



# ***Ph.D. in Social Science Education***

## ***University of South Florida College of Education***

### ***Program Overview***

The University of South Florida Social Science Education faculty invites highly qualified individuals to apply for its Ph.D. in Social Science Education.

The program prepares graduates to assume positions as teacher educators and leaders for curriculum and instructional reform. This distinctive program provides opportunities for students to work closely with faculty on research, teacher education, global initiatives, and innovation in Social Science Education.

The goals of the program are to prepare social science education professionals who:

- Conduct sound research on important issues in social science education and disseminate the results of that research in appropriate ways.
- Advocate best practices in teacher training.
- Engage in responsible innovation.
- Contribute to standards-based school reform and improvement.
- Exhibit professional and ethical standards appropriate to their role as leaders in the field.
- Support the preparation of effective, committed and ethical professionals in social sciences education.

Our graduates are prepared to serve as professors in colleges and universities as well as school district administrators and curriculum specialists.

### ***Admissions Requirements***

To apply for this program, students must:

- Possess a Master's degree in education or a social science related field
- Submit a USF Graduate Admissions application form online at <https://secure.vzcollegeapp.com/usf/>
- Provide Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (dating back no longer than five years)
- Submit transcripts from an accredited institution
- Provide a statement of professional goals and a résumé
- Submit three letters of recommendation from prior professors or education colleagues
- Complete an interview (either in person or remotely via Skype)

### ***Tuition Support for Ph.D. Students***

There are a number of federal grant, loan and repayment programs available to help finance your education. To learn more about financial aid at USF, visit [www.usf.edu/financial-aid](http://www.usf.edu/financial-aid).

The College of Education also offers graduate assistantships on a competitive basis. Graduate Assistants are employed by the university to teach, conduct research or carry out other relevant tasks that contribute to the student's professional development.

*Join the USF College of Education, and become a world-class educator who empowers the next generation.*

### ***Contact Information:***

Michael J. Berson, Ph.D.  
Professor of Social Science Education  
Senior Fellow, The Florida Joint Center for  
Citizenship

USF College of Education  
Department for Teaching and Learning  
Email: [berson@usf.edu](mailto:berson@usf.edu)  
Phone: 813.974.7197 Fax: 813.974.3837

