PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Public Affairs for Secondary Education (PASE) is a major that prepares future social studies educators through a public and international affairs lens. The program combines James Madison College's interdisciplinary approach to public affairs with the coursework and field experiences required for secondary teacher certification in Michigan, enabling students to graduate in four years ready to inspire the next generation of informed citizens.

The PASE major provides students with the knowledge, skills and professional training they need to become effective social studies teachers. Students develop analytical thinking, cultural understanding, effective citizenship, effective communication and integrated reasoning.

The PASE major takes a multidisciplinary approach, drawing from James Madison College, the College of Education and the College of Social Science to prepare knowledgeable and skilled high school educators. The program structure allows students flexibility to pursue their teaching interests while ensuring they meet all requirements for Michigan secondary social studies certification. Students learn to connect public affairs concepts to classroom practice, helping their future students understand how political, economic, social and cultural forces shape the world.

This major requires consultation with JMC's PASE academic advisor and a declaration with College of Education's Teacher Preparation Program.

Requirements for a major in Public Affairs for Secondary Education:

All of the following Social Studies courses (31 credits):
GEO 204: World Regional Geography (3 cr.)
GEO 221: Introduction to Geographic Information (3 cr.)
GEO 330: Geography of the United States (3 cr.)
HST 140: World History to 1500 (4 cr.)
HST 150: World History since 1500 (4 cr.)
HST 201: Historical Methods and Skills (3 cr.)
HST 202: U.S. History to 1876 (4 cr.)
HST 320: History of Michigan (3 cr.)

One of the following course sequences (8 credits)

MC 220: International Relations I: World Politics and International Security (4 cr.)
MC 221: International Relations II: The Politics of International Economic Relations (4 cr.)

MC 230: Cultures and Politics in Comparative Perspective (4 cr.)
MC 231: Cultures and Politics in Transnational Perspective (4 cr.)

MC 270: Classical Republicanism (4 cr.)
MC 271: Constitutionalism and Democracy (4 cr.)

MC 280: Social Theory and Social Relations (4 cr.)
MC 281: Immigrants, Minorities, and Americal Pluralism (4 cr.)

One 300 or 400-level MC elective course (4 cr.)

One of the following courses (5 cr.)
MC 492: Senior Seminar in International Relations (5 cr.)
MC 493: Senior Seminar in Comparative Cultures and Politics (5 cr.)
MC 497: Senior Seminar in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy (5 cr.)
MC 498: Senior Seminar in Social Relations (5 cr.)

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Completion of the requirements for Teacher Certification in the Department of Teacher Education, which includes all of the following courses (36 cr.)

CEP 240: Introduction to Exceptional Learners (3 cr.)
TE 101: Social Foundations of Justice and Equity in Education (3 cr.)
TE 102: Pedagogy and Politics of Justice and Equity in Education (3 cr.)
TE 150: Reflections on Learning (3 cr.)
TE 302: Literacy and Adolescent Learners in School and Community Contexts (3 cr.)
TE 325: Clinical Experience in Social Studies Education (3 cr.)
TE 341: Teaching and Learning of (Bi)Multilingual Learners (3 cr.)
TE 425: Clinical Experience in Social Studies Education II (3 cr.)
TE 426: Seminar in Social Studies Education I (3 cr.)
TE 427: Seminar in Social Studies Education II (3 cr.)
TE 428: Student Teaching Internship in Social Studies Education (6 cr.)

TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 120

PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION CHECKLIST

This is a checklist for students in the Public Affairs for Secondary Education beginning Fall 2026 or after. Transfer students who are still taking courses at other institutions should choose classes that may be applied toward MSU's Integrative Studies requirements, such as MSU's math requirement, if necessary, or Madison's second language and economics requirements.

Integrative Studies:

MC 111 _____	MC 201 _____	ISP _____	IAH _____	+MATH _____
	MC 202 _____	ISB _____		
		Lab _____		

Economics:
EC 201 _____ EC 202 _____

1st Year Seminar:
MC 100 _____

Field Experience (Student Teaching): TE 427: _____ TE 428: _____

Public Affairs for Secondary Education Core Program:

Concentration Sequence (Select 1 option)

MC 220 _____ & MC 221 _____ MC 270 _____ & MC 271 _____
MC 230 _____ & MC 231 _____ MC 280 _____ & MC 281 _____

Methodology
HST 201 _____

Upper-Level Coursework
(One course, 3-4 credits) 300/400-level MC elective course (3-4 credits) _____
(One course, 5 credits) MC 492 _____ MC 493 _____ MC 497 _____ MC 498 _____

Focused Social Sciences

GEO 204 _____	HST 140 _____	HST 203 _____
GEO 221 _____	HST 150 _____	HST 320 _____
GEO 330 _____	HST 202 _____	

Teacher Education

TE 101 _____	CEP 240 _____	TE 341 _____
TE 102 _____	TE 302 _____	TE 425 _____
TE 150 _____	TE 325 _____	TE 426 _____

120 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE; MINIMUM OF 29 MC CREDITS REQUIRED: ☐ meets requirement

PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Semester: Fall Semester 1

MC 111	4 cr
MC 201	4 cr

Semester: Spring Semester 1

MC 202	4 cr

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____
