George Mason University College of Education and Human Development Early Childhood Education

ECED 513.001 Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners 3 Credits, Fall 2018

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Prerequisites/Corequisites

ECED 503 Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners: Planning Instruction and Guidance

University Catalog Course Description

Explores social studies, content, assessment, curriculum development, planning, and instructional practices. Examines strategies for guiding children's behavior, integrating social studies instruction across content areas, and planning and implementing community of learners inclusive of children with diverse abilities and cultural, linguistic, and socio-economic backgrounds. Offered by Graduate School of Education. May not be repeated for credit.

Course Overview

Not Applicable

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered using a lecture and discussion format. Online sessions will be asynchronous.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

- 1. Plan an integrated social studies unit of study that incorporates the knowledge, skills, and processes of history and the social science disciplines as defined in local, state, and national curriculum standards, including explanations of how the standards provide the necessary foundation for teaching history and social sciences.
- 2. Integrate the use of technology as a tool for teaching, learning, researching, and communicating into integrated social studies units.
- 3. Explain how the study of history and the social sciences assists children in developing historical thinking, geographic analysis, economic decision-making, and responsible citizenship.
- 4. Examine how the Virginia Standards of Learning provide the necessary foundation for teaching history, including (a) the contributions of ancient civilizations to American

- social and political institutions; (b) the major events in Virginia history from 1607 to the present; (c) key individuals, documents, and events in United States history; and (d) the evolution of America's constitutional republic and its ideas, institutions, and practices.
- 5. Examine how the Virginia Standards of Learning provide the necessary foundation for teaching geography, including (a) the use of maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information; (b) the relationship between human activity and the physical environment in the community and the world; and (c) physical processes that shape the surface of the earth.
- 6. Examine how the Virginia Standards of Learning provide the necessary foundation for teaching civics, including (a) the privileges and responsibilities of good citizenship and the importance of the rule of law for the protection of individual rights; (b) the process of making laws in the United States and the fundamental ideals and principles of a republican form of government; (c) the understanding that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and a common identity as Americans; and (d) local government and civics instruction specific to Virginia.
- 7. Examine how the Virginia Standards of Learning provide the necessary foundation for teaching economics, including (a) the basic economic principles that underlie the United States market economy; (b) the role of the individual and how economic decisions are made in the market place; and (c) the role of government in the structure of the United States economy.
- 8. Plan social studies instruction that is responsive to the interests, preferences, motivation, interaction styles, developmental status, learning history, cultural variables, and levels of participation of young children.
- 9. Plan curriculum activities that include an in-depth understanding of (a) cause and effect relationships in history; (b) connections across time and place; (c) practicing good citizenship skills and respect for rules and laws; and (d) using a decision-making model to identify costs and benefits of a specific choice made.
- 10. Plan curriculum activities that teach young children to (a) use primary sources, such as artifacts, letters, photographs, and newspapers; (b) use charts, graphs, and pictures to determine characteristics of people, places, or events; (c) ask appropriate questions and summarize points to answer a question; and (d) compare and contrast people, places, and events in history.
- 11. Analyze learning environments and guidance and management practices that support positive behavioral and learning expectations.
- 12. Select develop, and use culturally relevant curriculum, pedagogies, and materials that support and enhance students' learning and reflects the research on age-appropriate practices.
- 13. Explain how to apply systematic problem-solving approaches to dilemmas in guiding children's behavior.
- 14. Use analysis and reflection to better understand the learning environment and one's own role as an early childhood educator in that environment.

Professional Standards (Council of Exceptional Children and National Association for the Education of Young Children)

Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards: Not Applicable

Required Texts

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author. ISBN: 9781433805615

Fields, M., Merritt, P., & Fields, D. (2018). *Constructive guidance and discipline: Birth to age eight* (7th ed.). Boston: Pearson. ISBN: 9780134547916

NCSS (2010). National curriculum standards for social studies: A framework for teaching, learning, and assessment. Silver Spring, MD: Author. ISBN: 9780879861056

Seefeldt, C., Castle, S., & Falconer, R. (2014). *Social studies for the preschool/primary child* (9th ed.). NJ: Pearson Education. ISBN: 9780132867986

