

Education 474-4
Designs for Learning: Social Studies
Elementary School Focus

Regular Semester, 1986
Monday, 1:00 - 4:50
Location: MPX 7600

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This course is designed to provide teachers and prospective teachers with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of important conceptual notions about Social Studies and to investigate classroom practices appropriate to the discipline.

Topics will include:

- The nature, purposes and importance of Social Studies
- Curriculum Examination - a focus on the new curriculum
- Unit Planning in Social Studies - Objectives, Methodology Evaluation, Resources Collection & Development
- Utilization of appropriate teaching/learning strategies - e.g., Simulations, Role Play, Media Centres, Inquiry, Grouping, Storytelling, Field Experiences, etc.
- Communication in Social Studies - Questioning and Discussion, Interpersonal Skills
- Practising Social Studies aims - modelling

Course Requirements:

Attendance, completion of readings and participation in session activities. Completion of one 5 page research paper. Participation in group project as assigned. Development of a unit plan outline incorporating ideas learned in the sessions.

Required Texts:

Wright, Ian. Elementary Social Studies: A Practical Approach to Teaching and Learning Toronto, Methuen, 1984. (2nd edition)

Province of B.C. Social Studies Curriculum Guide, Grades 1-7, Instructional Services, Curriculum Development Branch, 1983.

A list of recommended texts will also be placed on reserve in the library.

An additional charge will be levied for Resource Book of readings.