Investigating Social Studies and ECED 7264

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Students will be provided with a research basis for developing perspectives, methods, and materials for teaching social studies in grades P-5.

COE VISION
The College of Education at the University of West Georgia will be recognized for *Leading a New World of Learning*, with relevant and innovative programs that contribute to educational improvement and the betterment of society.

COE MISSION
Locally connected and globally relevant, the Mission of the College of Education is to prepare graduates for meaningful careers in diverse settings.Spanning undergraduate through doctoral study, we are committed to depth of knowledge and excellence in teaching, professional practice, and applied research.

The vision and mission of the College of Education at UWG forms the basis on which programs, courses, experiences, and outcomes are created. National and state standards are incorporated as criteria against which candidates are measured. This course’s objectives, activities, and assignments are related directly to the appropriate standards, as identified below.

APPROACHES TO INSTRUCTION
For this course we will draw on several pedagogical methods including hands on activities, lectures, videos, small group discussions, reflective activities, and interactive discussions.

COMMUNICATION
For this course it is best to e-mail through Course Den. In nearly all instances Course Den e-mails will be responded to inside of 24 hours during the week M-F. Weekends may take longer.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Students will:
1. comprehend the current trends and issues that affect social studies education (Berson, et.al., 2004; Dynneson, et. al., 2003; Farris, 2004; Maxim, 2003; Obenchain & Morris, 2003; Savage & Armstrong, 2004; Turner, 2004; Zarillo, 2004); *(Lifelong Learners, Knowledgeable; NBPTS 2)*

2. comprehend global community and changing society issues through social science perspectives (Chaplin & Messick, 2002; Hoge, et. al., 2004; Martorella & Beal, 2002; McEachron, 2001; Zarillo, 2004); *(Lifelong Learners, Knowledgeable; NBPTS 2)*

3. apply inquiry, reflective, and critical thinking methods for elementary social studies curriculum reform (Ellis, 2002; Farris, 2004; Hoge, et. al., 2004; Obenchain & Morris, 2003; Savage & Armstrong, 2004; Zarillo, 2004); *(Leaders; NBPTS 1 & 2)*
demonstrate decision making and leadership processes that affect social studies curriculum development (Berson, et.al., 2004; Hoge, et. al., 2004; Obenchain & Morris, 2003);

(Decision Makers, Leaders; NBPTS 2)

5. comprehend and apply strategies to meet the needs of diverse student populations and to integrate cultural diversity (Chaplin & Messick, 2002; Dynneson, et. al., 2003; Farris, 2004; Hoge, et. al., 2004; Turner, 2004; Zarillo, 2004);

(Adaptive, Culturally Sensitive, Empathetic; NBPTS 1)

6. apply cooperative learning concepts and strategies to enhance group interaction skills (Martorella & Beal, 2002; Maxim, 2003; Obenchain & Morris, 2003; Savage & Armstrong, 2004; Turner, 2004; Zarillo, 2004);

(Adaptive; NBPTS 1 & 2)

7. integrate appropriate instructional technology into an elementary social studies curriculum (Dynneson, et. al., 2003; Maxim, 2003; Turner, 2004); and

(Leaders, Adaptive; NBPTS 2)

8. comprehend and apply principles of ethics, social values, and character education in social studies education (Lickona, 1991; Martorella & Beal, 2002).

(Leaders, Knowledgeable; NBPTS 1 & 2)

COURSE PREREQUISITES
There are no course prerequisites beyond admission into an appropriate graduate program.

TEXTS, READINGS, INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES, AND REFERENCES

Required Text(s)
ISBN: 9780743296281

References


### ASSIGNMENTS, EVALUATION PROCEDURES, AND GRADING

#### Evaluation Procedures

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<td>1. Video Introduction, Update Course Den Profile, Respond to 5 classmate’s videos</td>
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**Total possible points = 1000**

***See Course Den for Assignment Details***

Please note:
Correct grammar (i.e., subject-verb agreement, and so on), punctuation, and spelling are required on ALL assignments. Excessive grammar issues on any assignment may result in a failing grade for an assignment (possibly as low as a zero).

**Grading**
Assignments will be graded as promptly as possible. Regular weekly assignments will generally be graded before the next week’s is due. Larger assignments may take longer to grade depending on the complexity and scale. Please feel free to inquire if it has been more than two weeks on a larger assignment.

A = 1000-900  B = 899-800  C = 799-700  F = 699 and below

**CLASS, DEPARTMENT, AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**Academic Honesty:** All work completed in this course must be original work developed this semester. Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. Plagiarism occurs when a student uses or purchases ghostwritten papers. It also occurs when a student utilizes ideas or information obtained from another person without giving credit to that person. If plagiarism or another act of academic dishonesty occurs, it will be dealt with in accordance with the academic misconduct policy as stated in the latest Student Handbook and the Graduate Catalog.

**Attendance / Participation:** As this course is entirely online regular attendance will not be taken. However, with the frequency of assignment deadlines your attendance of the class and attention to assignments will require a continued effort on your part. You may complete all work ahead of time but **late work will not be accepted** after the time of the due date.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** The official UWG policy is contained in the link to the Common Language for Course Syllabi located on the Provost’s website. All students are provided with equal access to classes and materials, regardless of special needs, temporary or permanent disability, special needs related to pregnancy, etc. For more information, please contact Disability Services at the University of West Georgia: [http://www.westga.edu/studentDev/index_8884.php](http://www.westga.edu/studentDev/index_8884.php).

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit is not currently planned for this course.

**UWG Cares:** If you or someone you know is in a distressing situation, support is available at [http://www.westga.edu/UWGcares/](http://www.westga.edu/UWGcares/) The website contains access to helpful resources and phone numbers related to emergency or crisis situations and safety concerns, medical concerns, multicultural, psychological and personal issues and interpersonal conflict.
Course Schedule

DP = Discussion Post

***Unless otherwise noted assignments needs to be turned in by 10pm***

The order of class meetings serves as a guide to the course and is subject to change!

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