EDUC 403: Social Studies Methods & Materials, FA15

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Textbooks: Methods and Resources for Elmentary and Middle School Social Studies by James W.

Stockard, Jr.

Purpose of the Course: The course will explore the teaching of social studies in the elementary and middle school grades. Social study issues specific to the local community, State of North Dakota, and the global community will be explored and applied to the pedagogy.

Catalog Description: This course studies the content, methods, and materials for teaching social studies. The students will be expected to produce an interdisciplinary thematic unit as a performance assessment artifact.

Methods of Instruction: Methods of instruction include on-line and direct instruction, discussion, group work, peer teaching, student presentations, hands-on demonstrations, field-based learning, independent reading and writing. This course will emphasize strategies that recognize different learning styles in order to model best teaching practices that are effective with students from different cultural backgrounds. Canvas is used for coursework transmission and instruction.

TMCC Mission: The cultural and social heritage of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa will be brought to bear throughout the course.

Your Rights and Responsibilities: If you have emergency medical information to share with me, if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, or if you need accommodations in this course because of a disability, please make an appointment with me. My office location is listed above. If you plan to request disability accommodations, you are expected to register with Tammy Morin, Counselor (Rm. A 103) 477-7947. Another resource available to you is the Zhaabwii Learning Center and that office number is 477-7977; they have tutorial resources you might find useful.

Academic Integrity: Every student is expected to complete their own work. Plagiarism and or enabling cheating on exams or other coursework will result in a zero grade(s) as a minimal action. See TMCC policy on academic misconduct for further potential consequences. <u>NOTE: All papers and assignments must follow</u> the American Psychological Association (APA) format.

Class Participation: You are personally expected to sign-in each day; and sign out if you leave early. The class lecture and activities require your active participation; therefore your participation is worth up to 5 points per session. An absence (excused or unexcused) will constitute make-up coursework, but noparticipation points will be earned because it's nearly impossible to replicate classroom participation with your course mates. Also, late arrivals and early departures from a class will be equated to loss of participation points. If you are ill or have a family emergency, leave a message on my voice mail (477-7813) or email (llafountain@tm.edu) as soon as possible, preferably prior to the class you are going to be missing. TMCC Email is the primary method of documented communication and I will use it to correspond with you. Please make a habit to check your www.tm.edu email daily.

Missed Course Work: It's your responsibility to seek out and make up coursework missed due to an absence prior to the next class or no points will be earned for those assignments.

Cell phones: Electronic devices are to be turned off or on vibrate during class unless the instructor assigns coursework using the electronic devices. Cell phone use in class for personal social interaction is not allowed so be respectful of others and restrict the use until class is over.

Course Objectives and North Dakota Teacher Education Standards

Course	ND Standards	InTASC	Artifacts	Outcomes
EDUC 403	67.1-02-02-07 Human	Standards:	 Quizzes 	1.) Students will
Social	relations and cultural	No. 2: Learning	 Research 	assess social
Studies	diversity.	Differences,	Papers	studies content
Methods			 Midterm and 	and demonstrate
and	50015.2 a,e, i and	No. 4: Content	Final Exams	application to
Materials	50015.3a:	Knowledge,	 Multimedia 	various methods
			Projects and	and materials for
	500152a: The program	No. 5: Application of	Presentations	teaching
	requires the study of	Content,	 Journals 	elementary and
	central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of		 Debates 	middle school.
	content	No. 6: Assessment,	 Reports 	2.) The students
	500152e: The program		 Unit Plans 	will apply prior
	requires the study of social	No. 7: Planning for	• Field	knowledge to
	studiesculturally diverse	Instruction,	Experience	multicultural
	democratic society			issues, law-
	500152i: The program	No. 8: Instructional		related and global
	requires the study of	Strategies.		education.
	connections across the curriculum.			3.) The students
	50013a: The program			will create an
	requires the study of			interdisciplinary
	integrating and applying			thematic unit as a
	knowledge for instruction.			performance
				artifact.

General Education Outcomes: Cultural/Diversity, Critical Thinking, and Technology (see rubric below)

Grading: 100% to 90% = A, 89% to 80% = B, 79% to 70% = C, 69% to 60% = D, 59% to 0 = F

Criteria used to evaluate your work will depend on your ability to demonstrate the following:

- You have a thorough understanding of the core concepts, philosophical foundations and cultural
 contexts of the course.
- Your papers and projects indicate understanding of course content and the subtle, metaphorical
 implications of readings and lectures.
- You actively participate in small and large group discussions as indicated by both non-verbal and verbal communication.
- You come to class having completed assigned readings for that topic.
- You actively listen to others with respect and courtesy.

