Winthrop University offers three options for certification in social studies education – one of which is unique to our university and nonexistent at other universities in South Carolina. The accelerated Master of Arts in Teaching allows students to obtain a bachelor's and master's degree in five continuous years, instead of four years on undergraduate studies and an additional two years in the master's program. According to South Carolina school district's salary schedules, teachers with a master's degree earn around $5,000 per year more than those with only a bachelor's degree, allowing students to save time and earn more.

The social studies education program prepares students for rewarding careers teaching social studies at the high school level. Through content courses and social studies teaching methods courses, students are prepared to teach history, government, economics, geography, psychology and/or sociology. Like all teacher certification programs at Winthrop, students have numerous field experiences in area schools throughout their degree program. For the very best students, an option to complete an additional M.A.T. degree in just one year is available.

We have 100 percent employment of all graduates who seek public school employment.

1/3 of students choose the M.A.T. route that is unavailable at other major South Carolina universities.

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