The broad field social studies degree is the preferred degree for secondary teaching in the area of social studies. This degree offers many options and great versatility. The program requires that the student has a concentration (a major) in one of the social sciences and then additional work in the other social sciences. The broad field social science concentrations include areas from; economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology.

The broad field social studies major prepares the student to become a social studies teacher on the secondary level (grades 5-12). The programs include the major, general education requirements, and the licensure requirements. The program is also designed to meet the requirements for broad field social studies teaching licenses in Wisconsin. In addition, the program can be used as an entry point to a variety of graduate programs and professional schools. Since a major in one of the social sciences is part of the broad field social studies, students have flexibility in future career opportunities.

Students learn life needed skills while being a part of this major. Students will gain professional writing skills, organizational skills, research analysis skills, public speaking skills, and skills needed to be a successful teacher.

“I majored in broad field social studies because I am a history nut! My high school history teacher was really inspirational to me and I realized that I would love to teach this subject too.” -Matthew Ortt

Experience
Students begin observing in the classrooms during their first semester at UW-River Falls. Each semester, students are required to put in a specific amount of observing hours. This fully prepares them for when they start student teaching. Each student in placed in a rural and urban school, to experience all teaching situations.

Involvement
With the endless possible ways to get involved, UW-River Falls offers a variety of clubs and organizations. Popular clubs are, but not limited too; College Democrats, History club, Tri Delta Kappa, Future Teachers, Tomorrow’s Educators, and more.

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Faculty really pushes their students to do a study abroad program while they are a student at UW-River Falls. It gives students a sense of global perspective and makes them a well-rounded person. Students are also encouraged to complete an internship before graduation.

A popular program for students is the Summer Museum Education Internship. Museum studies, sometimes called museology, is the field that encompasses the ideas and issues involved in the museum profession—from the practical, day-to-day skills needed to operate a museum to theories on the societal role of museums.