



Broad-field Social Science Rubric for Admission to the UWSP Professional Education Program

June 2012

Criterion	Excellent	Good	Acceptable
GPA Sum	3.5 or higher	Between 3.3 and 3.5	Between 3.0 and 3.3
Application Letter	1. Explains clearly why applicant wants to teach social science/history 2. Explains clearly why applicant wants to teach at the secondary level 3. Displays strong communication skills	1. Explains why applicant wants to teach social science/history 2. Explains why applicant wants to teach at the secondary level 3. Displays solid communication skills	1. Explains adequately why applicant wants to teach social studies/history 2. Explains adequately why applicant wants to teach at the secondary level 3. Displays adequate communication skills
Writing Samples Graded assignments <u>strongly</u> preferred	1. Contain three papers from history and social sciences courses, including one paper from a methods course, if possible 2. Reflect content/knowledge appropriate to teaching social science/history 3. Reflect strong skills in critical thinking and analysis 4. Include reflective paragraphs that clearly describe importance to applicant's learning and development 5. Display strong communication skills	1. Contain three papers from history and social science courses, including one paper from a methods course, if possible 2. Reflect content/knowledge appropriate to teaching social science/history 3. Reflect solid skills in critical thinking and analysis 4. Include reflective paragraphs that describe well importance to applicant's learning and development 5. Display solid communication skills	1. Contain three papers from history and social science courses, including a paper from a methods course, if possible 2. Reflect content/knowledge appropriate to teaching social science/history 3. Reflect adequate skills in critical thinking and analysis 4. Include reflective paragraphs that adequately describe importance of applicant's learning and development 5. Display adequate communication skills
Additional Materials	1. Demonstrate strong engagement with teaching 2. Include strong letter of recommendation from a faculty member or teacher	1. Demonstrates solid engagement with teaching 2. Include good letter of recommendation from a faculty member or teacher	1. Demonstrates adequate engagement with teaching 2. Include adequate letter of recommendation from a faculty member or teacher

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty from History and the Social Science departments. The committee will rank candidates and recommend admission based on the following criteria.

1. Written and oral communication skills
2. Critical thinking and knowledge of discipline
3. GPA Sum: (GPA in the BFSS) x 2 + (overall GPA)

Because of enrollment caps, some students who satisfy expectations under the criteria above may not be admitted. Approximately one half of the annual enrollment cap will be admitted in the fall semester and one half in the spring.