

**Social Science Education
Specialist Degree Advising Form**

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

The specialist program is flexible and is designed to meet the special interest and varied backgrounds of students seeking graduate credit beyond the Master's Degree. Thesis and non-thesis options are available in this 30 hour program. The specific program of study will be developed by the student and his/her major professor. The program requires 15 hours in social science education credits. The other credits are to be taken in one of the academic disciplines that make up the Social Sciences. These policies apply to students entering the program during and after the Summer 2005.

Thesis Option - 30 Hours

The credit hours are divided as follows:

Social Science Education- 15 credit hours

- SSE _____ (3 hrs)
- SSE _____ (3 hrs)
- SSE _____ (3 hrs)
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- SSE _____ (3 hrs)

History/Social Science Field of Concentration- 9 credit hours

- _____ (3 hrs)
- _____ (3 hrs)
- _____ (3 hrs)

Thesis Credit- 6 credit hours required

- SSE 5971: Thesis

Specialist in Education Thesis Defense

- SSE 8978:Specialist in Education Thesis Defense

Thesis Program

A copy of the forms required for completing a **prospectus** and **thesis** should be obtained online at <http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/forms.html> . Check with the department secretary to ensure that no changes in the requirements have been made. The policy regarding the thesis is outlined in the Graduate Bulletin.

Non-Thesis Option - 30 hours

The 30 hour non-thesis option requires comprehensive exams during the last semester of coursework and the following credit hours requirements.

Social Science Education- 15 credit hours required

- SSE _____ (3 hrs)

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- SSE _____ (3 hrs)

Social Science Field of Concentration- 15 hours

- _____ (3 hrs)
- _____ (3 hrs)
- _____ (3 hrs)
- _____ (3 hrs)
- _____ (3 hrs)

Comprehensive Exams- 0 hours

- SSE 8968r: Specialist in Education Comprehensive Examination _____
- Exams are graded on a pass/fail system. Questions are provided by 3 (three) committee members. Scheduling of comprehensive exams is done by the Chair of your Program of Study Committee.
- At least two weeks prior to the exam, clearance must be requested from the Graduate Coordinator. A clearance/results form will be provided.
- Each Specialist candidate must pass a comprehensive examination before receiving his/her degree. The examination may be written, oral, or both, as determined by the candidate's committee.
- The intent of such an examination is to measure success in meeting the competencies declared in the candidate's program. Only when the committee concludes that competencies have been attained will the degree be awarded.