

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/offices/teacher-education/programs/social-studies/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that in 2021 there were 606,500 middle school teachers, and 1,058,300 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 5% (as fast as average) through 2031, with people established in their career generally earning between \$46,090 and \$100,310 per year. The median pay for 2021 was \$61,820 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Social Studies graduates. Of the 4 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Social Studies (B.A.) graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment. Of the 9 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Social Studies Education (B.S.) graduates, 83.3% 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.)

Bagley High School	Social Studies Teacher	Bagley, MN
Centennial High School	High School History Teacher	Boise, ID
Delano Community Education	Teacher	Delano, MN
Red Lake Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher	Red Lake, MN
TrekNorth High School	Special Education Paraprofessional	Bemidji, MN
Voyageurs Expeditionary School	Middle School Teacher	Bemidji, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (x2)
- South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

*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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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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