MLG 423.506 Teaching Social Studies in 4-8 Syllabus

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Preferably, call or text with questions related to this course. If you must email, please use Brightspace to send emails related to the course. If Brightspace is unavailable, send email to straubsm@sfasu.edu and include “ELE 478” somewhere in the subject line. I will respond within 48 hours of email receipt.

Please Note: The syllabus may change at the discretion of the instructor. Notification of changes will be made through Brightspace.

Course Information

Prerequisites

Admitted into Educator Preparation (Reference; SFASU General Bulletin)

Course Description

Teaching Social Studies in the Middle-Level Grades - Examination of the social studies curriculum for grades 4-8 with emphasis on current practices, trends and research on effective practices for teaching social studies. This includes investigation of activities and materials appropriate for achieving social studies objectives. The syllabus, calendar of assignments, learning modules, forms for class assignments, and website links are all posted on the class website in D2L. All assignments are required to be submitted online in D2L and some to LiveText.

Learning is social in nature. Children learn from their interactive experiences with others: parents, siblings, relatives, friends, and other significant individuals in their lives. Social studies instruction
naturally lends itself to an integrated curriculum based on the personal and social aspect of learning. Social studies are significantly more than a collection of facts for children to memorize; it is an understanding of how people, places, and events came about and how people can relate and respond to each other’s needs and desires, as well as how to develop respect for different viewpoints and cultural beliefs. In short, social studies is the study of cultural, economic, geographic, and political aspects of past, current, and future societies. (Farris, Cooper, 1994, p. 6).

The overall goal of MLG 423 is to prepare candidates to assume their roles as professional educators who positively impact the social studies learning of all students and who exhibit the core values of the SFASU College of Education.

**Vision**

The James I. Perkins College of Education will be the college of choice for students striving to achieve professional excellence through exemplary programs that are recognized at state, national, and international levels.

**Mission**

The mission of the Perkins College of Education is to prepare competent, successful, caring and enthusiastic professionals from diverse backgrounds dedicated to responsible service, leadership, social justice and continued professional and intellectual development in an interconnected global society.

To accomplish this mission, the goals of the Perkins College of Education are to:

- Provide programs at both undergraduate and graduate levels based upon sound pedagogical and clinical practice.
- Prepare teachers, support personnel, and educational leaders for Texas Employ and support faculty members who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.
- Provide a variety of teaching venues incorporating the latest technologies to a range of diverse student interests, backgrounds, and aspirations.
- Maintain resources and facilities that allow each program to meet its expected outcomes.
- Collaborate with external partners to enhance students’ knowledge, skills, and dispositions, and to influence the ongoing exchange of ideas for mutual benefit.
- Engage in outreach services.
- To address specific needs in the broader community.
- To enhance student learning.
- To instill commitment to service, and to promote the reputation of the University.
- To conduct research to advance knowledge and to contribute to the common good.

**Core Values**

In the Perkins College of Education, we value and are committed to:

- Academic excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking
- Life-long learning
- Collaboration and shared decision-making
- Openness to new ideas, to culturally diverse people, and to innovation and change

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• Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior
• Service that enriches the community

Diversity Statement

The James I. Perkins College of Education is committed to proactively recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty, staff, and student population. Through open dialogue, mutual respect, and shared responsibility, faculty, staff, and students will demonstrate an understanding and sensitivity to ethnicity, race, gender, exceptionalities, culture, language/dialect, age, social class, family structure, sexual orientation, religion, and spiritual values in order to enhance the quality of life in a diverse, global community.

Course Goals

The Program Learning Objectives and Student Learning Objectives in this course align with the mission of preparing competent professionals and values of academic excellence, life-long learning, collaboration, openness, integrity, and service as you learn to instruct early childhood to middle level learners. The Program Learning Objectives are aligned to the Association for Early Childhood International (ACEI) standards, the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards, ISTE, and the TEA EC6 Educator Standards. Content and assignments are aligned to these standards.

Program Learning Outcomes and Student Learning Outcomes

PLO 2 Candidates know, understand, and demonstrate a high level of competence in their content in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies (AMLE & ACEI 2; InTASC 4) (ISTE)

☐ SLO 2.1 The social studies teacher has a comprehensive knowledge of the social sciences and recognizes the value of the social sciences in society and the world
  o SLO 2.1 Assessments – Social Studies Competency Exam, Quizzes, and Final Exam [{SS 1.1k, 1.2k, 1.3k, 1.4k, 1.5k; 1.1s, 1.2s, 1.3s, 1.4s, 1.5s, 1.6s 1.7s} (PPR 1.15k; 1.21k; 1.18; 1.18s; 3.11s) (ISTE 1a, b, c; 2a, b, c)].

