

# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION, MS

## ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	This program does not admit in the fall.
Spring Deadline	This program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	January 15
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	May be required in certain cases; consult program.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment, participate in a discussion with the ESL team and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	PRAXIS 2 content exam may be required if breadth of coursework does not match licensing content standards.
Letters of Recommendation Required	2

### DEADLINE

The application deadline above is for early admission and priority scholarship consideration. The program will continue to review domestic applications through May. The program will review international applicants through mid-March.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate level/bachelor's degree
- Unofficial transcripts
- GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 or better (exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis)
- Prerequisite courses and experiences to demonstrate depth and breadth of the secondary educational social studies content domain
- International degree-seeking applicants must prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose/reasons for graduate study
- Resume

Details about these requirements can be found here (<https://uwteach.education.wisc.edu/how-to-apply/requirements/>).

#### Prerequisites

Prerequisites to applying to the Secondary Social Studies Education named option can be found here (<https://uwteach.education.wisc.edu/program-subject-areas/prerequisites/>).

#### Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)

If GPA is below a 3.0, a GRE may be requested. Applicants would be notified after initial application review.

### HOW TO APPLY

#### Step 1: Apply to the UW-Madison Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>)

Information required at this step includes the following:

- Autobiographical data
- Unofficial transcripts documenting undergraduate degrees from an accredited college
- International degree-seeking applicants must prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>)
- Statement of purpose—open-ended format, usually not to exceed one page
- Resume (or short CV) listing your academic and professional experience as well as any other information that might be helpful to us in evaluating your application. (No specific format is required, but it should not exceed two pages in length.)
- Two letters of recommendation—up to three are allowed
- Supplemental application: This section includes open-ended prompts requesting:
  - Further information about coursework or professional experience within the content field
  - GPA from your last 60 credits, and an opportunity to share extenuating circumstances if you feel the number does not adequately reflect your academic abilities.
  - A brief summary of your previous work with adolescents, educational settings, and/or speakers of languages other than English. (Experience in these areas is not required but is helpful in determining your readiness for the program.)
  - In essay format, answers to three prompts specifically tailored to your subject area.
- **Please note:**

- Be certain you select "Summer" as your term of admission in the Graduate School online application.
- The UW Secondary Education MS Program admits new students only for the "summer" term.
- Be certain you select Curriculum and Instruction M.S.—with your specified content area: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or World Language.
- Students may apply for multiple areas but may only be enrolled in one content area.
- Please read the Graduate School's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) before completing the online application.

## **Step 2: Final Decisions**

After your application is complete, a content area team will review it and share their recommendation with you and the graduate school.

If the recommendation is favorable, the UW Graduate School will make a final decision on your application. Official transcripts and a background check must be submitted and meet the necessary guidelines prior to final admission.

If the recommendation is not favorable, a letter will be sent to you outlining the concern or issue. When applicable, you may be offered an opportunity to remain on a wait list as future spots may become available.