

## **Helpful Information about the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Content Exam Field 246: Social Science: History**

### **Summary**

The Content Exam for Field 246: Social Science: History is a test that assesses the student's knowledge and skills required to teach the specific subject in which he/she is being licensed. It is heavily based in history but includes Social Sciences at the 100-level. The test has recently changed from 114 to 246. This must be completed before moving on to Gateway 3. Most students take the exam before participating in HIS 390.

The exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and is made up of 100 multiple choice questions. The exam covers the following subareas: Social Science Foundational Skills, Social Science Foundational Knowledge, Historical Concepts and World History, and U.S. and Illinois History. The test is computer-based. In order to pass, the student must score a 240 or higher on the test. At the end of the exam, the student will receive a receipt of completion, but the score report will not be released until one of the scheduled dates. For more information, test dates, and score release dates visit

<http://www.il.nesinc.com/>

### **How to Register**

To register for Student Teaching, the student must have passing scores submitted no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> (for Fall Student Teaching) and December 15 (for Spring Student Teaching). If you retake the computer-based ILTS Test, you are required to wait 30 days before retaking the same test on a computer. When registering for the Content Exam, make sure that the test code is **246** or a different exam will appear. To register:

- 1) Go to <http://www.il.nesinc.com/>
- 2) Click on the Register Tab
- 3) Create an Account (on the right-hand side of the page)
  - a. Follow the steps
- 4) Sign-In using your Email Address and Password (KEEP NOTE OF THIS, YOU WILL NEED IT WHEN YOU SUBMIT edTPA.
- 5) Schedule the exam
- 6) Pay the fee - The fee is \$122.

### **Paying for the Test**

Test Registration Fees must be paid by debit or credit card (VISA or MasterCard only) that does not need a PIN number to use. The merchant name appearing on your credit card statement will be "Eval Systems Test Fee." If you do not have a credit card, contact the Evaluations Systems by emailing from your account, or the "Live Chat" function for more information on paying by check. Vouchers may be used and applied during the registration process. The History Department often has \$25 voucher codes to help offset the exam cost. Please see Professor Piotrowski ([scpiotr@ilstu.edu](mailto:scpiotr@ilstu.edu)) for voucher information.

Visit [www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=ILCBT\\_TestFeesAndPaymentInformation.html&t=IL246](http://www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=ILCBT_TestFeesAndPaymentInformation.html&t=IL246) for details

### **Test Preparation**

The test prep for the ILTS Test is run by the Mometrix E-Library (accessible to students through their ILSTU login). To view the test preparation materials, use the following steps:

- 1) Go to Milner Library's Homepage
  - 2) Click on the Databases Tab
  - 3) Type in "Mometrix"
  - 4) Click on the hyperlink
  - 5) Click on "Teaching"
  - 6) In the search box, type in ILTS
  - 7) Search the list for the correct Exam Number (246)
    - a. There is a 114, but that is not the updated version
  - 8) Click on the Exam and a Digital Textbook will appear in a New Tab
- OR

- 1) <https://portal.mometrixlibrary.com/products/ILTSSSHist246>

### **Test Structure Guide**

The Test Structure Guide is provided by the Illinois Licensure Testing System. To access the Framework Guide, use the link provided, or follow these steps:

- 1) [https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL\\_fld246\\_FW.pdf](https://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/Docs/IL_fld246_FW.pdf)  
OR
- 1) Go to <http://www.il.nesinc.com/>
- 2) Click on the Prepare Tab
- 3) Use the Arrow on the “Select a Test” and search for Social Science: History (246)
- 4) Once found, click Go
- 5) A list of Preparation Materials will appear  
OR
- 1) [www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/IL246\\_PrepMaterials.html](http://www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/IL246_PrepMaterials.html)

### **Practice Tests and Answer Keys**

There are two different practice tests available for study. One is from Mometrix, an online database found on the ISU Milner Library Website, and the other from the Illinois Licensure Testing System. From the ILTS, you may purchase the full practice test for \$29.95 from the website link provided:

[www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/IL246\\_PrepMaterials.html](http://www.il.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/IL246_PrepMaterials.html)

To access the practice test from Mometrix, use the online textbook and the following directions.

- 1) Go to Milner Library’s Homepage
- 2) Click on the Databases Tab
- 3) Type in “Mometrix”
- 4) Click on the hyperlink
- 5) Click on “Teaching”
- 6) In the search box, type in ILTS
- 7) Search the list for the correct Exam Number (246)
  - a. There is a 114, but that is not the updated version
- 8) Click on the Exam and a Digital Textbook will appear in a New Tab
- 9) Go to Page 151 for the Practice Test
- 10) Go to Page 168 for the Answer Key and Explanations  
OR
- 1) <https://portal.mometrixlibrary.com/products/ILTSSSHist246>
- 2) Go to Page 151 for the Practice Test
- 3) Go to Page 168 for the Answer Key and Explanations

### **Sample Questions**

Sample Questions are offered by the Illinois Licensure Testing System.

- 1) Go to <http://www.il.nesinc.com/>
- 2) Click on the Prepare Tab
- 3) Use the Arrow on the “Select a Test” and search for Social Science: History (246)
- 4) Once found, click Go
- 5) A list of Preparation Materials will appear
- 6) Click on #4 under “Study Guide”  
OR
- 1) [www.il.nesinc.com/Content/STUDYGUIDE/IL\\_SG\\_SRI\\_246.htm](http://www.il.nesinc.com/Content/STUDYGUIDE/IL_SG_SRI_246.htm)