☐ SLO 2.2 The social studies teacher effectively integrates the various social science disciplines.
  o SLO 2.2 Assessments – Integrated Mini Unit Assignment, Practica, and Final Exam [{SS 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k; 2.1s, 2.2s} (PPR 1.5s) (ISTE 1a, b, c; 2a, b, c; 3a, b, c)].

☐ SLO 2.3 The social studies teacher uses knowledge and skills of social studies, as defined by the TEKS to plan and implement effective curriculum, instruction, assessment, and evaluation.
  o SLO 2.3 Assessments – Practica, Discussions, Integrated Mini Unit Assignment [{SS3.1, 3.2k, 3.3k, 3.4k, 3.5, 3.6k, 3.7k, 3.8k; 3.1s, 3.2s, 3.3s, 3.4s, 3.5s, 3.6s, 3.7s} (PPR 1.21k; 1.27k) (ISTE 1a, b, c; 2a, b, c; 3a, b, c; 4a,b,c,d)]; 4.9k; 1.13k; TS1Aii; InTASC 4r; 6r; 7p).

☐ SLO 2.4 History: The social studies teacher applies knowledge of significant historical events and developments, as well as multiple historical interpretations and ideas, to facilitate student understanding of relationships between the past, the present, and the future.
  o SLO 2.4 Assessments – Social Studies Competency Exam, Quizzes, Practica and Final Exam [{SS 4.11k, 413k; 4.19k; 4.1s, 4.2s, 4.4s, 4.5s, 4.6s, 4.7s, 4.8s, 4.9s, 4.10s, 4.11s,}
SLO 2.5 Geography: The social studies teacher applies knowledge of people, places, and environments to facilitate students’ understanding of geographic relationships in Texas, the United States, and the world.

- SLO 2.5 Assessments - Social Studies Competency Exam, Practica, Quizzes, and Final Exam [SS 5.1k, 5.2k, 5.3k, 5.4k, 5.5k, 5.6k, 5.10k, 5.11k, 5.12k, 5.13k, 5.14k, 5.11k, 5.13k; 5s, 5.2s, 5.3s, 5.6s, 5.9s, 5.10s, 5.11s, 5.12s, 5.13s, 5.14s, 5.15s].

SLO 2.6 Economics: The social studies teacher knows how people organize economic systems to produce, distribute, and consume goods and services, and uses this knowledge to enable students to understand economic systems and make informed economic decisions.

- SLO 2.6 Assessments - Social Studies Competency Exam, Practica, Quizzes, and Final Exam [SS 6.1k, 6.2k, 6.3k, 6.4k, 6.5k, 6.6k, 6.10k, 6.11k, 6.12k, 6.13k, 6.14k, 6.15k, 6.16k, 6.17k, 6.18k, 6.21k, 6.22k, 6.23k, 6.24k; 6.2s, 6.3s, 6.4s, 6.6s, 6.7s, 6.9s, 6.10s, 6.11s, 6.12s, 6.13s].

SLO 2.7 Government: The social studies teacher knows how governments and structures of power functions, provide order, and allocate resources and uses this knowledge to facilitate student understanding of how individuals and groups achieve their goals through political systems.

- SLO 2.7 Assessments - Social Studies Competency Exam, Quizzes, and Final Exam [SS 7.1k, 7.2k, 7.3k, 7.4k, 7.5k, 7.6k, 7.7k, 7.8k, 7.9k, 7.10k, 7.11k, 7.12k, 7.13k, 7.14k, 7.1s, 7.2s, 7.3s, 7.4s, 7.5s, 7.6s, 7.7s, 7.9s, 7.10s, 7.11a 7.12s].

SLO 2.8 Citizenship: The social studies teacher understands citizenship in the United States and other societies, and uses this knowledge to prepare students to participate in our society through an understanding of democratic principles and citizenship practices.

