



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) IN SOCIAL STUDIES WITH 7-12 TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND ESL
CATALOG YEAR: 2025-2026

NAME: _____ H#: _____ DATE: _____

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 126 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 126-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: *Course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking (or higher)	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	CHEM 1411 Chemistry of Our World	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American & Texas Government	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	HIST 2313 U.S. History to 1877	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology & Tradition	3	COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking	3
		TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE	43

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to Bible and Theology, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
PRE-EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		
EDUC 2320	Learning and Development	3
EDSP 2302	Survey of Exceptional Children	3
COURSES TAKEN AFTER ADMISSION TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM		
EDBI 4304	Methods of Teaching ESL	3
EDRE 4330	Content Area Reading	3
EDSP 4311	Diagnostic and Prescriptive Teaching for Exceptional Children	3
EDUC 4100	TEXAS State Certification Exam Preparation Seminar	1
ETEC 4306	Educational Applications of Technology	3
EDUC 4311	Curriculum and Instruction in the Secondary School	3
EDUC 4320	Teaching Methodology for Secondary Teachers	3
EDUC 4400	Clinical Teaching Seminar	4
EDUC 4800 or EDUC 4485 and EDUC 4495	Clinical Teaching or Clinical Teaching Experience I and Clinical Teaching Experience II	8
EDUC 4302	Classroom Culture, Climate, and Safety	3
EDBI 4305	Second Language Acquisition	3
SOCIAL STUDIES 7-12 REQUIREMENTS		
ECON 2311	Microeconomics	3
ECON 2312	Macroeconomics	3
GOVT 2313	American and Texas Government	LACC
HIST 2311	Western Civilization I	LACC
HIST 2312	Western Civilization II	3
HIST 2313	U.S. History to 1877	LACC
HIST 2323	U.S. History from 1877	3
HIST 3333	History of Texas	3
HIST 3388	Comparative World Civilizations	3
INDC 4390	Advanced Elements of Social Studies	3
PSYC 1313	General Psychology	LACC
PSYC 33XX/43XX	Any three (3) hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000-level) Psychology	3
SOCI 1313	Principles of Sociology	3
SOCI 33XX/43XX	Any three (3) hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000-level) Sociology	3
EDSP 4352	Behavior and Classroom Management	3
GOVT 3387	Campaigns and Elections	3
	TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR	79
	TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE	126

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) points: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 points must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 points may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR _____

DATE _____

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