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

Assignments	Due Dates	Points
Attendance & Participation	Ongoing	15
Attendance Rubric	December 18	
Guidance and Management Approaches Examinations of Practice	Ongoing and	
Reflection Project	based on readings	
 Video Analysis 	September 4 &	3
	November 20	
 Examination of Practice Reflection Task 	November 27	9
Choice 1 or Choice 2		
Socratic Seminar	November 27	8
Behavior Management Personal Code of Practice	December 18	10
Integrated Social Studies Instructional Plans		
Authentic Children's Literature for Examining the Social	September 25	5
Studies		
 Exploring Digital Technology Tools 	October 2	2
 Lesson Plan #1: Social Studies Through Children's 	October 23	15
Literature		
• Lesson Plan #2: Social Studies Through Primary Sources	December 4	15
Sharing our Lesson Plans	December 4	3
Social Studies Scavenger Hunt	Ongoing	15
	Last day to	
	submit entries	
	November 25	
TOTAL		100

• Assignments and/or Examinations

Guidance and Management Approaches Examinations of Practice Reflection Project (30 points)

This assignment is designed to assist students to explore and develop their own guidance and management practices. Students will (a) complete weekly readings related to guidance and management philosophies, (b) engage in video analysis reflective experiences, (c) engage in a Socratic seminar to analyze and discuss a particular guidance situation, and (d) write a behavior management personal code of practice. A Guidance and Management Approaches Examinations of Practice Reflection Project guide will be available on Blackboard. Students are expected to follow the schedule and complete assignments according to the schedule.

Integrated Social Studies Instructional Plans (40 points)

Students will develop two integrated lesson plans grounded in specific National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies and the Virginia Standards of Learning for kindergarten, first, second, or third grade. For each lesson plan, students will emphasize learning outcomes articulated within at least one of the following strands: History, Geography, Economics, or Civics. Each lesson plan will strategically relate to an authentic children's literature text. Each lesson plan will integrate the social studies theme selected into at least one other academic areas of study for the primary grade (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, and writing). Accordingly, the instructional plans will incorporate knowledge and understandings of learning standards in the social studies as well as other content area standards. Each lesson plan will strategically use technology to enhance children's learning. At the end of the course, students will share their lesson plans with the class.

For this assignment students will develop and submit the following:

• Authentic Children's Literature for Examining Social Studies Themes with Young Learners (5 points)

Students will identify five children's texts that exemplify diverse social studies themes and standards. While there may be some overlap in themes, each text identified should clearly relate to different National Council of Social Studies themes and Virginia Standards of Learning for Social Studies (i.e., history, geography, economics, and civics). Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies, lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection. A template will be provided. Two of the texts will be used as springboards for the instructional plans submitted later in the semester.

• Exploring digital technology tools to enhance and extend young children's learning and engagement (2 points)

Students will identify two digital technology tools that can be leveraged to extend and enhance young children's learning. Students will use the SAMR language to evaluate the tool and describe how the tool can be used to enrich children's learning. Students will emphasize how the digital tool promotes children's high order thinking skills (e.g., analyzing, evaluating, and creating). The tools will be shared with the entire class on a google doc. The collective google doc will be available to students throughout the semester to support the unit planning process.

• Integrated Social Studies Instructional Plans (30 points total. This includes Lesson Plan #1: Social Studies Through Children's Literature and Lesson Plan #2: Social Studies Through Primary Sources).

Students will develop two, integrated social studies plans over the course of the semester. Each plan will be related to <u>at least one</u> social studies Standard of Learning strand (i.e., history, geography, economics, and citizenship). Each plan will also reflect <u>at least one</u> of the 10 themes of social studies as defined by the National Council of Social Studies. Each lesson will provide:

- 1) an overview of the lesson,
- 2) a rationale for the social studies themes selected, and
- 3) a justification for the activities developed to promote children's understandings of essential social studies knowledge and processes

Each lesson plan will use the **Mason Lesson Planning Frame** and clearly articulate the following details:

- Grade level
- Primary national social studies theme(s),
- Specific social studies Virginia standards of learning to be addressed (these could be global),
- Technology integrated into the lesson to enhance student engagement,
- Secondary content area integrated into the lesson to complement the social studies concepts,
- Assessment products to consider developing to document and demonstrate children's knowledge of identified academic standards.

