

SWOSU History Education Program Receives National Recognition

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Dr. Roger Bromert, professor of history, and Dr. John Hayden, Bernhardt professor of history, discuss the recent accreditation of the history education program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. SWOSU history education students have a 95% pass rate on Oklahoma state certification exams in social sciences.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's history education degree program recently received national recognition from the National Council for the Social Studies.

The degree program is housed within the SWOSU Department of Social Sciences on the Weatherford campus and prepares students to teach history and social studies to junior and senior high school students.

Dr. Phil Holley, chair of the department, said the NCSS was especially impressed with the program's high pass rate on Oklahoma state certification exams in the social sciences. Students who complete the history education major at SWOSU boast a pass rate of 94.7%.

In earning national recognition, SWOSU's history education program demonstrated that its majors graduated as both proficient students and teachers across 10 standards that the NCSS cites as instrumental components to a successful social studies program.

The history education program opened at SWOSU in 1993. Since then, graduates have taught in schools throughout the region and abroad. Others have enrolled in law schools and graduate programs in history.

Holley said there are currently 51 SWOSU students majoring in history education and a similar number of students majoring in history. Currently, five Department of Social Sciences faculty members are historians.