- SLO 2.8 Assessments - Social Studies Competency Exam, Quizzes, and Final Exam [SS 8.1k; 8.2k, 8.3k, 8.4k, 8.5k, 8.6k, 8.7k, 8.8k, 8.9k, 8.10k, 8.11k; 8.1s, 8.2s, 8.3s, 8.4s, 8.7s, 8.8s, 8.9s, 8.10s, 8.11s, 8.12s, 8.13s].

SLO 2.9 Culture: The social studies teacher understands cultures and how they develop and adapt, and uses this knowledge to enable students to appreciate and respect cultural diversity in Texas, the United States, and the world.

- SLO 2.9 Assessments - Social Studies Competency Exam, Practica, Quizzes, and Final Exam [SS 9.1k, 9.2k, 9.3k, 9.4k, 9.5k, 9.6k, 9.7k, 9.8k, 9.10k, 9.11k, 9.12k, 9.13k, 9.14k, 9.15k, 9.16k, 9.17k, 9.18k, 9.19k, 9.20k, 9.21k, 9.24k, 9.25k; 9.1s, 9.2s, 9.3s, 9.4s, 9.5s, 9.6s, 9.7s, 9.10s, 9.12s, 9.13s] (PPR 1.5s)).

SLO 2.10 Science, Technology, and Society: The social studies teacher understands developments in science and technology, and uses this knowledge to facilitate student understanding of the social and environmental consequences of scientific discovery and technological innovation.

- SLO 2.10 Assessments - Social Studies Competency Exam, Discussions, Practica, Quizzes, and Final Exam [SS 10.1k, 10.2k, 10.3k, 10.4k, 10.5k, 10.6k, 10.7k, 10.8k, 10.9k, 10.10k; 10.1s, 10.2s, 10.3s, 10.4s, 10.5s, 10.6s, 10.7s, 10.8s, 10.9s, 10.10s, 10.11s] (ISTE T6.31s-3d; T7.18s-5b).

PLO 4 Candidates know, understand, and use formal and informal assessment strategies to plan, evaluate, and strengthen instruction to promote continuous intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of all children (ACEI 4; InTASC 6).

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S SLO 4.1 Candidates understand assessment in the field of social studies including project-based learning assessment (MLG Texas Social Studies ST III).
  - SLO 4.1 Assessments - **Quizzes, Integrated Mini Unit Assignment, Practica, Discussions and Final Exam** ([TS5Aii and TS5Bii PPR 1.25s; PPR 1.27s; PPR 1.27s; 1.28k; PPR 2.21s) (ISTE 1.a, b, c) 3.8k; InTASC 5d; 5m; 1.9k TS3Ai; InTASC 7g; 1.10k; InTASC 4i; 5h; 5i; 5j; 1.11k; TS3Aiii; InTASC 4o).

**Course Assignments**

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A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
F = Below 70%

- **Discussions: (15 points)** Each candidate will be responsible for writing three discussions (3 discussions @ 5 points each) and posting each on the class Discussion Board in D2L. Discussions sent via any other means than in D2L will not be accepted. The instructor will assign discussions topics. (Standards Covered 4.9k; 1.13k; TS1Aii; InTASC 4r; 6r; 7p).

- **Practica/Interactive Resources: (20 points)** Each candidate will conduct five interactive resource activities as a means of demonstrating competency in preparing effective age/grade appropriate plans for social studies instruction. Directions for completing each assignment are on Brightspace by D2L and template for all interactive resources will be provided. The interactive resources are also designed to help candidates make connections with the course readings.
• **Quizzes: (20 Total Points)** Each quiz will have questions on both social studies methods and social studies content. They will cover the material presented in the readings. Quizzes will be multiple-choice and short answer. They will be taken online in Brightspace by D2L Quizzes.

• **Social Studies Mastery Exam Practice Quiz: (10 Total Points)** This quiz will be taken during Module 6 and will be a shortened version of the real thing. It counts as a quiz grade and should help the candidate with prioritizing how he/she/they wish to prepare.

• **Social Studies Content Competency Exam: (10 points)** The Social Studies Content Competency Exam covers the social studies content that TExES expects each EC-6 candidate should know and be able to teach to their students. The exam is in multiple-choice format and will be taken face-to-face with the SFA Assessment Director.

