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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: UWA Social Science Candidates (Class B and Alternative A)

FROM: Dr. Courtney Vick, UWA Certification Officer

SUBJECT: Updated Praxis II

On April 10, 2025, members of the Alabama State Board of Education (SBOE) approved a resolution to adopt a new Social Studies Praxis subject assessment. This assessment will replace the current assessment, which is expiring.

The following chart provides the new Praxis test name and code, along with information that will be used for implementation. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Assessment Policies Manuals are also being updated to reflect information about this test.

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
5581: Social Studies	153	09/01/2025	5081: Social Studies Content Knowledge	155	08/31/2025

If you are enrolled in the **Alternative Class A Program** and used the Praxis 5081 test for admission purposes, your recommendation for certification must be received at the ALSDE within 48 months of your Unconditional admission date (Example – unconditionally admitted on 06/25/2022 using 5081, must be recommended for certification no later than 06/25/2026 to use the expired test). The Unconditional admission date can be found in your Test Summary section on Self-Service.

Candidates enrolled in the **Class B Program** who are unconditionally admitted and have taken the Praxis 5081 test can use that test as long as their recommendation for certification is received at the ALSDE within 48 months of your Unconditional admission date (Example – unconditionally admitted on 06/25/2022 using 5081, must be recommended for certification no later than 06/25/2026 to use the expired test). The Unconditional admission date can be found in your Test Summary section on Self-Service. If you are in the Class B program and have not yet taken the Praxis, you should take the 5581 test.

For additional information regarding Praxis requirements, please contact certification@uwa.edu.

Thank you!

Dr. Courtney Vick