

Social Science Secondary Education Program
Annual Report, 2015-2016

General:

This year the Social Science Secondary Education (History) Program consisted of thirteen students. Dr. Mullgardt emailed each prospective incoming student for the 2015-2016 year. He also prepared the annual report to the ISBE, and that body approved our program for another year. Two students graduated, one in the fall and one in the spring. One of our graduates moved immediately into a full time position as a social studies teacher.

Student Teaching:

In the fall term one senior student completed her observations at MacArthur high school. Dr. Mullgardt observed her teach one lesson, and then observed her the required five times in the spring when she taught full time. Another completed her teaching at Warrensburg Latham, and Dr. Mullgardt observed her the required five times and provided feedback. He also, as the instructor of ED321, observed junior level majors teaching in the field. Dr. Mullgardt took the 20+ hour training program in the Danielson method of teacher observation evaluation, one adopted by the Millikin School of Education.

History 425:

HI 425 was offered in the fall to traditional students, and was taught in the spring as an Independent Study. Dr. Mullgardt administered a content exam modeled on the state's 114 test to the HI425 curriculum, which not only prepares students for their state exam but also serves as a "signature assessment" as per recent stipulations by the ISBE. In the fall of 2015 Dr. Mullgardt oversaw the name change of HI425 to "Methods of Teaching and Assessment in the Social Studies," gaining the necessary approval of the CAS and CoC.

Endorsements:

Dr. Mullgardt again advised Social Science Secondary Education majors to seek endorsements in either political science or psychology as they continue their coursework. As defined by the Illinois State Board of Education, a graduate can earn an endorsement in disciplines outside of history by taking 12 hours in an additional field, and by successfully passing the ISBE content exam for that area. One student has decided to pursue the endorsement in Political Science, and Dr. Mullgardt will again talk to this year's incoming students about this avenue.

Re-accreditation:

The program will be up for re-accreditation by the National Council for the Social Studies in 2017. Dr. Mullgardt has reviewed the steps and requirements for re-accreditation, and has spoken with Dr. Magoulias about minor changes to evaluation forms to align their language to the NCSS. Provost Aper met with members of CTEP in 2016 and informed them national re-accreditation was, in fact, not necessary as programs report to the state, but if program coordinators wished they could seek national re-

accreditation. Dr. Magoulias and Dr. Mullgardt agree that applying for NCSS accreditation is not necessary, but if Millikin wanted to move in that direction the Social Science Secondary Education program is in qualified.