Career Outlook: Social Studies

Social Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

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

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

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

**Minor:** Social Studies

Department Website: [https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/political-science/programs/](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/political-science/programs/)

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” (OOH) reports that in 2018 there were 615,700 middle school teachers, and 1,072,500 high school teachers. Employment of teachers is geographically distributed much the same as the population. The market varies widely by area and subject specialty.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for high school teachers is expected to grow 4% (as fast as average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between $39,740 and $97,500 per year. The median pay for 2018 was $60,320 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Social Studies graduates. The one Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Social Studies (B.A.) graduate reported obtaining related employment. Of the 9 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Social Studies Education (B.S.) graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATES: * (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

- Bemidji Area Schools
- Substitute Teacher, Coach
- Bemidji, MN

- Fosston High School
- Substitute Teacher
- Fosston, MN

- Gulf International Forum
- Research and Publication Coordinator
- Washington DC

- Hayfield Community Schools
- Teacher
- Hayfield, MN

- ISD 696
- High School Teacher
- Ely, MN

- Northwestern MN Juvenile Ctr.
- Corrections Worker
- Bemidji, MN

- St. Michael-Albertville School District
- Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher
- St. Michael, MN

- Voyageurs Expeditionary School
- Substitute Teacher
- Bemidji, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE PREVIOUS BSU SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:
- University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

*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.

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