

ELEMENTARY

INTERSESSION, 1983

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Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:30 - 12:20

LOCATION: on campus

This course is designed for practicing or prospective teachers of Social Studies at the elementary level. Students will study the nature, purposes and trends of Social Studies teaching and learning, the structure and purposes of the British Columbia Social Studies Curriculum; the development of children's understanding of Social Studies concepts and generalizations; recent developments in thinking about the newly proposed curriculum guide; skills through the grades; and long range planning through unit development. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of skills to design learning experiences which promote a high degree of student involvement in the learning process, requiring participants to select appropriate instructional strategies, curriculum materials, and evaluation methods to meet the needs of children in a variety of instructional settings.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Participants will be required to prepare written and oral presentations employing a workshop format, examples of instructional materials and a resource unit plan. There will be a mid-term and final examination.

OUTLINE OF TOPICS:

1. Introduction to Social Studies - Nature, purposes and trends.
2. Provincial Curriculum Review - Elementary & secondary; content analysis; material resources.
3. Planning resource units.
4. Reflections on Instructional Strategies - identification; analysis; application; evaluation.
5. Teaching and learning Social Studies - conceptual approach; inquiry approach; critical thinking approach.
6. Communication in Social Studies - interpersonal skills; questioning; fielding responses.
7. Skill development and knowledge acquisition.
8. Selecting learning experiences - linking theory and practice.

REQUIRED MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOKS:

Wright, Ian. Elementary Social Studies: A Practical Approach to Teaching and Learning. Toronto: Methuen, 1980.

Social Studies Curriculum Guide, (Grades 1-7). Province of B.C., Dept. of Education, Division of Instructional Services, Curriculum Development Branch, 1982.

Elementary Social Studies Curriculum Guide (Grades 1-7) (SAME AS ABOVE EXCEPT 1974 VERSION)

OPTIONAL BOOK:

Harper, Peter, Project Director. Project Five to Nine. Gage Pub. Ltd., 1975.