

EDUCATION 474 - Designs for Learning: Social Sciences

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Wednesdays, 4:30 - 8:30

INSTRUCTOR: Kieran Egan

Location: On Campus

OBJECTIVES:

To familiarize students with the Social Studies curriculum in British Columbia, to examine the ideas underlying this curriculum, and to become adept at a range of practical methods appropriate to teaching this curriculum.

TOPICS:

- purposes of Social Studies;
- children's and adolescents' conceptual development with regard to Social Studies Knowledge;
- designing units and lessons;
- evaluation;
- techniques for Social Studies teaching: inquiry, discovery, story-telling, structural communication, etc.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Critical analysis of two textbooks or significant articles dealing with the nature, content, or methodology of Social Studies.
2. Design of a Social Studies unit.
3. Design of practical curriculum materials.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

- Ian Wright. Elementary Social Studies: A Practical Approach to Teaching and Learning., New York: Methuen; 2nd Edition
- Parsons, Milburn, van Manen. A Canadian Social Studies., Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.
- Kieran, Egan. Educational Development. New York, Oxford University Press.