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Unit Theme: Educator as creator of effective educational environments: integrating diverse students, subjects, strategies and technologies.

Catalog Description: Planning and organizing for instruction; material selection; and evaluation in social studies. Field-based activities will be provided in conjunction with ELE 4000 or MLE 4000.

Prerequisites & Concurrent Enrollment: ELE 3000 and concurrent enrollment in ELE 3290, ELE 4000, and ELE 4880, or permission of department chair. For middle school option, consult advisor for course sequence. University Teacher Education requirements apply and department requirements for enrollment must be met.

Course Purpose: The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people develop the ability to “make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.” (NCSS, Expectations of Excellence, p. vii). ELE 3340 is structured to assist in preparing pre-service teachers to teach social studies in elementary and middle schools. Course goals include helping pre-service teachers to develop: a) confidence in their teaching abilities; b) knowledge of social studies content and sequences; and c) the ability to select and utilize developmentally and age appropriate materials and techniques. ELE 3340 is essential in helping pre-service teachers acquire knowledge, interactive and informational processing skills, attitudes, and commitments necessary for effective teaching of the social studies in elementary and middle schools.

Course Textbooks:  


Supplemental Materials:  
Live Text account

Teaching Model:  
The Social Family Models: Building the Learning Community


Dispositions:  
Teacher candidates in the department of EC/ELE/MLC will exhibit professional ethical practices, effective communication, sensitivity to diversity, and the ability to provide varied teaching practices evidenced in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere for learning.

Live Text Assessment Requirement: For those classes with Live Text or Practicum- If the portfolio or Live Text requirements are rated, by the instructor, to have been completed in less than a satisfactory manner then no more than a "D" may be earned in the class regardless of the number of points earned.

Standards related to ELE 3340:  
Course Requirements & demonstrated competencies with the following standards:

- Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS)  
  [http://www.isbe.state.il.us/profprep/PDFs/ipts.pdf](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/profprep/PDFs/ipts.pdf)
- Language Arts Standards for all Illinois Teachers (LASIT)  
  [http://www.isbe.net/profprep/CASCDvr/pdfs/24110_corelangarts_std.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/profprep/CASCDvr/pdfs/24110_corelangarts_std.pdf)
- Technology Standards for all Illinois Teachers (TSIT)  
- ISTE/NETS standards for all teachers and for pre-service teachers prior to student teaching  
  [http://cnets.iste.org/teachers/t_profile-pro.html](http://cnets.iste.org/teachers/t_profile-pro.html)
- SPA Standards Alignment (Special Professional Association Standards) based on
- ACEI (Association for Childhood Education International) program standards for elementary teacher preparation
- [http://www.acei.org/Synopsis.htm](http://www.acei.org/Synopsis.htm) and [http://www.acei.org/ncateindex.htm](http://www.acei.org/ncateindex.htm)
- NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) NAEYC
- [http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/next_era.asp](http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/next_era.asp)

Outcomes specific to ELE 3340:

Students will:

- Demonstrate commitment to continuing enhancement of knowledge bases in the Social Studies and in best practice pedagogy
- Search, evaluate, and apply appropriate resources including primary sources
- Develop conceptually connected themed curriculum
- Ground pedagogy in democratic beliefs and values (NCSS)
- Utilize inquiry and critical thinking in curriculum development
- Place emphasis on “reasoned and informed decision making for the public good in a diverse and interdependent world,” according to the NCSS definition of competent citizenship, the goal of the Social Studies.

