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SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHING & HISTORY

ABOUT MY MAJOR

I have 2 different majors. I'm a Social Science Teaching major and a History major. They're kind of different, but they also go together really well. To describe them I would say they're both very skills based. With the History major, we talk a lot about developing your historical skills, so it's a lot of reading and a lot of writing. The teaching major is pretty similar. It's mostly skills based, focused on learning how to teach, how to do classroom management, how to plan lessons, and stuff like that.

CHOOSING MY MAJOR

The main reason I decided to be a Social Science Teaching major was because I loved history so much. As a Social Science Teaching major, you are certified to teach a few other subjects, outside of history too. I also chose my History major so that I had the opportunity to take more history classes.

MINORS & CERTIFICATES

For the teaching major, minors like Special Education or Literacy would be good to do pursue. With history, I think it would be helpful to do a Political Science or Women & Gender Studies minor.

INTERNSHIPS

I did internships for both of my majors. For the Social Science Teaching major, you have to complete 3 different levels before you get to student teaching. In level one, you're in a classroom and mostly observing. For level two, you're in a classroom and get to teach two lessons for the class. In level three, you get placed in a classroom and spend all five days of one week in that classroom, with the goal of teaching for a full school day. Then you get to student teaching, which I'm doing right now! I'm student teaching for 16 weeks in Omaha, Nebraska. Every day I show up at the school and I teach. I interact with the students and I plan lessons.

The History internship that I completed was with a museum in Davenport. It was during COVID, so it was a remote internship, but it was cool. I got to run their social media - I researched different things and talked about it on their Instagram and Facebook pages. It was interesting, because I got to pick the topics I wanted to talk about and then do some historical research and then post about them.

CAREERS

I'm hoping to eventually be a history teacher. I would love to teach middle school history. That's the placement I'm at right now for student teaching. It's 8th grade US History, and it's been fun.

ADVICE

For anyone who is thinking about going into history or becoming a history major, I'd say sign up for some of the history related UNIFI classes, just to see if you are actually interested in doing something like that.