Schedule of Course Content and Activities

Date	Objectives	Assignments/Tasks	Pts
August	1. To review the syllabus and course	• Introduction, Review Syllabus and	
24 th	expectations.	Course Expectations	
Monday	2. To compare and contrast creation stories.	Pre-Assessment (10 points)	15
	3. To assess social studies content and skills by	Homework Readings Creation	
Week 1	completing a pre-assessment.	Stories	
August	1. To compare and contrast various creation	Origins of Life: Stories and	
26 th	stories and theories on the origins of life.	Theories (Group Activities)	
Wednesday	2. To consider a variety of perspectives bases	Homework Readings: Read	
	on differences such as those stemming from	Chapter 1, pages 1-26 and	
	culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical	complete on-line Quiz No. 1 (10	5
	development, community and leadership. (Gen.	points) Due September 1st	
	Ed. Outcome: Diversity)	Note: Bring a copy of your	
	3.To create meaningful learning experiences in	personal education philosophy to	
	subject matter and skills for various	the next class along with the	
	developmental levels (50015.2a)	educational self-assessment.	
	4. To assess critically thinking through		
	educational philosophies and learning theories		
	(Gen. Ed. Outcome: Critical Thinking)		
August 31st	1. To apply learning theories to one's personal	Review prior content	
Monday	educational philosophy.	Presentation on Core Disciplines	
	2.To compare and contrast various learning	of Social Studies with emphasis	
Week 2	theories.	on skills, knowledge and attitude.	
	3. To apply the major concepts and modes of	Presentation on Learning	5
	inquiry from the social studies (50015.2e)	Theories	
	4.To identify the core disciplines of social	Review educational self-	
	studies.	assessment (text pgs. 12-15)	
Sept. 2 nd	1. To create a simulated field experience and	Review prior content	
Wednesday	supporting documents to accommodate such	Introduce Public Meeting Field	
	an event for a future classroom related to	Experience, Due Nov. 9th (30	
	social studies.	points)	
	2.To produce an exemplary permission slip,	Field Trip Arrangements:	
	budget, letter of request to principal and	Planning, Authorization, Budgets,	
	other related documents.	Permission slips, Policy,	5
	3. To identify and apply digital forms on-line to	Application, etc.	
	use for lesson planning.	• Activity: Draft Forms, Due Sept.	
		9th (20 points)	
		Homework Readings: Text pages	
		27-51, Chapter 2 on-line Quiz No.	
		2 (10 points) Due September 8 th	
Sept. 7 th	Labor Day - No Class		
Monday			

Sept. 9 th Wednesday Week 3	 To reflect upon the social studies disciplines by reviewing the common core standards. To update and revise the e-portfolio. To effectively apply knowledge, skills, tools, and ideas to real world issues (50015i). 	 Continue field trip activity Electronic Portfolio Revision Review North Dakota State Social Studies Standards (Common Core) Field Trip Documents Due (20 points) Homework Reading: Chapter 13, pages 319-341 and complete on-line Quiz No. 3 (10 points) Due September 15th 	25
Sept. 14 th Monday Week 4	 To create goals and objectives for a unit plan. To identify a theme relevant to a particular grade and age level to create a thematic interdisciplinary unit. To integrate the study of history, geography, the social sciences, and other related areas into a unit plan (50015.2e) To select and apply techniques and procedures of technology at a level of complexity appropriate to their TMCC studies (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Technology). 	 Introduce Thematic Interdisciplinary Unit Plan & Rubric (draft 10 points, final 80 points, presentation 20 points) Collaboration Practice Thematic Unit Plan Review prior thematic unit samples Select tentative topics 	5
Sept. 16 th Wednesday	 To demonstrate the application of the constructivists philosophy in a thematic interdisciplinary unit. To promote students' abilities to make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society and interdependent world (50015.2e). To distinguish between primary and secondary sources. To select and apply techniques and procedures of technology at a level of complexity appropriate to their TMCC studies (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Technology). 	 Continue Thematic Interdisciplinary Unit Plan Presentation on Primary and Secondary Sources Review Formative and Summative Assessments Graphic Organizers Field Experiences, etc. Homework Readings: Chapter 16, pages 409-434 on-line Quiz No. 4 (10 points) Due September 22nd 	5
Sept. 21 st Monday Week 5	 To create a topographical map with a legend. To design a workable map using various images, trees, lakes, roads, landmarks, etc. and approximate mileage. To apply various subject matter, like art, to map making. 	 Cartography Project: weather permitting (20 points) Note: Larry Aiken is scheduled to be on campus Tuesday, Sept. 22nd (extra credit) 	5

