

PRAXIS II™ Social Studies and English
PRAX 115

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Course Description:

Butler County Community College's PRAX 115 course is designed for teacher candidates preparing to take **one or more** of the following Praxis II™ exams necessary for state licensure:

Secondary English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge (0041)

Secondary Education: Social Studies Content Knowledge (0081)

Middle School English Language Arts (0049)

Middle School Social Studies (0089)

These 5-week courses are based on the components of the *ETS Study Guide* to provide a thorough review and numerous, summary exercises for each topic covered in the English and/or Social Studies Praxis II™ exam(s), as well as test taking strategies. The online format offers flexibility to busy students and professionals. Group chats and discussion board forums allow class participants to communicate with each other and the instructor throughout the course. Praxis instructors for Butler County Community College are Pennsylvania certified teachers. The courses focus on the following topics:

- **For Social Studies Content Knowledge:**
U. S. History, World History, Government & Civics, Geography, Economics, and Behavioral Sciences
- **For English, Language, Literature, and Composition:**
Reading & Understanding Text, Language & Linguistics, and Composition & Rhetoric
- **Middle School exams also cover constructed-response strategies.**

Text:

Praxis II (English and/or Social Studies: #0041, #0049, #0081, #0089)

ETS Study Guide for appropriate exam

**Other helpful texts may be suggested by the instructor.

Preparation for all middle school exams is in one text.

Additional Suggested Course Materials:

- **For Social Studies Content Knowledge:**
Cliffs Test Prep Praxis II Social Studies Content Knowledge Test (0081)
Barron's Let's Review Global History and Geography
Barron's Let's Review U. S. History and Government
Various Cliffs books for each of the exam topics
- **For English Language, Literature, and Composition Content:**
Cliffs Test Prep Praxis II English Subject Area Assessments (0041/ 0049)
Cliffs Study Solver English Grammar
Cliffs AP English Literature and Composition

Chat sessions: (These require students to be online at a specific time)

Chat sessions are offered in the evenings, on different days for question/answer sessions with the instructor. Participation is not mandatory, but it will increase your chance of exam success. If you are unable to attend chat, you can review the recordings at a later date. The instructor is always available to answer your questions or concerns via email or posting to the discussion board.

On-campus sessions:

None – All course work and exams are completed online.

Objectives:

The student will:

- Review content for the major components of their appropriate PRAXIS II™ exams through texts, additional posted resources, practice questions and exams, chat sessions, and discussions in discussion board forums.
- Review websites pertinent to content areas.
- Complete and score practice Praxis questions, examinations, and skill quizzes.
- Identify lower and higher order thinking skills in the subject areas covered on the PRAXIS II English and/or Social Studies Subject Assessments Test(s). Categories in the Cognitive Domain of Bloom's Taxonomy (knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) will be used. Critical thinking skills will be improved.
- Interact through assignments, chats, and discussion boards with certified teachers in their specialty area using cooperative/collaborative learning, including peer review and problem based learning and inquiry.

Additional Information: Discussion Board:

Forums are posted under "discussion board" to provide review for specific content areas and comments for tackling each topic in the most effective manner. Class participants are encouraged to post their own questions and concerns to the discussion board.

More detailed course information is available online within the course.
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