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<td>Participation</td>
<td>Performance includes discussion, volunteer input, engagement with others, and cooperative learning situations that relate to social issues and social concerns. Focus is on critical citizenship education that results in constructive social action</td>
<td>ACEI 5.3, IPTS 7, 9, 10, ISTE 1, LASIT 2, Dispositions: EC, PEP, PTSL</td>
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<td>Integrated Social Studies Curriculum Unit</td>
<td>Performance includes application of technology skills in researching topics; and development activities reflecting creativity, higher order thinking skills, different learning styles, and multiple assessments. Qualitative and developmentally appropriate children’s literature will be collected and applied in unit projects. Focus is on the design of integrated and themed curriculum for comprehensive social studies and citizenship in a global village, including the creation of learning environments that invite development of healthy self-concept and pro-social behaviors. LiveText uploads will be submitted from the Social Studies Curriculum Unit.</td>
<td>ACEI 2.8, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, IPTS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, ISTE 2, 3, LASIT 1, 2, 3, Dispositions: EC, PEP, PTSL, SDE</td>
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<td>Group Presentations</td>
<td>Performance includes demonstration of effective communication skills; application of technology tools; and utilization of productivity tools such as Power Point or LiveText. Focus is on dissemination of social studies content knowledge.</td>
<td>ACEI 3.5, 5.4, IPTS 7, 9, ISTE 2, 5, LASIT, Dispositions: EC, IWS</td>
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<td>Literature/Journal/Internet Reviews</td>
<td>Performance may include assembling and evaluating books for a literacy circle, reading an article provided by the instructor and submitting a reaction paper and/or locating relevant social studies sources, topics, issues, and providing a reflection paper. Focus is on utilization of vital social issues, current events, enhancement of the concept, and experience of thoughtful democratic citizenship.</td>
<td>ACEI 5.2, IPTS 1, 9, 10, ISTE 4, 6, LASIT 2, Dispositions: EC, PEP, SCE</td>
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<td>Selected Assignments</td>
<td>Performance includes demonstration of content knowledge, research skills, multiple perspectives, and creativity. Diverse and appropriate technology tools will be utilized. Focus is on the promotion of higher-order thinking skills and decision making, in support of and as applied to individual uniqueness and cultural pluralism.</td>
<td>ACEI 3.2, IPTS 1, 2, 5, 11, ISTE 4, LASIT 1, 2, 3, Dispositions: EC, PEP, PTSL, SDE</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>The course final exam will be administered during exam week as scheduled and as required by Internal Governing Policy #44, Eastern Illinois University</td>
<td>Dispositions: EC</td>
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<td>Core Assignment</td>
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<td>Participation</td>
<td>Forms of student participation are listening, reflecting, responding, and contributing to class and group projects, discussions, and presentations on a regular basis.</td>
<td>70 points All semester long</td>
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<td>Integrated Social Studies Curriculum Unit</td>
<td>Within the unit, social studies is emphasized and other subject areas (math, literacy, science) are supporting in investigation of an essential question. Resources are assembled and reviewed. Lesson plans are developed to enable diverse learners to explore, explain, elaborate and respond to unit components. A four page research paper will be due prior to the unit. LiveText uploads will be submitted from the Unit.</td>
<td>285 points/ last week of class 30 points/ September 29</td>
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<td>Group Presentations</td>
<td>Formal and informal presentations will be structured according to instructor’s rubrics. Well researched content and effective and interactive presentation styles will be evaluated.</td>
<td>49 points All semester long</td>
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<td>Literature/Journal/ Internet reviews</td>
<td>Literature, periodicals, and electronic media in many categories may be selected for relevance, reflection, and review. Presentation of article. Web sites relevant to social studies.</td>
<td>51 points September 16 November 9</td>
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<td>Optional Assignments</td>
<td>Activities suggested in the list below may be selected by the instructor Combined with Integrated SS Curriculum Unit</td>
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<td>Exams including Final</td>
<td>Tests reflect course objectives. A final exam is required. (EIU IGP#44)</td>
<td>170 points See attached schedule</td>
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**Grading Scale:** A= 100-93%, B = 92 – 84%, C = 83 – 75%, D = 74 – 66%, F = 65% and below

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**BUILDING A FRAMEWORK**

**Week 1. Dynamics of Social Studies**
Democratic Citizenship
Nature and Origins
Citizenship Education

**Week 2. Knowledge Base of Social Studies**
History and the Human Experience
History and the Social Sciences

**Week 3. Organization of Social Studies Programs**
Traditional models
Alternative models
Elements of SS program design

**CONTEXTS FOR TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Week 4. Dimensions of Cultural Diversity**
Cultural diversity
Ethnic diversity
Gender equity education
Multicultural education
Teaching and respecting religious diversity

Week 5. Dimensions of Instructional Diversity
Physical and emotional diversity
Educational diversity

Week 6. Developing Character and Values
Defining and building character
Service learning and responsible citizenship
Literature based techniques for values education

Week 7. Social Studies: Gateway to Literacy
Oral language and listening, ELL
Reading and writing for social study
Constructing meaning

SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTION:

Week 8. Planning for instruction
Textbooks and beyond
Using unconventional content
Unit planning
Essential questions and concept webs
Outcomes as performance
Sequencing activities

Week 9. Assessing Learning
Forms of assessment
Traditional
Authentic
Alternative
Portfolio
Assessing attitudes and values