Sept. 23 rd Wednesday Instructor Out	 To design a debate process for application in a classroom setting. To accurately define the constructivist philosophy and give examples of how it's used in lesson planning. To consider a variety of perspectives bases on differences such as those stemming from culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership. (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Diversity) 	 See Canvas for online instruction on organizing debates in the classroom (activity follow-up 5 points) Homework Readings: Chapter 5, pages 103-140 on-line Quiz No. 5 (10 points) Due September 30th 	5
Sept. 29 th Monday Week 6	 To create an organized debate process. To distinguish among various fundamental political documents relative to United States history and government. To evaluate the historical background of social studies. To evaluate various political doctrines of American government; constitution, preamble, Bill of Rights, etc. 	 Review the debate process and assign topics (Debates due October 14th) Civic pre-assessment Presentation on Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, Preamble, Bill of Rights, Amendments, etc. 	5
October 1 st Wednesday	 To compare and contrast the systems of confederacies vs. federalism. To organize the various levels of government in the United States To identify the purposes of the three branches of government. To critically analyze government relationships and purposes (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Critical Thinking) 	 Presentation on systems of government with emphasis on the federal system Activity (cards) Homework Readings: Chapter 4, pages 79-102 on-line Quiz No. 6 (10 points) due Oct. 6th 	5
October 5 th Monday Week 7	 To consider a variety of perspectives bases on differences such as those stemming from culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership. (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Diversity) To select and apply techniques and procedures of technology at a level of complexity appropriate to their TMCC studies (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Technology). 	 Continue systems of government with emphasis on the federal system Introduce Electronic Games Civic post-assessment 	5
October 7 th Wednesday	 To critically analyze historical perspectives and sources (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Critical Thinking) To consider a variety of perspectives bases on differences such as those stemming from culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership. (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Diversity) To demonstrate an understanding of cause and effect in relation to history. 	 History and Geography preassessment Presentation on History/Role Playing Interdisciplinary Thematic Unit Plan Draft 1 Due (10 pts) 	15

October 12 th Monday	COLLEGE AWARENESS DAY	No class - Holiday	
October 14 th Wednesday Week 8 Midterms	 To consider a variety of perspectives bases on differences such as those stemming from culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership. (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Diversity) To participate in an organized debate that can be duplicated in an elementary or middle school classroom. 	Debate Issues Homework Reading: Chapter 14, pages 345-378 and complete on-line Quiz No. 7 (10 points) due October 20 th	5
October 19 th Monday Week 9	 To consider a variety of perspectives bases on differences such as those stemming from culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership. (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Diversity) To explain the intent of Public Law 105-17 (IDEA). To describe the purpose of an Individual Education Plan (IEP). To identify methods of working with students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and hyperactivity (ADHD). To explain how to address the educational responsibilities of students with special needs. 	 Guest Presentation on Exceptional Children and Social Studies Applying assistive technologies to a classroom setting 	5
October 21 st Wednesday	 To demonstrate how culturally responsive teaching is applied to lesson planning. To evaluate the media used for teaching and learning about American Indians. To compare and contrast race and ethnicity as they apply to local community. To demonstrate critically thinking by applying deep teaching to the local culture (Gen. Education: Critical Thinking) 	 Presentation on Anthropology and Local Culture Evaluating American Indian Textbooks Activity (5 points) Homework Reading: Chapter 15, pages 383-403 and complete online Quiz No. 8 (10 points) due October 27th 	5
October 26 th Monday Week 10	 To describe the core discipline of economics and apply it to lesson planning. To create lesson plans which incorporate multiple learning styles to teach economics. To define vocabulary related to economics; non-profit, philanthropy, notes, etc. 	 Presentation on Economics Economics activity (TBA) Debate Topic: Philanthropy is benevolent act of helping other or self-serving. 	5
October 28 th Wednesday	 To identify the theory of multiple intelligence. To demonstrate teaching and learning multiple intelligences as it applies to lesson planning. To compare and contrast natural learning and formal learning using Anishinabe teachings (TMCC mission). 	 Presentation on Multiple Intelligences Homework Reading: Chapter 7, pages 163-185 and complete online Quiz No. 9 (10 points) due November 3rd 	5