* Lesson Plan #1: Social Studies Through Children's Literature (15 points)

Students will submit (at least) one lesson plan that is based on an in-depth exploration of an authentic children's literature text. Students will do the following:

- Select a rich text to engage children in an exploration of the primary social studies theme(s) to be explored. Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies, lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection.
- o Identify the relevant social studies standards and themes explored in the text.
- o Include a set of **strategic questions** that encourage children to grapple with complex social studies themes.
- o Design an assessment product/project that allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- o Include an assessment tool for evaluating children's understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Use the lesson plan template provided on Blackboard to detail all aspects of the lesson.
- Strategically Infuse the Use of Technology
 Students will strategically enhance the social studies lesson with the integration of technology tools.

- Students will use the SAMR model to inform their design of the lesson to ensure the purposeful and strategic incorporation of technology into the early childhood classroom.
- Select at least one technology tool to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.
- Detail how they will facilitate children's use of the technology tool throughout the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected social studies standards.
- Explain how the technology supports children's learning.

o Extending Social Studies into the Content Areas Lesson Plan Students will strategically extend the social studies lesson by integrating it with another academic area of study for the primary grade (e.g. science, mathematics

another academic area of study for the primary grade (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, and writing). Students will:

- Identify the additional content area standards selected to extend students' understandings of complex social studies themes.
- Detail how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of both the selected content area standards and the selected social studies standards.

• Assessing Children's Understandings

- Design an assessment product/project that allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Include an assessment tool for evaluating children's understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- o Include a rationale for selecting specific standards and articulate how the lesson promotes and enhances young children's understandings of social studies themes because of its relationship to the children's text
- o Use citations from current research from the textbook, class discussions, and/or handouts in their rationale using APA format to support their assertions.
- o Provide appendices for this lesson that include all additional instructional tools used to support children's engagement (e.g., graphic organizers, story frames, writing prompts, workmats, student directions for social studies centers or projects, assessment tools, primary sources, etc.).

❖ Lesson Plan #2: Social Studies Through Primary Sources (15 points)

Students will submit (at least) one lesson plan that strategically embeds the use of primary sources to support children's understandings of the social studies theme. Students will do the following:

- Select a rich text to engage children in an exploration of the primary social studies theme(s) to be explored. Students are encouraged to use texts identified by the National Council of Social Studies, lists and websites will be provided to help guide students' selection.
- o Identify the relevant social studies standards and themes explored in the text.
- o Include a set of strategic questions that encourage children to grapple with complex social studies themes.
- o Select artifacts from the Library of Congress archives to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.

- Detail how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected social studies standards as they relate to the primary source documents.
- Use the lesson plan template provided on Blackboard to detail all aspects of the lesson.

o Strategically Infuse the Use of Technology

Students will strategically enhance the social studies lesson with the integration of technology tools.

- Students will use the SAMR model to inform their design of the lesson to ensure the purposeful and strategic incorporation of technology into the early childhood classroom.
- Select at least one technology tool to facilitate the lesson and actively engage young learners.
- Detail how they will facilitate children's use of the technology tool throughout the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of the selected social studies standards.
- Explain how the technology supports children's learning.

o Extending Social Studies into the Content Areas Lesson Plan

Students will strategically extend the social studies lesson by integrating it with another academic area of study for the primary grade (e.g., science, mathematics, music, fine arts, reading, and writing). Students will:

- Identify the additional content area standards selected to extend students' understandings of complex social studies themes.
- Detail how they will facilitate the lesson to actively engage young learners in an exploration of both the selected content area standards and the selected social studies standards.

• Assessing Children's Understandings

- Design an assessment product/project that allows children to enhance and show their understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- Include an assessment tool for evaluating children's understandings of the primary standards articulated.
- o Include a rationale for selecting specific standards and articulate how the lesson promotes and enhances young children's understandings of social studies themes.
- O Use citations from current research from the textbook, class discussions, and/or handouts in their rationale using APA format to support their assertions.
- o Provide appendices for this lesson that include all additional instructional tools used to support children's engagement (e.g., graphic organizers, story frames, writing prompts, workmats, student directions for social studies centers or projects, assessment tools, primary sources, etc.).

