

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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**EDUC 474-4
DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: ELEMENTARY SOCIAL
STUDIES
(D01.00)**

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PREREQUISITE: EDUC 401/402

DESCRIPTION

This methods course is for elementary social studies teachers. The intent of this course is to facilitate your integration of a conceptual and practical understanding of social studies in order for you to develop engaging learning experiences for elementary students. Participants will participate individually and collectively in a variety of experiential and reflective activities.

COURSE GOALS

1. To examine the nature, rationales, organizational strands and goals of social studies
2. To create a unit based on cooperative learning, critical challenges and global education
3. To explore a variety of approaches to social studies such as cooperative learning, simulation and issues
approach so as to actively engage students
4. To examine the B.C. social studies curriculum
5. To investigate a variety of meaningful and relevant resources
6. To plan and present a workshop on a strategy/approach appropriate to social studies
7. To share ideas, approaches and resources
8. To examine assessment strategies that will enhance student learning

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION:

There will be a combination of self, peer and instructor evaluation.

Group Workshop: An Approach/Strategy in Social Studies – group mark	
Presentation, group self-evaluation and resource package	20%
Peer evaluation	5%
Individual unit plan	45%
Quiz: Investigation of a student selected question and lesson plan	30%

In this course you are expected to complete reading assignments and course assignments. You will maximize your learning by actively participating in class activities. As this course requires active participation, 4% will be deducted for each missed class. All assignments are to be submitted by the due date specified, unless arranged with the instructor at least one week in advance. Late submissions that have not been approved in advance will be penalized by a loss of one letter grade (e.g. B to B-) for each day late.

REQUIRED READINGS

Readings will be provided by the instructor at a cost of approximately \$25.00. Please provide the \$25.00 at the second class.

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