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**Designs for Learning: Social Studies  
(Elementary & Secondary)  
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**PREREQUISITE:**

Educ 401/402

This methods course is for elementary, middle school and secondary teachers. Its intent is to provide a thorough introduction to Social Studies as a curricular area, within a professional 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 and lessons and mini-units including activities, assessment strategies, extension ideas, and resources.
- to examine the Social Studies curriculum through a variety of lenses and approaches, such as critical thinking, diversity, integrated study, social justice, gender and subject-specific models.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Lessons and Mini-unit Plans:	50%
Individual Inquiry Project:	20%
Participation and Collaboration	20%
Attendance of Course Conference	10%

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

**REQUIRED READINGS:**

Social Studies K-7 Integrated Resource Package, 1998. BC Ministry of Education.  
Social Studies 8-10 Integrated Resource Package 1998, BC Ministry of Education  
(both available at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp>).

*Critical Challenges for Primary Students.* T. McDiarmid, R. Manzo, and T. Musselle.

*Critical Challenges in Social Studies for Upper Elementary School Students.* J. Harrison, N. Smith, I Wright.

*Critical Challenges in Social Studies for Junior Secondary Students.*

(*Critical Challenge* texts will be made available from instructor at start of course)

Other articles and reading materials will be introduced by the instructor throughout the course.