

Assessment 2
Social Studies Course Content Analysis and Evaluation

1. Description

This assessment is used to determine teacher candidate content knowledge by analyzing course content in required areas for all secondary social studies certification students and then evaluating the students' grades in those courses.

2. Alignment with Standards

At Keene State College students have the choice of majoring in Geography, History, Social Science or Sociology as a pathway to teacher certification. Of these 4 options there is a nearly common core of content courses that align with the 10 NCSS standards. The courses included in these options are:

ANTH 110 Cultural Anthropology	HIST 161 American Perspectives to 1877
ECON 201 Macroeconomics	HIST 162 American Perspectives from 1877
GEOG 100 Introduction to Geography	POSC 201 What is Politics?
GEOG 101 World Regional Geography	POSC 211 United States Politics
GEOG 105 Geography for Teachers	POSC 220 Global Politics
HIST 111 The Ancient and Medieval World	PSYC 101 General Psychology
HIST 112 The Modern World	SOC 101 Introductory Sociology

The Secondary Social Studies faculty continually monitors the content of these courses to ensure that required core coursework aligns with the NCSS standards and complements chosen majors. The process of determining relevant coursework and monitoring achievement by standard allows us to track content knowledge by Keene State College program completers and majors using grades for courses that align with NCSS standards 1.1-1.10. This data is intended to augment the completers' PRAXIS II data.

