

SOCIAL SCIENCE SECONDARY EDUCATION COUGAR MAP



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BACHELOR OF ARTS: SOCIAL SCIENCE SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

The Cougar Map is intended to guide you with suggestions for potential activities and career paths that can help you along your educational journey. Although everyone has different abilities, experiences and obstacles, this Cougar Map can be used with the help of your advisors to prepare for the future you want with a clear vision of your college-to-career pathway.

Please refer to the SXU Academic Catalog and academic planning resources for detailed degree requirements.

| | FIRST YEAR | SECOND YEAR | THIRD YEAR | FOURTH YEAR |
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| Competence (major/minor, summer suggestions, academic research) | <p>Explore scholarship opportunities.</p> <p>Meet with your academic advisor to ensure you have a clear understanding of your program requirements.</p> <p>Bring writing assignments to the Learning Center/Writing Studio for help in fine-tuning papers.</p> | <p>Become familiar with the HUB and CIDAT for all your technical needs.</p> <p>Get to know the faculty of the Education Department.</p> <p>Form or join study groups with education majors and with students in your subject area of concentration.</p> | <p>Complete an education research project for a possible conference presentation.</p> <p>Be mindful of important dates, i.e. semester ends and begins, deadline to withdraw from a course, petition for graduation.</p> | <p>Begin work on your topic for your Senior Seminar independent research project.</p> <p>Visit the library for access to resources for your research papers.</p> |
| Character (Service, global perspective, study abroad, clubs/RSOs, volunteering) | <p>Consider joining a student club or intramural sports team.</p> <p>Enroll in Cougars LEAD that supports leadership development and begin working on your leadership certificate.</p> | <p>Explore opportunities to work on campus or get involved with service opportunities through Campus Ministry.</p> <p>Volunteer at a local organization or education setting.</p> <p>Participate in student activities</p> | <p>Take on a leadership role within a student club or organization.</p> <p>Participate in outreach activities such as a spring break service trip.</p> <p>Consider participating in a study abroad experience.</p> | <p>Serve as a peer mentor for next year's student-teachers.</p> <p>Join professional associations related to the field of education and your subject area and assist those organizations with their events.</p> |
| Career Success (career or grad school prep, internships, jobs) | <p>Complete your SXU Handshake profile for student employment with the help of Center for SUCCESS.</p> <p>Attend SXU's career-related events throughout your time at SXU and network with professionals.</p> <p>Secure a position in education as a tutor or after-school assistant with a local school or community program.</p> | <p>Create a LinkedIn profile and make connections within your academic and personal circles.</p> <p>Start developing your teaching portfolio.</p> <p>Attain paraprofessional licensure.</p> <p>Research professional options and licensure for social science secondary education teachers.</p> | <p>Secure a position as a paraprofessional or teacher aide for a summer program.</p> <p>Research graduate schools and prepare for post-graduate academic/professional exam(s), if applicable.</p> | <p>Ensure that your LinkedIn or other professional social media accounts reflect all your recent experiences.</p> <p>Explore entry-level full-time opportunities related to your skills.</p> <p>Apply to graduate schools, if applicable.</p> <p>Actively apply for teaching opportunities.</p> |