Nov. 2 nd Monday Week 11	 To demonstrate critically thinking by processing political satire (Gen. Ed. Outcomes: Critical Thinking) To consider a variety of perspectives bases on differences such as those stemming from culture heritage, gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership. (Gen. Ed. Outcome: Diversity) 	 Presentation on Current Events and Political Satire Activity TBA 	5
Nov. 4 th Wednesday	 To describe the core discipline of psychology and apply it to lesson planning. To complete the teacher education disposition and make arrangements to review it with the instructor. 	 Presentation on Psychology Complete TED Dispositions Activity TBA 	5
November 9 th Monday Week 12	 To interpret original documents and participation in a field experience activity. To explain the intent of open public meetings in a democracy To make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society and interdependent world (50015.2e) 	 Public Meeting Documents Due (30 points) Student Presentations on Open Public Meeting Continue Thematic Interdisciplinary Unit Plan 	35
Nov. 11 th Wednesday	Veteran's Day - Holiday No Class		
Nov. 16 th Monday Week 13	 To create strategies for teaching social studies that reflect an awareness for multicultural education. To describe the core discipline of psychology and apply it to lesson planning. To create a sociogram to be used in a classroom. 	 Thematic Interdisciplinary Unit Plan Due (80 points) Presentation on Sociology Sociogram Activity Homework Reading: Chapter 8, pages 189-204 and complete online Quiz No. 10 (10 points) due on November 24th. 	85
Monday Week 13 Nov. 18 th Wednesday	studies that reflect an awareness for multicultural education. 2.To describe the core discipline of psychology and apply it to lesson planning. 3.To create a sociogram to be used in a	Unit Plan Due (80 points) Presentation on Sociology Sociogram Activity Homework Reading: Chapter 8, pages 189-204 and complete online Quiz No. 10 (10 points) due on November 24 th . Student Presentations on Thematic Unit Plan (presentation 20 points)	85
Monday Week 13 Nov. 18 th	studies that reflect an awareness for multicultural education. 2. To describe the core discipline of psychology and apply it to lesson planning. 3. To create a sociogram to be used in a classroom. 1. To create strategies for teaching social studies that reflect an awareness for	 Unit Plan Due (80 points) Presentation on Sociology Sociogram Activity Homework Reading: Chapter 8, pages 189-204 and complete online Quiz No. 10 (10 points) due on November 24th. Student Presentations on Thematic Unit Plan 	

Nov. 30 th Monday	To demonstrate the lesson planning and presentations skills.	Three Student Presentations on the Thematic Unit Plan.	5
,	2.To demonstrate the integration of history,	Review for final exam (time	
Week 15	geography, the social sciences, and other	permitting)	
	related areas into a unit plan (50015.2e)	TMCC Course Evaluation	
Dec. 2 nd	1. To demonstrate the lesson planning and	Three Student Presentation on	
Wednesday	presentations skills.	the Thematic Unit Plan.	5
	2. To demonstrate the integration of history,	TMCC Course Evaluation	
	geography, social sciences, and other related	Review for final exam time	
	disciplines into a unit plan (50015.2e)	permitting.	
Dec. 7 th	1. To review the content of the course including	• Final Exam (50)	
Monday	social studies methods and materials.		55
Dec. 9 th	To review final exam and final grades.	Review Final Exam Outcome	5
Wednesday		and Grades	

Disclaimer Statement: The instructor reserves the right to amend the syllabi without prior notice pending unforeseen circumstance, such as inclement weather, institutional cancellations or other similar conditions.

The rubric evaluates General Education Outcomes: Cultural/Diversity, Critically Thinking, and Technology.

Topic	Exemplary (4 points)	Proficient (3 points)	Partially Proficient (2 points)	Incomplete (1 point)
Cultural- Diversity	Demonstrates a perspective based on differences such as those stemming from culture, heritage, class gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership at high degree of effectiveness.	Demonstrates a perspective based on differences such as those stemming from culture, heritage, class gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership with considerable effectiveness.	Demonstrates a perspective based on differences such as those stemming from culture, heritage, class gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership with some effectiveness.	Demonstrates a perspective based on differences such as those stemming from culture, heritage, class gender, ethnicity, historical development, community and leadership with very limited effectiveness.
Critically Thinking- Inquiry	Critically analyzes and interprets information with a high degree of effectiveness.	Critically analyzes and interprets information with considerable effectiveness.	Critically analyzes and interprets information with some effectiveness.	Critically analyzes and interprets information with limited effectiveness.
Technology	Demonstrates how to research and evaluate the accuracy, relevance, appropriateness, comprehensiveness, and bias of electronic information sources concerning real-world problems at a high degree of effectiveness.	Demonstrates how to research and evaluate the accuracy, relevance, appropriateness, comprehensiveness, and bias of electronic information sources concerning real-world problems with considerable degree of effectiveness.	Demonstrates how to research and evaluate the accuracy, relevance, appropriateness, comprehensiveness, and bias of electronic information sources concerning real-world problems with some effectiveness.	Demonstrates how to research and evaluate the accuracy, relevance, appropriateness, comprehensiveness, and bias of electronic information sources concerning real-world problems with very limited effectiveness.