• **Social Studies Mini Unit Plan: (20 points)** To demonstrate competency in effectively planning for integrated social studies instruction, each candidate will work in a group to develop a mini-unit plan that teaches related social studies TEKS. The plan must integrate literature and technology with social studies. The Mini Unit Plan must use one of two formats (Workshop or 5 E). The candidate will present the plan to the class. A more detailed rubric will be provided in class and in Brightspace by D2L.
  
  o **Lesson Plan 1:** 5 Pts  
  o **Lesson Plan 2:** 5 Pts  
  o **Lesson Plan 3:** 5 Pts  
  o **Reflective Essay Prompts:** 5 Pts

**Course Materials**

**LiveText**

The social studies content exam will be the LiveText assignment for this course. Students will upload a copy of the exam results to LiveText and Brightspace by D2L Dropbox, and the instructor will input the grade.

**Required Technology:**

This course will be delivered through the university’s Learning Management System (LMS), Brightspace by D2L. Each student is required to have access to a computer with internet capabilities in order to access the course. Each student is also required to have a working, university (sfasu.edu) email account.

As a student of Stephen F. Austin State University, you have free access to this course’s Brightspace site. You will need to access the course regularly throughout the semester. Assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through Brightspace, unless otherwise instructed. Some assignments may require audio files. Students must have a working computer microphone or the ability to add audio to files on their computer to complete these assignments.

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Files with audio are submitted as PowerPoint files. All other submitted files must be in PDF or Word format.

Required Text:


Files with audio are submitted as PowerPoint files. All other submitted files must be in PDF or Word format.

Course Evaluations:

This course is an independent study with the opportunity to expand into a full minor program. Your feedback is invaluable and will be collected at various points in the semester as well as in the course evaluations. Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including:

1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation;
2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and
3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

Technical Support

If at any point during the course you experience technical difficulties in Brightspace, please let your instructor know immediately.

You will also need to contact the SFASU Brightspace Support Team by email (d2l@sfasu.edu) or phone (936.468.1919) for technical help.

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student's attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades.

Students may take 2 absences without penalty over the course of the semester. After the second absence, the students will begin to accrue a 5 point deduction for each additional

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absence. Students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for absences. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Please ensure that all work you post or submit is your original work, and that any material belonging to others is properly cited according to our discipline’s manual of style (APA).

Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism

**Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1**

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- submitting an assignment as one’s own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

For additional information about academic dishonesty, please read and abide by the complete university policy at SFASU Academic Dishonesty Policy.

**Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325 (936.468.3004) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to SFASU Disability Services.

**Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5**

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At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Code of Ethics for the Texas Educator:**

The Texas educator shall comply with standard practices and ethical conduct toward students, professional colleagues, school officials, parents, and members of the community and shall safeguard academic freedom. The Texas educator, in maintaining the dignity of the profession, shall respect and obey the law, demonstrate personal integrity, and exemplify honesty and good moral character. The Texas educator, in exemplifying ethical relations with colleagues, shall extend just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession. The Texas educator, in accepting a position of public trust, shall measure success by the progress of each student toward realization of his or her potential as an effective citizen. The Texas educator, in fulfilling responsibilities in the community, shall cooperate with parents and others to improve the public schools of the community. This chapter shall apply to educators and candidates for certification.


**To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:**

1. Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching and prior to employment as an educator. The public school campuses are responsible for completing the criminal background check. A person who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a State Board for Educator Certification-approved educator preparation program or planning to take a certification examination may request a preliminary criminal history evaluation letter regarding the person's potential ineligibility for certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

   A Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation is a non-mandatory, non-binding evaluation of an individual’s self-reported criminal history. In addition, the agency obtains your name-based Texas criminal history information. The service is provided to the requestor for a non-refundable fee. The requestor will receive an evaluation letter by email from agency staff advising of potential ineligibility for educator certification.

   You are eligible to request a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation if:
• You enrolled or planning to enroll in an educator preparation program or
• You are planning to take a certification exam for initial educator certification, and
• You have reason to believe that you may be ineligible for educator certification
due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

You are not eligible for a preliminary evaluation of your criminal history if you do not have a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

In addition, you must complete the fingerprinting process when you apply for certification. Participation in the evaluation does not preclude you from submitting to a national criminal history review at the time you apply for your educator certification. Your criminal history will be reviewed and you may be subject to an investigation based on that criminal history, including any information you failed to submit for evaluation.

Additional information can be found at https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, driver’s license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html. YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

3. Successfully complete state mandated a fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

   For further information, contact the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 936-468-1282 or edprep@sfasu.edu.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

Syllabus and course calendar subject to change.