The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Teaching and Learning with a concentration in Social Studies Education program is designed for individuals with interests in social studies education research, scholarship and teacher preparation. Individuals seeking admission to this program should have a strong background in social studies education and a desire to be prepared to conduct original research in the field.

This program prepares scholars from across multiple areas of social studies education, including educational studies in the various social sciences, such as economics, geography, history, sociology, psychology, political science/government, area studies, women’s studies and multicultural issues.

**Program Highlights**

By the time they finish their doctorate, students have presented at a national, state or local conference, submitted scholarly articles for publication and completed a teaching internship at the college level.

**Accomplished Program Faculty**

**Chara Haeussler Bohan, Ph.D.**
Award winning researcher and a leader in history and social studies education with more than 70 publications in social studies education, education history and the teaching of history

**Joseph Feinberg, Ph.D.**
Leader in social studies education with published scholarship on service-learning, simulation games, citizenship education, economic education, and teacher education

**About the Department of Middle and Secondary Education**

The social studies education doctoral program is offered through the Department of Middle and Secondary Education at Georgia State University. Our acclaimed faculty, among the leading researchers and teachers in their fields, come from many countries around the world and are committed to bettering the human condition. Our mission is to engage in research, teaching, and service in urban environments with people from multiple cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds. We are committed to innovation and creativity and to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and practice. We strive to realize our vision of pluralism, equity and social justice where individuals have equal access to meaningful learning opportunities throughout their lives and the chance to apply their knowledge and skills for the greater good.
Application Requirements

Academic Background
Master’s degree from an accredited institution

Graduate GPA
Minimum 3.30 overall graduate GPA

Letters of Recommendation
Two letters of recommendation required

Resume and Writing Sample
No minimum GRE score requirement

Additional Requirements
Applicant may be asked to participate in an interview with program faculty as a part of the application process.

Deadlines and Financial Aid

Application Deadlines: March 1 and Nov. 1

For more information and to apply, please visit http://mse.education.gsu.edu/programs.

Financial aid is available in the form of grants and student loans. For more information, please contact Georgia State University’s Student Financial Services at 404-413-2600 or visit http://sfs.gsu.edu.

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Career Opportunities

Program graduates have gone on to become college professors, program specialists, instructional coaches, department chairs, professional learning facilitators and teacher leaders.

Distinguished Graduates

Erica DeCuir
Assistant Professor
Albany State University

John Pecore
Associate Professor and Associate Chair
University of West Florida

Caroline Conner
Assistant Principal
Carver High School

Christopher Moore
Middle School Coordinator
St. Jude High School

Cynthia Schafer
Department Chair
Walker High School

Kevin Wood
Assistant Principal
Gwinnett County Schools