

**TO: Academic Policies Committee**

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: February 11, 2020

RE: Eliminate Emphases in Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching

We request that you consider placing this curricular item on your earliest possible agenda.

Name of Program —

Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Economics Emphasis (Code 500-018)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Economics/History Emphasis (Code 500-023)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Geography Emphasis (Code 500-019)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Geography/History Emphasis (Code 500-024)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Political Science Emphasis (Code 500-021)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Political Science/History Emphasis (Code 500-025)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Sociology Emphasis (Code 500-022)  
Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Sociology/History Emphasis (Code 500-026)

Date of Department/Program Approval — Various Dates in October, November, and December, 2019

Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – February 7, 2020

Date of CoEHS Curriculum College Approval – February 7, 2020

**From Current Catalog Web Page:**

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

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**To:** Eliminate

**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, economics, sociology) in social studies to a broad license in social studies that should include all subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas within a comprehensive social studies major. Further, during the fall semester, the College of Education and Human Sciences approved a change to the Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching History Emphasis (Code 500-020) that encompasses the disciplines in the various emphases listed above. Therefore, specific emphases in the Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching Comprehensive Major are no longer needed. Beginning in Fall 2020, we will have one comprehensive major with a history emphasis for preparing future social studies teachers.