

# SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Overview

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Education cooperate in administering the Social Studies Education program at UAPB. This program prepares students to receive certification in social studies classroom teaching in Arkansas schools. However, transfer of teaching credentials to most other state certification programs is relatively simple, usually only requiring completion of a state history course which can be taken during your first year of teaching in the state.

## Objectives

The dual objectives of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Education are to provide our students with the academic knowledge necessary and the teaching skills required to be a successful classroom teacher. Additionally, our program also provides our students with the academic base to continue their education at the graduate level. Such graduate studies, at UAPB or elsewhere, prepare students to become master teachers, or administrators at the school or district level.



PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



Social Studies Education Program  
1200 North University Drive  
Mail Slot 4988  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601



## SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION PROGRAM

*...Become a part of the pride*



## Social Studies Education Program Coordinator

Michael J. Lynch III, Ph.D.

lynchm@uapb.edu

(870) 575-8171

[www.uapb.edu/SocialStudies](http://www.uapb.edu/SocialStudies)

## Courses

The courses that our students engage in are designed to rigorously prepare them for the challenging career as a classroom teacher in the social studies educational field. Our students learn several aspects of social studies, including history, geography, sociology, economics, and psychology.

## Faculty

The social studies education faculty are primarily located within the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Education. Our primary goal is to provide our students with career enhancement education which will prepare them with specialized knowledge in both social studies subject matter and in the effective delivery of this knowledge in the classroom.



## Preparing for the Future

The education profession is the basic endeavor that prepares generations of individuals to assume their productive roles in life and society. The function of a teacher is to provide students the basic building blocks of lifelong learning, character development, and a fascination with knowledge and its utilization. Teaching is the hardest profession that you will ever love. Walking the trail to understanding with a student is one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Classroom teaching is a very challenging career. Learning to professionally interact and work effectively with students, parents, or school administrators are among the keys to becoming a successful teacher. Our goal at UAPB is to facilitate the preparation of teachers who chose this career path and to do so with honor, courage and success.

## Campus

UAPB is a student-focused university. Our primary mission is to educate students. World class research is ongoing at UAPB, but our students are the center of our endeavors. Each student has the opportunity to develop life-long academic and personal relationships with other successful students and be advised by faculty mentors committed to student learning and success.



## What a UAPB social studies education student can expect.

The UAPB social studies education student will: learn the broad range of academic subjects that comprise social studies, will be prepared for state mandated subject matter and teaching knowledge exams, be trained in modern educational techniques, observe classroom teaching in actual school environments, and student teach in a school at the grade levels selected by the student.

This multi-task layered approach ensures that dedicated social studies education students, upon graduation, are prepared to enter the field of classroom teacher with the skill sets and enthusiasm necessary to succeed in this demanding and rewarding position.

[www.uapb.edu/SocBehSci](http://www.uapb.edu/SocBehSci)

## Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at UAPB

1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4988  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601  
(870) 575-8187