

## Handout for History Majors who want to become Teachers in Georgia

**UPPER-LEVEL HISTORY COURSES** The following are strongly recommended as part of the Eight Upper-level History Content Courses:

**Georgia History:** either HIST 4211 or HIST 4212 (mandatory in state of GA)

**Modern U.S. History:** (possible examples: HIST 4204, 4205, 4206, 4208)

VSU's College of Education also encourages History teachers to take @ least one Upper-level History course in "US Social/Cultural/Constitutional History," & highly recommends @ least one Upper-level History course in "US Colonial to WWII History."

### **MINOR AND/OR ELECTIVES**

For a Teaching career, it is strongly recommended that History Majors take courses in Economics, Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, or Sociology.

### **INDUCTION EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION in Georgia**

The agency that oversees Georgia's certification process is the **Georgia Professional Standards Commission [GaPSC]** <http://www.gapsc.com/>

Graduate w/ **GPA of 2.5** [minimum requirement, May 2016]  
[\[http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/induction.aspx\]](http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/induction.aspx)

Pass **GACE Program Admission Exam**, or exempt with scores of **SAT** - 1000 (Math + Reading); **ACT** - 43 (Math + English); or **GRE** (on or after August 1, 2011) 297 (Verbal & Quantitative). See <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/deans-office/teacher-education-application/program-admission-assessment.php>.

Pass **GACE Content Assessment Exams** in US History and in World History during Senior Year (see below).

See VSU's Career Opportunities Office for **Education Career Day** in fall and in spring (<http://www.valdosta.edu/career/>).

Apply for teaching jobs (<http://www.teachgeorgia.org/>) and if successful, work w/ your principal on the best path to attain certification. One option is various programs offered by VSU's Colleg

to the curriculum. See <https://voicethread.com/#q.b4850045.i0.k0> to **help History majors sign up** for GACE -- do not answer that you are part of a teacher prep program or you will get stopped when trying to take the content part; **you select: "Not Listed."**

**Preparing for the various Educational Certification Programs offered in Valdosta State's Dewar College of Education & Human Services (COEHS)**

Observe public school classrooms by working as a substitute teacher or by taking EDUC 2110, 2120, or 2130 which require field experience. The EDUC courses are not required for admission, but enrolling may help you make your career decision.

**What you need to get started:**

**Pass** GACE Program Admission Exam (or exempt – see above) and GACE Content Exams in US History **&** in World History.

Apply for a teaching job: <http://www.teachgeorgia.org/home.aspx>

When hired, your school system will ask the **GaPSC** for a non-renewable provisional certificate [Induction Pathway 4] for you (***good for 3 years***).

**To Change** the provisional certificate to a **Clear Renewable Certificate (T-4 or T-5)**

Bachelor's Degree in History with **2.75 GPA** to enter VSU's Certification Programs.

**Start** with a Transcript evaluation <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/deans-office/documents/certification-evaluation-request-form-june-2014.pdf>

Upon receiving the transcript evaluation, meet with an advisor in the College of Education & Human Services to determine a timeline for entering a specific program.

Apply to VSU's Graduate School (see <http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/> for on-line application) **and** take either GRE (Graduate Record Exam; minimum score = 143 Verbal & 138 Quantitative) or the MAT (Miller's Analogy Test; minimum score = 375). **Application deadlines =**