Why study history education or social science education?
Students completing degrees in history education or social science education will be certified to teach history, government, economics, geography, sociology and anthropology, with a designation in history. A designation means that students will be able to teach AP courses in that particular discipline. Students should choose between these two programs of study based on their strengths and interests. The history education degree allows for a larger number of electives in history, while the social science education degree allows for a larger number of electives in political science, sociology and anthropology.

What can you do with a history education or social science education degree?
Most of our graduates teach in public and private middle schools and high schools in the greater Chicago area. We have a number of recent graduates who have been accepted into Chicago’s Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL). The AUSL offers a one-year, hands-on urban teacher training in which students not only develop their craft, but learn to become an effective urban teacher. Residents are paid $30,000 for the training, and at completion, are extended an offer to teach at AUSL’s turnaround schools.

Why study history education or social science education at SXU?
One of the greatest strengths of these programs is the close collaboration between the faculty and staff in the School of Education and in the Department of History and Political Science. Teacher training requires the full commitment of both the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education to ensure that students appreciate the connections between content and pedagogy and fully understand the importance of each. Our courses are designed to enrich our students’ understanding of the content areas and increase their interest before they begin exploring best practices in teaching.

Outside the Classroom
SXU’s history education and social science education programs continue outside the classroom. Annual pre-professional opportunities include:
• “What I Wish I Knew Before Student Teaching”: A panel of SXU student teachers offers advice to their fellow education students.
• Master teacher and Golden Apple Scholar John Naisbitt speaks about the essential ingredients of effective teaching.
• “The Challenges and Rewards of Teaching at a Neighborhood School”: A panel of Gage Park High School teachers discusses their craft.

These programs provide a chance for students to connect with each other, mingle with faculty members and seek professional development.

SXU has a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. PAT members are eligible for scholarships and prizes through the national society.

For more information visit www.sxu.edu, Keyword: History.