



Rivier

UNIVERSITY

B.A.

Social Studies Education

Turn your interest in civic engagement into a career.

Why Study at Rivier?

Our Social Studies Education program offers extensive hands-on experience that will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary for teaching in the 21st century.

Build Your Knowledge Base

As a Social Studies Education major, your learning will span the globe through a study of world culture and global history. Our B.A. in Social Studies Education degree fulfills all the requirements of our social studies major and the New Hampshire State Department of Education Professional Standards for Teachers, which are required for certification. The curriculum encompasses civics and government, economics, geography, and history.

Gain Real-World Experience

Through a focus on experiential learning and field experience beginning your freshman year, you will build your skills, resume, and professional network. Our proximity to some of the finest school districts in New Hampshire offers excellent opportunities for internships and employment. You will gain practical experience through a semester-long student teaching assignment, which will build your confidence in the classroom as well as your resume, and further develop your skills.

Begin Your Career

Social Studies Education graduates may pursue careers as:

- Middle and high school social studies teachers
- Historians, archivists, and curators

Advanced Degrees and Licensure

Graduates are well prepared to pursue master's degrees in education, history, sociology, and other related fields. This program is designed to meet the educational requirements necessary for licensure per the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.



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Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled Journeys of Transformation, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.

Major Requirements

Social Studies Courses

BUS 224 - Principles of Macroeconomics

BUS 225 - Principles of Microeconomics

GEO 210 - Global Geography and World Cultures

HIS 101 - United States History I

HIS 102 - United States History II

HIS 203 - Interactions: The West in the World I

or

HIS 204 - Interactions: The West in the World II

HIS 250 - The Historian's Tools

HIS 315 - Modern China

or

HIS 320 - Modern Russia

HIS 375 - Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich

HIS 401 - Constitutional History of the U.S.

HIS 464 - The New Globalism

POL 252 - U.S. Federal, State and Local Government

POL 294 - International Relations and Politics

PSY 101 - General Psychology

Related Education and Teacher Licensure Courses

ED 150 - Foundations of Secondary Education*

ED 260 - Psychology and Teaching of the Pre-Adolescent and Adolescent

ED 345 - Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Secondary Grades*

ED 350 - Planning Learning Environments for Secondary School Teachers*

ED 370 - Instruction and Accountability I*

ED 420 - Student Teaching and Seminar

**Asterisked courses require 25 hours of field experience each, which begins in the first year.*

General Electives

Students choose three 3-credit elective courses (9 credits) to reach the total number of credits required for the degree.

Innovative

Employment Promise Program

Rivier's Employment Promise Program enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center, career investment goals, and a specialized, four-year academic/professional development plan that incorporates experiences proven to increase overall employability and success in the job search process.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/epp.

You're Invited

Attend a virtual or on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Quick Links

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