

“BACKWARDS PLANNING” Document for BSEd History/Government Students “In Progress” (revision 8/2017)

1. What semester would you like to student teach? _____
2. Remember that all coursework must be complete **before** you student teach. The best way to accomplish that is to take required courses **before** electives/choices from groups of courses.
3. Semester **immediately prior** to student teaching:
 - a. HIST 479 Techniques for Teaching Middle and Secondary Social Studies
 - b. Finish all elective content (history and social science courses)
4. **Two semesters prior** to student teaching:
 - a. EDUC 520 Middle and Secondary Reading
 - b. SPED 510 Overview of Special Education
 - c. Make sure you’ve taken all required History or Social Science courses that are NOT offered each semester or may conflict with courses required next semester.
 - d. Take the Praxis: Social Studies Content exam – consult KSDE (ksde.org) for correct exam.
 - i. Report score to History Education Director
5. **Three semesters prior** to student teaching:
 - a. PSYCH 357 Educational Psychology (requires Admission to Teacher Education)
 - i. Immediately upon completion of this course, take the Praxis: Principles of Learning & Teaching exam (See the PSU Teacher Education webpage for more information)
 - b. EDUC 307 Clinical Experience and HIST 379 History/Government Education Seminar
6. **Four semesters prior** to student teaching:
 - a. Fulfill all requirements for **Admission to Teacher Education**.
For more information, consult the Teacher Education Handbook:
<https://www.pittstate.edu/education/files/documents/Teacher-Education-Handbook-17-18.pdf>
 - b. Once you have finished all of your social science introductory courses, consider taking the Praxis: Social Studies Content exam. A passing score is required before HPASS can recommend you to student teach (this recommendation is requested in September and in February of the semester PRIOR to your student teaching, and it may take up to 2 months for ETS to report your scores).

Keep in mind that not following the outlined path for the BSEd History/Government program may cause a delay in your being eligible to student teach.

Please see your advisor if you have further questions.