



Winthrop offers three options for certification in social studies education. Be sure to discuss these options with your advisor.

**B.A. in Social Studies Education** – This is an [undergraduate degree](#) that includes a core of social studies content courses, a core of education courses, and a concentration of eighteen additional hours in history, political science, economics, psychology, or anthropology/sociology. Program completers are certified social studies teachers.

**MAT- Accelerated** – This is a [one-year Master of Arts in Teaching](#) program designed for Winthrop graduates in social studies related fields who have a minor in Educational Studies. Students must officially declare the intent to participate in this option within one year of graduating from Winthrop. Classes in the MAT program start in the summer immediately following the spring undergraduate graduation and continue through the next academic year. Program completers are certified social studies teachers only after completing the MAT.

Pathways to MAT-Accelerated: Students planning to seek certification through the one year MAT should [consider majoring in Individualized Studies](#). This program allows them to meet the content course pre-requisites for admissions while also delving into two of the social studies content areas through upper level courses.

IDVS programs students can consider:

- History/Geography
- History/Political Science
- Political Science/Geography
- History/Psychology
- History/Anthropology and Sociology
- Political Science/Economics
- Economics/History

**MAT** – This is Winthrop's traditional two year [Master of Arts in Teaching program](#) for those who have a bachelor's degree in a social studies related field but have not taken education courses leading to certification. Applicants who do not have the required content courses will be required to take these in addition to the MAT curriculum.

**Middle Level Certification Add-On** – All of the above programs can add middle level (grades 6-8) certification with an additional two courses.