

## **Master of Arts in Social Science Education \*\*\* College of Arts and Sciences**

### **\*\*\* THIS PROGRAM IS NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

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The Master of Arts in Social Science, Education (Major Code: 282\*/13.1317) with concentrations in community college teaching (Criminal Justice, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology) is not accepting new students. It is anticipated that this program will be discontinued in the next academic year. Students interested in pursuing community college teaching in these areas are encouraged to apply to one of the following programs:

- Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Master of Arts in Geography
- Master of Arts in Higher Education
- Master of Arts in History
- Master of Arts in Political Science

The Master of Arts degree in Social Science, Education (282\*/13.1317) is a multidisciplinary graduate program with concentrations leading to teaching in the community college. The following concentrations are offered:

- Community College/Criminal Justice (282Y)
- Community College/Geography (282N)
- Community College/History (282O)
- Community College/Political Science (282P)
- Community College/Psychology (282X)
- Community College/Sociology (282Q)

### **PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE, EDUCATION Major Code: 282\*/13.1317**

**Admission Requirements:** Baccalaureate degree with a major in a social science discipline from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume, three letters of recommendation, official GRE general test scores, and official transcripts from all colleges attended.

**Basic Criteria for Consideration:** Undergraduate GPA in the major: 3.0; GRE Q: 450; GRE Writing score: 4.0.

**Hours:** 39 semester hours

#### **Required Courses:**

Students are required to complete one professional education course (3 s.h.) and two concentrations (18 s.h. each), choosing from Community College/Criminal Justice (282Y), Community College/Geography (282N), Community College/History (282O), Community College/Political Science (282P), Community College/ Psychology (282X), and Community College/Sociology (282Q). Requirements for these concentrations are listed below. The Social Science Seminar course (CJ 5850/GHY 5850/HIS 5850/PS 5850/SOC 5850) must be included in one of the two concentrations.

Required:

Concentration #1 chosen from those listed below .....	18
Concentration #2 chosen from those listed below .....	18
<b>REQUIRED HOURS .....</b>	<b>36</b>

#### **Professional Education Requirement: (3 s.h.)**

Choose one course from the list below (with the approval of the program director).....	3
HE 5420            The Community College (3 s.h.)	
HE 5440            Instruction in Postsecondary Institutions (3 s.h.)	
HE 5630            The Adult Learner (3 s.h.)	
<b>PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION HOURS.....</b>	<b>3</b>

**TOTAL HOURS FOR THE MA DEGREE ..... 39**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE/CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION (282Y)**

Choose three courses (9 s.h.) from the following .....9

must include CJ 5000 if a research methods course is not included in the other concentration

CJ 5000	Research Methods (3 s.h.)
CJ 5050	Seminar in Public Law and Judicial Behavior (3 s.h.)
CJ 5060	Administration of Justice (3 s.h.)
CJ 5150	The American Justice System and Social Justice (3 s.h.)
CJ 5625	Seminar in Police and Society (3 s.h.)
CJ 5660	Crime, Theory and Policy (3 s.h.)

Choose three courses (9 s.h.) from the following .....9

may include CJ 5850 only if a 5850 seminar is not included in the other concentration.

CJ 5180	Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3 s.h.)
CJ 5500	Independent Study (3 s.h.)
CJ 5530-5549	Selected Topics (3 s.h.)
CJ 5661	Court Administration (3 s.h.)
CJ 5670	Crime Analysis and Criminal Justice Planning (3 s.h.)
CJ 5680	Organized Crime (3 s.h.)
CJ 5850	Social Science Seminar (3 s.h.)

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE/GEOGRAPHY CONCENTRATION (282N) (18 s.h. required)**

GHY	5000	Research Themes and Methods .....3
GHY	5100	Seminar in Physical Geography .....3
GHY	5110	Seminar in Spatial Analysis .....3
GHY	5130	Seminar in Human Geography .....3
		additional approved electives above 5000 (6 s.h. required) .....6

may include GHY 5850 only if a 5850 seminar is not included in the other concentration.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE/HISTORY CONCENTRATION (282O) (18 s.h. required)**

HIS 5206 Studies in American History (2-9 s.h.) .....9

additional 9 s.h. chosen from among the following .....9

may include HIS 5850 only if a 5850 seminar is not included in the other concentration.

HIS 5104	Philosophy of History (2 s.h.)
HIS 5106	Studies in European History (2-9 s.h.)
HIS 5204	Interpreting American History (3 s.h.)
HIS 5406	Studies in Asian History (3 s.h.)
HIS 5450	History and Social Studies Education (3 s.h.)
HIS 5530-5549	Selected Topics (1-4 s.h.)
HIS 5550	Tsarist Russia (3 s.h.)
HIS 5552	The Soviet Union and Russia (3 s.h.)
HIS 5564	History of Canada (3 s.h.)
HIS 5850	Social Science Seminar (3 s.h.)

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE/POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION (282P) (18 s.h. required)**

PS 5000 Research Methods .....3

PS 5030 Seminar in American Government and Politics .....3

PS 5040 Pro-Seminar in Comparative Politics .....3

Choose one of the following courses .....3

PS 5020 Pro-Seminar in International Relations (3 s.h.)

PS 5120 Readings and Research in International Relations (3 s.h.)

additional 6 s.h. chosen from among the following courses .....6

may include PS 5850 only if a 5850 seminar is not included in the other concentration.

CJ 5150	The American Justice System and Social Justice (3 s.h.)
PS 5050	Seminar in Public Law and Judicial Behavior (3 s.h.)
PA 5060	Seminar in Public Administration (3 s.h.)
PS 5130	Appalachian Political Perspectives (3 s.h.)
PS 5330	Problems in State and Local Government (3 s.h.)

PS 5530-5549	Selected Topics (1-4 s.h.)
PS 5850	Social Science Seminar (3 s.h.)

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION (282X) (18 s.h. required)**

This concentration must be planned in consultation with an advisor in the Department of Psychology. The ability of Social Science, Education students to pursue this concentration will be contingent upon the approval of a Psychology Department committee and upon submission of evidence that the student has passed a research methods course in Psychology.

PSY	5655	Advanced General Psychology .....	3
		additional 15 s.h. of approved electives, 5000 level or above .....	15
excluding the Therapy, Assessment, and Practicum courses			

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE/SOCIOLOGY CONCENTRATION (282Q) (18 s.h. required)**

SOC	5025	Advanced General Sociology .....	3
SOC	5200	Contemporary Sociological Theory. ....	3
SOC	5350	Contemporary Social Issues .....	3
		additional approved electives (5000 level or above) .....	9
may include SOC 5850 only if a 5850 seminar is not included in the other concentration.			

**Thesis:** None required

**Proficiency:** None required

**Comprehensive:** A written comprehensive exam will be administered by the student's program advisory committee.

**Product of Learning:** None required