• Sharing our Lesson Plans (3 points)

Students will come to class prepared to share their lesson plans. Lesson plans will be presented in "Gallery Walk" fashion. Students will need the children's literature and the primary source artifacts on hand to demonstrate their lessons. During class, students will peruse the lessons presented and use sticky notes to offer feedback and suggestions about other social studies themes, resources, or extension opportunities

that would complement the experiences currently articulated as part of the Integrated Social Studies Instructional Unit Plan.

Social Studies Scavenger Hunt (15 points)

To promote students' thoughtful consideration of social studies themes, students will participate in a Social Studies Scavenger Hunt across the semester. Periodically, students will receive a "challenge" that will ask them to connect their understandings of social studies themes and concepts to their own world. Students must participate in a minimum of five scavenger hunt challenges (3 points each). Student will record their responses on Flipgrid, a free platform that allows students to share thoughts and experiences with each other as a class in an easy, fun to use video format. The first challenge is mandatory. Once the Social Studies Scavenger Hunt is initiated, a running list of challenges will be available for students to respond to on Flipgrid, a link will be provided for students in our class on Blackboard.

• Other Requirements

Attendance and Participation (15 points)

Because active participation and engagement are imperative for optimal learning, preparation for and participation in in-class activities will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Students attend class, arrive on time, and stay for the entire class period.
- Students complete readings and prepare for class activities prior to class as is evidenced by their ability to discuss and write about the concepts presented and examined in the texts as well as participate fully in related activities.
- Students are actively involved in in-class and online learning experiences as is evidenced by (a) participating in all activities, (b) engaging in small- and large-group discussions, (c) completing written work related to the activities, and (d) supporting the participation and learning of classmates.
- Students show evidence of critical reflective thinking through in-class and online discussions, activities, and written reflections.
- Professional dispositions are to be displayed at all times while interacting with the instructor and other students. Cell phones are not to be used during class. Laptops are to be used for instructional purposes only.

Written Assignments

All formal written assignments will be evaluated for content <u>and</u> presentation. The American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition (APA) style will be followed for all written work. All written work unless otherwise noted must be completed on a word processor and should be proofread carefully. (Use spell check!) If students are not confident of their own ability to catch errors, they should have another person proofread their work. When in doubt, they should check the APA manual. Portions of the APA manual appear at the Style Manuals link on the Mason library website at http://infoguides.gmu.edu/content.php?pid=39979. Students may consult the Writing Center for additional writing support.

Students will do the following:

- 1. Present ideas in a clear, concise, and organized manner. (Avoid wordiness and redundancy.)
- 2. Develop points coherently, definitively, and thoroughly.

- 3. Refer to appropriate authorities, studies, and examples to document where appropriate. (Avoid meaningless generalizations, unwarranted assumptions, and unsupported opinions.)
- 4. Use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.
- 5. Type the paper with double spacing, indented paragraphs, 1-inch margins all around, and 12-point Times New Roman font.

• Grading

A = 95-100 A = 90-94 B + = 87-89 B = 80-86 C = 70-79 F = <70 Incomplete (IN): This grade may be given to students who are passing a course but who may be unable to complete scheduled coursework for a cause beyond reasonable control.

All CEHD undergraduate and graduate students are held to the university grading policies as described in the Academic Policies section of the current catalog, which can be accessed at http://catalog.gmu.edu. Those students enrolled in a CEHD Licensure Graduate Certificate program, however, must earn a B- or better in all licensure coursework. A degree-seeking graduate student will be dismissed after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades (C or F) in graduate courses. A 3.0 grade point average is required for completion of the graduate degree.

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/.

Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
Class Session 1 August 28 Class Session 2 September 4	Social Studies Themes and Standards Examining what we know Introducing Guidance Project Exploring Social Studies Themes Virginia Standards of Learning for Social Studies	Before class please read: • Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 1 pages 8 – 19 These are the Social Studies Available on Blackboard Before class please read: • Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 1* • Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 2 pages 41 – 56 and pages 57 – 65 Planning and Assessment • National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies (NCSS, 2010) p. 3-
Class Session 3 September 11	Virginia Standards of Learning – History, Geography, Economics, and Civics Connecting to Children's Literature	 Video Analysis #1 based on Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 1 to be completed in class. Before class please read: Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 2* Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 3* Virginia Standards of Learning for Social Studies

