



ED 325 - Elem Social Studies Methods
Section 90-4 & Section 91-4
Spring 2020
3 Credits

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Office Hours: [By Appointment](#)
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Required Texts:

No books will be required; all readings will be provided on the course Canvas page.

Course Catalog Description:

This course focuses on the best methods of instruction in the elementary grade social studies, i.e. in history, geography, cultural anthropology, political science/civics and economics. The course will familiarize the student with the related benchmarks as outlined in the FSM National Curriculum Standards. This is primarily a methods course, but attention will be paid to mastery of the content areas as well. Six hours of O&P are required.

Essential Questions / Course Overview:

1. What is the purpose of social studies education at the elementary level?
2. What does engaged citizenship look like in the elementary classroom?
3. How can elementary social studies teachers embrace the ideal of social justice in their pedagogy?

Mission Statement:

The mission of the education division is to foster the education of teachers and leaders in education through programs based in the liberal arts tradition, Catholic Marianist's values, current research, and best practices.

Marianist Values:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith
2. Provide an Integral Quality Education
3. Educate in Family Spirit
4. Educate for Service, Justice, and Peace
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change

WASC Core Competencies:

1. Written Communication
2. Oral Communication
3. Quantitative reasoning
4. Critical Thinking
5. Information Literacy

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

1	Content Knowledge (Knowledge of subject matter)
2	Developmentally Appropriate Practice (Knowledge of how students develop and learn, and engagement of students in developmentally appropriate experiences that support learning)
3	Pedagogical Content Knowledge (Knowledge of how to teach subject matter to students and application of a variety of instructional strategies that are rigorous, differentiated, focused on the active involvement of the learner)
4	Educational Technology (Knowledge of and application of appropriate technology for student learning)
5	Assessment for Learning (Knowledge of and use of appropriate assessment strategies that enhance the knowledge of learners and their responsibility for their own learning)
6	Diversity (Skills for adapting learning activities for individual differences and the needs of diverse learners and for maintaining safe positive, caring, and inclusive learning environments)
7	Focus on Student Learning (Skills in the planning and design of meaningful learning activities that support and have positive impact on student learning based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, curriculum standards, and integration of appropriate technology)
8	Professional & Ethical Dispositions and Communication (Professional dispositions, professionalism in teaching, and ethical standards of conduct consistent with Marianist values, and positive and constructive relationships with parents, the school community and professional colleagues).

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

1	Define social studies education and explain its role in the K-6 curriculum.
2	Design cross-curricular, thematic lessons infused with social studies themes.
3	Develop a pedagogical vision grounded in social justice education that could be implemented in an elementary classroom.
4	Articulate strategies to help students make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society and interdependent world.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes:

	CLO 1	CLO 2	CLO 3
Essential Questions	1	2	2, 3
Marianist Values	2, 4	2, 4	2, 4
WASC Core Competencies	1, 4	1, 4	1, 4
Program Learning Outcomes	3	3, 7	3, 7

Course Requirements:

Readings

Readings will be assigned each week to frame our discussion in class. It is vital that the deadlines are followed so that there is genuine class discussion and an opportunity for peer review and learning.

Assignments

Students will participate in activities each week based on the assigned readings, and complete various assignments throughout the course. The specifics of these assignments are outlined on the course Canvas page.

Collegiality & Professionalism

We will create an open environment where diverse opinions, viewpoints, and perspectives are appreciated and respected. As we perfect the art of teaching, we should be conscious of the fact that our craft can (and should) be approached from multiple perspectives.

Course Communication

Email is the best way to reach me with questions about course assignments or policies. I will answer all emails by the next school day (usually within 24 hours, though weekends may take longer).

Grading:

Assignments should be turned in on the due date noted in the syllabus or otherwise indicated in class; late assignments will impact your grade in the course. Letter grades for the course will be determined by the following formula:

Formative Assignments	40%
Summative Assignments	30%
Inquiry Lesson Plan Development	15%
Classroom Observation	5%
Attendance & Participation	10%

Letter grades are defined as follows:

A (100% - 90%)	B (89% - 80%)	C (79% - 70%)	D (69% - 60%)	F (59% - 0%)
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Course Policies:

Detailed instructions and scoring rubrics for each assignment can be found on the course Canvas page.

Attendance:

As stated in the Chaminade University catalog, students are expected to attend all classes for courses in which they are registered. The instructor will specify and enforce expectations for online participation and receipt of assignments appropriate to the design of the course.

University Policies

Academic Honesty Statement: Violations of the Honor Code are serious. They harm other students, your professor, and the integrity of the University. Alleged violations will be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs. If found guilty of plagiarism, a student might receive a range of penalties, including failure of an assignment, failure of an assignment and withholding of the final course grade until a paper is turned in on the topic of plagiarism, failure of the course, or suspension from the University.

Violations of Academic Integrity: Violations of the principle include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids, or other devices in any academic exercise.
 - Fabrication and Falsification: Intentional and unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification is a matter of inventing or counterfeiting information for use in any academic exercise.
 - Multiple Submissions: The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work for credit (including oral reports) more than once without authorization.
 - Plagiarism: Intentionally or knowingly presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source).
 - Abuse of Academic Materials: Intentionally or knowingly destroying, stealing, or making inaccessible library or other academic resource materials.
- Complicity in Academic Dishonesty: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying or borrowing liberally from someone else's work without his/her knowledge or permission; or with his/her knowledge or permission and turning it in as your own work.
- Copying of someone else's exam or paper.
- Allowing someone to turn in your work as his or her own.
- Not providing adequate references for cited work.
- Copying and pasting large quotes or passages without properly citing them.

Title IX Compliance: Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report

this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you want to speak to a confidential source you may contact the following:

- Chaminade Counseling Center: 808-735-4845
- Any priest serving as a sacramental confessor or any ordained religious leader serving in the sacred confidence role.

Disability Access:

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from the Counseling Center by the end of week three of the class, in order for the instructor to plan accordingly. Failure to provide written documentation will prevent your instructor from making the necessary accommodations. Please refer any questions to the Dean of Students.

Activities Schedule

Week	Assigned Readings
1	Topic: Course Introduction Assignment Due: Formative Assessment
2	Topic: Civic Ideals and Practices Assignment Due: Formative Assessment Summative Assessment
3	Topic: Civic Ideals and Practices Assignment Due: Formative Assessment Summative Assessment
4	Topic: Understanding FSM Standards and Benchmarks Assignment Due: Formative Assessment

5	Topic: History - Family Stories (Part 1) Assignment Due: Formative Assessment
6	Topic: History - Family Stories (Part 2) Assignment Due: Formative Assessment
7	Topic: History - Family Stories (Part 3) Assignment Due: Summative Assessment
8	Topic: Geography - Humans and the Environment (Part 1) Assignment Due: Formative Assessment
9	Topic: Geography - Humans and the Environment (Part 2) Assignment Due: Summative Assessment
10	Topic: Civics - The Right to a Childhood (Part 1) Assignment Due: Formative Assessment
11	Topic: Civics - The Right to a Childhood (Part 2) Assignment Due: Formative Assessment
12	Spring Break
13	Topic: Civics - The Right to a Childhood (Part 3) Assignment Due: Summative Assessment
14	Topic: Developing an Inquiry Lesson (Part 1) Assignment Due: Summative Assessment
15	Topic: Developing an Inquiry Lesson (Part 2) Assignment Due: Summative Assessment

16	Topic: Sharing Classroom Observations / Course Reflection Assignment Due: Classroom Observation
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