni collaborate with faculty as co-authors of chapters in such recent books as *Teaching US History: Dialogues Among Social Studies Teachers and Historians* and of articles in *Social Education*, the teaching magazine of the National Council for the Social Studies. By engaging in and writing about your own historical research you become a teacher who is not only effective in the classroom but able to share teaching innovations with other social studies teachers by publishing your own work in print or online.

Career Opportunities

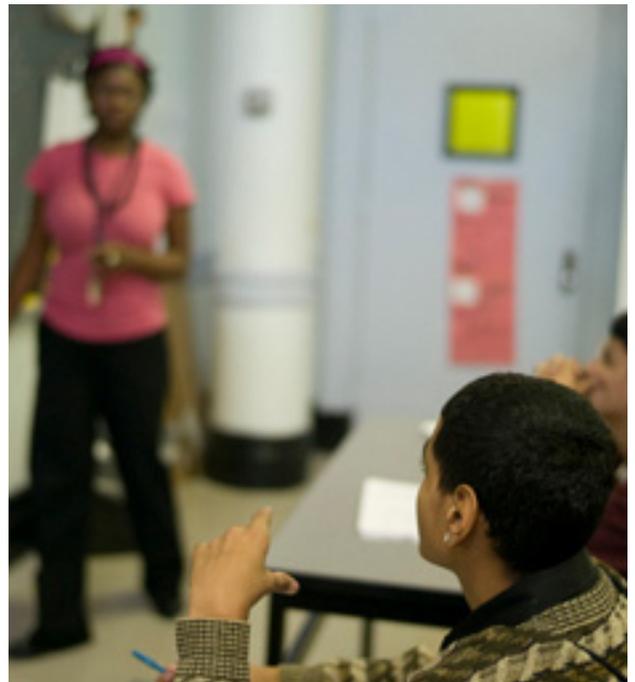
Our M.A. programs prepare teachers, teacher trainers, and curriculum specialists in social studies for positions in middle and secondary high schools.

Alumni work as social studies teachers and department chairs in middle and high schools in New York City and across the United States. Our graduates also work in museums, educational agencies, and community colleges.

Outstanding Affiliations

NYU Steinhardt is both a nominating institution and a recipient institution for the **Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund for Aspiring Teachers of Color Fellows Program**. The Social Studies Education Program is proud to welcome several award winners each year. This nationally competitive fellowship program offers a \$30,000 stipend to support students of color in completing a master's degree program in education. Fellows agree to teach in a high-need school for three years.

Our students also benefit from our collaboration with **Facing History and Ourselves**, whose New York office is located at NYU.





How to Apply

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/graduate_admissions/how_to_apply for information on how to get started.

The application deadline is February 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring admission.

The Master's program in Social Studies Education welcomes applications from recent college graduates as well as those considering a change in their careers. Successful applicants are committed to urban education, passionate about history, and eager to develop their skills as a teacher.

Applicants to the Masters program in Social Studies Education must hold a bachelor's degree with a major in one of the following areas:

- history
- geography
- economics
- political science/government

In addition, students must have completed at least 15 semester hours of study in the history and/or geography of the U.S. and the world and 9 semester hours of study in economics and politics. In certain instances, the program will accept students who have not satisfied all of the above requirements. In these cases, such students will be required to complete at NYU all outstanding coursework, in addition to their program requirements, prior to their graduation from NYU.

Further Information

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/teachlearn/social_studies/ma, call 212 998 5492, or send an email to diana.turk@nyu.edu.



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