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
		• Examine the structure of the lessons in the following website and start thinking about your projects © https://www.socialstudies.org/sites/default/files/images/Bulletin112_Excerpts.pdf
Class Session 4 September 18	Examining Culture	Before class please read: Culture (NCSS, 2010) p. 14, 26-29, & 68-69 Individuals, Groups and Institutions (NCSS, 2010) p. 18, 42-45, & 78-79
		 Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 6 Culture Diversity and Values Chapter Either: Fields et al. (2018) Chapter 4 <u>or</u> Fields et al. (2018) Chapter 5*
Class Session 5 September 25	Five Themes of Geography Place / Location / Regions	 Before class please read: People, Place, and Environment (NCSS, 2010) p. 16, 34-38, & 72-75 Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 8 People Places, and Environment: Geography Fields et al. (2018) Chapter 6* Authentic Children's Literature for
		Examining Social Studies Themes with Young Learners (5 points)
Class Session 6 October 2	Interconnectedness, Culture, and Interdependency Technology in Society and in and Learning SAMR	 Before class please read: Global Connections (NCSS, 2010) p. 22, 58-61, & 87-89 Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 11 Global Connections Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 7* Exploring digital technology tools to enhance and extend young children's learning and engagement (2 points)
October 9		ay Classes are not held this week
Class Session 7 October 16	Human Interaction	 Before class please read: Science, Technology, and Society (NCSS, 2010) p. 21, 54-57, & 85-86 Time, Continuity, and Change (NCSS, 2010) p. 15, 30-33, & 70-71 Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 8*
Class Session 8 October 23	Primary Sources Presentation National Archives	 Before class please read: Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 10 Developing Citizenship: Civics and Government Chapter Civic Ideals and Practices (NCSS, 2010) p. 23, 62-65, & 90-92

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due	
		Lesson Plan #1: Social Studies Through	
		Children's Literature (15 points)	
Class Session 9	History	Before class please read:	
October 30	Primary Sources & Young	• Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 7	
	Learners	Children's Study of Time, Continuity,	
		and Change: History	
		• Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 9*	
Class Session 10	Movement History	Before class please read:	
November 6		 Individual Development and Identity 	
		(NCSS, 2010) p. 17, 38-41, & 76-77	
		 Power, Authority, and Governance 	
		(NCSS, 2010) p. 19, 46-49, & 80-81	
		• Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 10*	
Class Session 11	Themes of Economics	Before class please read:	
November 13	https://www.econedlink.org	 Production, Distribution, and 	
	Become a member for free	Governance (NCSS, 2010) p. 20, 50-53,	
	sign up to access resources	& 82-84	
	Council for Economic	• Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 9	
	Education	Production, Consumption, and Decision	
	Scarcity	Making: Economics	
		• Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 11	
		<u>Or</u> Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 12*	
Class Session 12	Guidance and Management	Before class please read:	
November 20	Video Analysis	• Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 13*	
	Opportunity Costs,	• Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 14*	
	Consumption and Production	Video Analysis #2 and #3 to be completed	
	(Econ and Me Videos)	online	
		Final Week to upload Flipgrid Social	
		Studies Scavenger Hunt Entries all entries	
		due by midnight Sunday, November 25.	
Class Session 13	Guidance and Management	Before class please read:	
November 27	Socratic Seminar	• Fields, et al. (2018) Chapter 15	
		In Class Socratic Seminar (8 points)	
		All Choice 1 and Choice 2 Guidance	
		Reflection Opportunities are due today	
		(collectively 9 points)	
Class Session 14	Interdependence	Before class please read:	
December 4		• Seefeldt, et al., (2014) Chapter 3:	
		Resources for Learning: School,	
		Family, Community	
		Lesson #2: Social Studies Through	
		Primary Sources (15 points)	
Einal E	4.,,	Sharing Lesson Plans (3 points)	
Final Exam Due Date	Attendance Rubric (15 points)		
	Robavior Management Personal Code of Practice (10 points)		
December 18	Behavior Management Personal Code of Practice (10 points)		

* Complete corresponding Guidance and Behavior Management Reflection Task as appropriate. See the guiding document for the project on Blackboard.

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.

Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see https://ds.gmu.edu/).

• Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to <u>tk20help@gmu.edu</u> or <u>https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20</u>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <u>http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/</u>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus.

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