Social Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Social Studies (B.A.), Social Studies: Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

**Fields of Emphasis:** Economics; Economics- Political Science- Sociology- Anthropology; Geography; History; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology

**Specialty:** Elementary Education (B.S.): Social Studies

**Minor:** Social Studies

**Major Highlights:**
Social Studies educates students for democracy. An interdisciplinary social science major, it draws from anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology and sociology.
The Bachelor of Science, Teacher Licensure major prepares students for a career at the secondary level and requires a passion for both the subject matter and for teaching. Geography, history, and political science form the "matrix" for social studies education. To increase their employability, students are encouraged to take a second major or minor in a social studies discipline. Students interested in Social Studies as a major or minor should meet as early as possible with the coordinator. The Bachelor of Arts major prepares students for employment in a broad number of careers. This major offers breadth in background and content combined with applied skills development in the areas of the social sciences.

**Employment Areas:**
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that in 2008 there were 659,500 middle school teachers, and 1.1 million secondary school teachers in all subject areas. Employment of teachers is geographically distributed much the same as the population.

**Projected Demand for Social Studies Majors in Minnesota:**
MnCareers reports that the outlook for middle and high school teachers is good, with an average annual salary of $45,750 for Minnesota’s 32,750 middle and high school teachers.

**Projected Demand for Social Studies Majors Nationwide:**
The DISCOVER guidance system reports that the nationwide demand for secondary education teachers is growing slowly with a 0.6% expected growth rate per year. The average starting salary offered was $38,500 annually in 2009. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” reports that the median annual wages of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from $47,100 to $51,180 in May 2008. The American Association for Employment in Education, Inc. (AAEE), reports that Social Studies Education is a field with some surplus.

**Placement Information for Social Studies Graduates:**
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University social studies graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2008-2009 social studies (B.S.) graduates, 85.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

**A Partial List of Employers Who Have Hired BSU Social Studies Graduates:**

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Burnsville Area Learning Center
Cass Lake School District
Clearbrook-Gonvick School
Dassel-Cokato School District
Duluth Area Schools
Faribault School District
Fulda High School
Grand Prairie School District
Grand Rapids School District
Grand Rapids/Hibbing School Districts
Holy Rosary School
Holy Trinity High School
Indus School
ISD #15
ISD 192, 194, 196
ISD 2170
ISD 31
ISD 318
Kelly Services/Bemidji School District
Kerkhoven High School
Learning Alternatives Community School
Lenawoe Intermediate School District
Liaoning University
Mazeppa High School
Monticello Middle School
Mt. Iron Buhl School District
New London-Spicer Schools
NRHEG ISD #2168
Osseo School District #279
Park Christian Schools
Park Rapids School District
Peace Corp
Pendagram Elementary School District
Pillager High School
Ponemah Elementary School
Red Lake High School
Red Lake Middle School
Remer/Longville ISD #118
Roseau Schools/Wynne Consulting
Sioux City Community Schools
South Washington County School District
St. Paul Public Schools
Swanville High School
Thief River Falls Public Schools
Thief River Falls School District
Transition Program
TrekNorth High School
Tri-County School District
Trio Wolf Creek Distance Learning Center
United States Customs Service
University of Minnesota Extension Services
USD 466
Warroad & Roseau School Districts
WEM School District
Westby High School
White Lake School District

Ninth Grade American History Teacher
Ninth Grade Teacher
Paraprofessional
Substitute Teacher
Seventh/Eighth Grade Soc Studies Teacher
Substitute Teacher
7th Grade Geography Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Junior High Social Studies Instructor
Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Teaching Assistant
High School Social Studies Teacher
Alternative Teacher
Substitute Teacher
High School History Teacher
High School Social Studies Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Teacher-conversational/business English
Educational Assistant
Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Long-Term Substitute Teacher-7th Grade
High School Social Studies Teacher/Coach
Junior High Teacher
History Teacher/Coach
Substitute Teacher
ESL Teacher
Seventh Grade Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies/Computer Science Teacher
Substitute Teacher/Consultant
Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Middle School Social Studies Teacher
High School Social Studies Teacher
Middle School Social Studies Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Educational Assistant
Teacher
Social Studies Teacher/Coach
Learning Manager
Customs Inspector
AmeriCorps Promise Fellow
Social Studies Teacher/Coach
Substitute Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Social Studies/Phy Ed Teacher
Substitute Teacher

Olivia, MN
Eagan, MN
Cass Lake, MN
Clearbrook, MN
Cokato, MN
Duluth, MN
Faribault, MN
Fulda, MN
Grand Prairie, TX
Grand Rapids, MN
Grand Rapids/Hibbing
Duluth, MN
Winsted, MN
Birchdale, MN
St. Francis, MN
Rosemount, MN
Staples, MN
Bemidji, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Bemidji, MN
Kerkhoven, MN
Spring Lake Park, MN
Adrian, MI
Shenyang City, China
Zumbrota, MN
Monticello, MN
Mt. Iron, MN
New London, MN
New Richland, MN
Brooklyn Park, MN
Moorhead, MN
Park Rapids, MN
Unspecified
Phoenix, AZ
Pillager, MN
Ponemah, MN
Red Lake, MN
Red Lake, MN
Remer, MN
Roseau, MN
Sioux City, IA
Cottage Grove, MN
St. Paul, MN
Swanville, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
White Bear Lake, MN
Bemidji, MN
Karlstad, MN
Chisago City, MN
International Falls, MN
Brainerd, MN
Scott City, KS
Warroad/Roseau, MN
Waterville, MN
Westby, MT
White Lake, WI
Colleges and Universities Where BSU Social Studies Graduates Have Gone to Continue Their Education:

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN

**Note 1:** Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.

**Note 2:** Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

**Note 3:** Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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