

TO: **Academic Policies Committee**

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: October 1, 2019

RE: Rename Major

We request implementation of the following program change with the next possible *Catalog*.

Name of Program — Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching History Emphasis, Comprehensive Major

Program Code — 500-020

Date of Department/Program Approval - October 2018

Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – November 1, 2019

Date of CoEHS College Approval – November 1, 2019

From Current Catalog Web Page:

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary/social-studies-comprehensive-major-history-bt-ba/>

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Rationale: Effective August 1, 2018, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) changed the rules for teacher licensure. The revised rules changed the specific subject licenses (history, political science, geography, psychology, economics, sociology) in social studies to a broad teaching license in social studies that should include all specific subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas of social studies. Secondly, the renaming of this major will place more emphasis on the major as a teaching major when the word “teaching” is added to the entitlement. This revision of the broadfield social studies comprehensive major with a history emphasis is in response to these revised DPI rules. Moreover, this revised major aligns with the national standards for the preparation of social studies teachers according to the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). With the proposed revisions to the curriculum that have already been approved, we will be preparing students to teach a broad range of social studies subjects in grades 4-12.