## EDUC 474-4 DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES (E03.00)

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PREREQUISITES: EDUC 401/2

This course is for elementary school teachers. Its intent is to provide a thorough introduction to Social Studies as a curricular area, within a professional, student-centred, and collaborative academic setting.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

•to familiarize students with the content, organization and problematic nature of the Social Studies curriculum in British Columbia.

•to develop a critical appreciation of the place of Social Studies in the educational experience and lives of children and young adults.

•to create, in a collaborative environment, engaging lessons and units including a variety of student-centred activities, authentic assessment strategies, extension ideas, and resources.

•to examine the Social Studies curriculum through a variety of lenses and approaches such as: critical thinking, cooperative learning, diversity, integrated study, social justice, environment, citizenship and global perspectives.

\*\*\*Be prepared to engage in hands-on activities each day. Some activities will take place out of doors. Dress appropriately.\*\*\*

First Day Assignment: Please bring 5 items (one of which is the bag/container in which they are held) that best represent/symbolize you and/or your teaching at this time. Be prepared to share this at our first session. Instructor will go first!

## **GRADING:**

Current Events Demo Lesson

10%

**Inquiry Project** 

30%

Social Studies Unit Plan End of Course Conference

100

Attendance and Collaborative Participation

20%

Exact format and due dates of assignments will be negotiated once 1) class size has been finalized 2) individual needs of registrants has been determined. Assessment will be a combination of self and instructor evaluation.

## **REQUIRED READINGS:**

Please be equipped with a copy (paper or laptop) of the Social Studies K-7 and 8-11 IRPS from the BC Ministry of Education. Bring to each seminar.

Other articles and reading materials will be introduced by the instructor throughout the course. A \$10.00 copy charge will cover the cost of these additional resources. This will be collected in the 2nd week of semester.

There is no set textbook for this course.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This course will run concurrently with EDUC 414.