Week 10. Strategies for effective teaching
Teacher-centered instruction
Student-centered instruction
Small group instruction
Cooperative learning
Active learning and dramatic play
Gaming
Related technologies

Week 11. Critical and reflective thinking
Creative and critical thinking
Problem solving
Metacognition
Problematizing, hypothesizing, and inferring
Gathering and interpreting data
Decision Making

Week 12. Maps, Globes, and Graphics
Interpreting maps, graphs, tables
Using technology to maps, graphs, charts, and tables
Data resources

Week 13. Instructional Tools
Resources: World Wide Web, Media, Community
Evaluating resources
Children’s Literature
Acquiring instructional resources

http://www.socialstudies.org/positions/powerful/

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Week 15. Course Review/Closing Thoughts Epilogue

Suggested Journals for Article Reviews
Social Education
Social Studies & The Young Learner
Theory and Research in Social Education
The Social Studies Teacher
Educational Leadership
American Education
Elementary School Journal
Phi Delta Kappan
Schools in the Middle
Childhood Education
The Reading Teacher
Educational Forum
Journal of Teacher Education

ELE 3340 References
* indicates Knowledge Base Author

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Schedule:

Aug 24  Syllabus, schedule, expectations of the class, grading, attendance policy; lesson plan 
orientation, state goals; Discuss Journal Reviews. “Survey of Attitudes Toward Social 
Studies.” Time Capsule Activity; Yertle the Turtle; Fill out & print the form on line for 
department approval to student teach; READ Chapter 1

Aug 26  Discussion Chapter 1; Group Work: “Lost on the Moon Activity “; “Who is Qualified to be 
President?” Department approval to student teach is due in class; Read Chap. 2.

Aug. 31  “Voyage to the New World” Group Activity; Discussion Chap. 2; Discuss thematic unit and 
the using of chapter books; Small group activity: Relating a historical event to other social 
studies fields; Read Chap. 3.

Sept. 2  Group presentations. Discussion Chapter 3; Group work: Topic to Topic Approach v. A 
Concept-based Approach; Planning a Unit; Pass out criteria for Thematic Unit

Sept. 7  Holiday

Sept. 9  Weaving Instructional Themes into Social Studies; “The Explorer Cookie Activity”; Review 
for Unit 1 Test. Bring Chapter book to class for approval

Sept. 14  UNIT 1 EXAM; Dismissal to Library after the exam to choose a chapter book for the 
themetic unit assignment; Read Chap. 4

Sept. 16  Discussion Chap. 4; Journal Reviews Due; “Contrasting Cultures” Group Activity; Read 
Chap. 5.

Sept. 21  Discussion Chap. 5; “Build A Class” Group Activity; Read Chap. 6

Sept. 23  Discuss Chap 6; Research Paper Due; Activities “Who should survive?”

Sept. 28  Samples of Holocaust videos: Forget Me Not & Genocide; Extra Credit: Review of videos; 
Samples of other activities; Read chapter 7

Sept. 30  Discuss Chap. 7; Rewriting Materials for Students, Literary lessons due; Review for test.

Oct. 5  Unit 2 Exam; Read chap 8

Oct. 7  Discuss Chap. 8; “Can of Corn Activity Expanded”; Group work Can of Corn; Discussion of 
Hamburger; Geography Unit Due; Read Chap. 9

Oct. 12  Discuss Chap. 9; “Analyzing a Test Group Activity;” Read Chap. 10; Discussion of 
practicum

Oct. 13-Oct. 30  Practicum

Nov. 2  Discuss practicum experience as related to SS

Nov. 4  Discuss Chap. 10; “The Farming Game Activity”; Video: The Pioneer Spirit; Read Chap. 11

Nov. 9  Discuss Chap. 11; Using an Alternative Format for Fact sheets; History Unit Due; Return 
from the Crusades Group Activity; Read Chap. 12 & 13

Nov. 11  Discuss Chap. 12; Map Activities & “Where Would You Locate Your City” Activity

Nov. 16  Discuss Chapter 13; Review for Unit 3 Exam

Nov. 18  Unit Three Exam

Nov. 23-27  Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30  Portfolio discussions; Questions on Units; Draw lots for presentations; group work discussing 
units

Dec. 2  You are excused for work on your thematic unit

Dec. 7  Presentations

Dec. 9  Presentations & Take home exams.

Dec. 17  Final Exam Due at 3:30