

SECONDARY SOCIAL SCIENCES (B.ED.) - HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP, GEOGRAPHY (120 CREDITS)

Offered by: Integrated Studies in Ed (Faculty of Education)

Degree: Bachelor of Education

Program credit weight: 120 credits

Program Description

Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) - Secondary Social Sciences - History and Citizenship, Geography program requires 120 credits and leads to teacher certification. Students who have not completed Quebec CEGEP, French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, or at least one year of university studies prior to commencing the B.Ed. must also complete a minimum of 30 credits of Freshman courses (in addition to the 120 credits for the program) for a total of 150 credits.

The aim of the B.Ed. Secondary Education Program is to prepare strong beginning teachers for the secondary school level. This integrated program consists of courses in Education (including field experiences) and courses in the subject area of the teaching specialization. Students also take 6 credits of free electives. For all teacher education programs, course sequencing is highly structured. For this reason, the advising information in this Course Catalogue section must be used in conjunction with the summary companion document (Program Overview) found at <http://www.mcgill.ca/dise/progs/secsocsci>.

The Secondary Social Sciences - History and Citizenship, Geography program provides students with the learning opportunities needed to become proficient Social Science teachers with a strong knowledge base in History and Geography.

Please note that graduates of teacher education programs are recommended by the University for Quebec certification to the Ministry (Education). For more information about teacher certification in Quebec, please refer to the Faculty of Education section under "Overview of Faculty Programs," "Undergraduate Education Programs," and "Quebec Teacher Certification."

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Freshman Program

Students normally complete 30 credits in their Freshman (U0) year.

The Freshman year is the time to take introductory-level courses in a teachable subject area, as well as to explore areas that are not normally taken within B.Ed. programs (e.g., Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, etc.). Students should also investigate the possibility of taking

one of the First Year Seminar courses offered by the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Science.

In addition, in consultation with the Program Adviser, students may select courses from the recommended course list below or other courses. The list includes History, Geography, and Religious Studies courses that may be used toward the academic component of the Secondary Social Sciences course requirements. Also included are several French Second Language (FRSL) courses for which placement tests are required to determine the appropriate level.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEM 220	Contemporary Issues in Education.	3
FRSL 101	Beginners French 1.	3
FRSL 102	Beginners French 2.	3
FRSL 207D1	Elementary French 01.	3
FRSL 207D2	Elementary French 01.	3
FRSL 211D1	Oral and Written French 1.	3
FRSL 211D2	Oral and Written French 1.	3
GEOG 200	Geographical Perspectives: World Environmental Problems.	3
GEOG 205	Global Change: Past, Present and Future.	3
GEOG 210	Global Places and Peoples.	3
HIST 202	Survey: Canada to 1867.	3
HIST 203	Survey: Canada since 1867.	3
HIST 214	Early Modern Europe.	3
HIST 215	Modern Europe.	3
RELG 204	Judaism, Christianity and Islam.	3
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3
RELG 252	Hinduism and Buddhism.	3
WCOM 250	Research Essay and Rhetoric.	3

Required Courses (60 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 201	First Year Professional Seminar.	1
EDEC 215	English Exam for Teacher Certification.	0
EDEC 233	Indigenous Education.	3
EDEC 247	Policy Issues in Quebec and Indigenous Education.	3
EDEC 254	Second Professional Seminar (Secondary).	1
EDEC 260	Philosophical Foundations.	3
EDEC 262	Media, Technology and Education.	3
EDEC 351	Third Professional Seminar (Secondary).	2
EDEC 404	Fourth Year Professional Seminar (Sec).	3
EDES 334	Teaching Secondary Social Studies 1.	3
EDES 350	Classroom Practices.	3
EDES 434	Teaching Secondary Social Studies 2.	3
EDFE 200	First Field Experience (K/Elem and Secondary).	2

EDFE 254	Second Field Experience (Secondary).	3
EDFE 351	Third Field Experience (Secondary).	8
EDFE 451	Fourth Field Experience (Secondary).	7
EDPE 300	Educational Psychology.	3
EDPE 304	Measurement and Evaluation.	3
EDPI 309	Diverse Learners.	3
EDPI 341	Instruction in Inclusive Schools.	3

Complementary Courses (3 credits)

3 credits selected as described below:

Equity Education

3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 248	Equity and Education.	3
EDEC 249	Global Education and Social Justice.	3

Secondary Social Sciences - History and Citizenship, Geography Subject Area (51 credits)

Secondary Social Sciences - History and Citizenship, Geography students complete 51 credits selected in consultation with the Program Adviser with the following specifications:

Required Courses

History

9 credits selected from:

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Course	Title	Credits
HIST 202	Survey: Canada to 1867.	3
HIST 203	Survey: Canada since 1867.	3
HIST 303	History of Quebec.	3

Complementary Courses (42 credits)

History and Citizenship (24 credits)

At least 9 of the 24 credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level, distributed as follows:

3-9 credits in European History

3-9 credits in Asian, African, American, Latin American, or Ancient History

6 credits of history courses on social history, gender history, identity, culture, religion and values, political life and institutions, conflict, wealth and poverty, science, and health

(Students may consult the course lists for History programs offered by the Faculty of Arts for guidance on course choices.)

6-12 credits selected from the following list (students must select a minimum of 3 credits ECON and a minimum of 3 credits POLI):

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 338	Indigenous Studies of Anthropology.	3
CANS 200	Understanding Canada.	3
ECON 205	An Introduction to Political Economy.	3
ECON 208	Microeconomic Analysis and Applications.	3
ECON 209	Macroeconomic Analysis and Applications.	3
ECON 219	Current Economic Problems: Topics.	3
ECON 221	Economic History.	3
ECON 313	Economic Development 1.	3
ECON 326	Ecological Economics.	3
ECON 347	Economics of Climate Change.	3
ENVR 201	Society, Environment and Sustainability.	3
ENVR 203	Knowledge, Ethics and Environment.	3
POLI 212	Introduction to Comparative Politics – Europe/ North America.	3
POLI 221	Government of Canada.	3
POLI 222	Political Process and Behaviour in Canada.	3
POLI 227	Introduction to Comparative Politics - Global South.	3
POLI 243	International Politics of Economic Relations.	3
POLI 244	International Politics: State Behaviour.	3
POLI 341	Foreign Policy: The Middle East.	3
POLI 345	International Organizations.	3
POLI 354	Approaches to International Political Economy.	3
POLI 360	Security: War and Peace.	3
POLI 362	Political Theory and International Relations.	3
POLI 423	Politics of Ethno-Nationalism.	3
POLI 435	Identity and Inequality.	3
POLI 442	International Relations of Ethnic Conflict.	3
POLI 450	Peacebuilding.	3
POLI 474	Inequality and Development.	3

Geography

18 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 202	The Evolving Earth.	3
GEOG 200	Geographical Perspectives: World Environmental Problems.	3
GEOG 205	Global Change: Past, Present and Future.	3
GEOG 210	Global Places and Peoples.	3
GEOG 216	Geography of the World Economy.	3
GEOG 217	Cities in the Modern World.	3
GEOG 272	Earth's Changing Surface.	3

GEOG 301	Geography of Nunavut.	3
GEOG 311	Economic Geography.	3
GEOG 331	Urban Social Geography.	3

Note: In consultation with the Program Adviser, students may choose their Geography courses from those that comprise the B.A. Minor Concentration Geography program.

Electives (6 credits)