



School of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Education

## ED 618 Elementary Social Studies Methods

Online Asynchronous

Credits: # 3 Term: 10/6/2025-12/12/2025

### Instructor Information

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**Virtual Office Hours:** Friday 3pm-4pm (HST) or by appointment

### Communication

Email is the best way to contact me. I will do my best to respond to all emails by the next school day-usually within 24 hours, though weekends and holidays may take longer. I will communicate through Canvas and/or emails so please check them regularly. Lastly, we should all remember that it can be challenging to communicate tone through email and digital communications. Please make an extra effort to be kind and respectful; aloha goes a long way.

### School & Department Information

#### School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Office Location: Brogan Hall, Room 110

Phone: (808) 739-4652

If you have questions regarding the Education program, reach out to your Instructor or the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

### Course Description & Materials

#### Catalog Course Description

This course focuses on strategies and methods for teaching Social Studies in the K-6 classroom. Over the course of the semester, students will analyze the role of the teacher in the social

studies classroom, study diverse methods of instruction, and develop a curriculum focused on social justice issues and grounded in students' experience and interests.

### **Time Allocation**

This is a three-credit hour course requiring 135 clock hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Over the 10 weeks of this course, students will spend a lot of time with: course readings, homework assignments, papers, projects, etc), averaging a little more than 13 hours per week.

### **Required Materials**

<https://hawaiipublicschools.org/academics/subject-matter-standards/>

<https://www.socialstudies.org/standards/c3>

<https://www.socialstudies.org/>

### **Recommended Items**

[Add relevant info]

**Canvas** (<https://chaminade.instructure.com>)

[Brief explanation of what Canvas is and how it will be used in the course]

Example Canvas description:

## **Learning Outcomes**

### **Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)**

Upon completion of the M.A in Teaching, Elementary Education program students will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge of learner development, learner differences, diverse students and the learning environment to optimize learning for Elementary students.
2. Evaluate central concepts, tools of inquiry and structures of the subject matter disciplines for Elementary Students.
3. Utilize formative and summative assessments, to determine, select and implement effective instructional strategies for Elementary students.
4. Analyze the history, values, commitments, and ethics of the teaching profession within the school community.
5. Explain the Marinist tradition of providing an integral, quality education within diverse communities.

### **Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

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 school classroom
4. Articulate strategies to help students make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society and interdependent world

### **Marianist Values**

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith.
2. Provide an integral, quality education.
3. Educate in family spirit.
4. Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation.
5. Educate for adaptation and change.

[Include a paragraph that explains how this course specifically addresses one or more of the Marianist values listed above.]

### **Native Hawaiian Values**

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Ōlelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Ōlelo No'eau 364) May I live by God.
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Ōlelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep.

3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Ōlelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship.
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Ōlelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom.
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Ōlelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

#### Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes

	CLO 1	CLO 2	CLO 3	CLO 4
<b>Marianist Values</b>	2	2	4	4
<b>PLOs</b>	1,4	1,4	1m4	1,4

### Course Activities

#### Discussions

Online discussions are an integral part of this class. It is my hope that you will not only learn from me but your classmates. An online discussion prompt will be posted on Mondays. You will have to Thursday to answer your prompt. The prompts should be answered thoroughly, will textual evidence, connections to the assignments and other class activities. By Sunday midnight you should include your responses to another student who has not received a response. Again, it should be detailed and respectful. Please make a note of your words and tone in your discussions. Have aloha for one another. It's a kākou thing. We are all in this together.

#### Homework

Please submit all assignments well and on time. Please notice when the time and date the assignments are due. All assignments are on Canvas and will usually be released on Sunday night or Monday morning.

#### Final Project

Your final project will be to a Social Studies Unit Plan for your designated teaching area.

### Course Policies

### **Late Work**

All assignments should be turned in by the due date. I am willing to accept late work up to one week; however, all late assignments will receive a lower grade.

### **Important Note On Late Discussion Posts:**

The success of the course rests on the quality of these discussions. Without time to read and respond to your peers, our shared classroom community (and the possibilities for learning therein) will suffer. As a result, late discussion posts will receive at most 50% credit. Posts that are more than one week late will receive no credit.

### **Changes to the Syllabus**

While the provisions of this syllabus are as accurate and complete as possible, your instructor reserves the right to change any provision herein at any time. Every effort will be made to keep you advised of such changes, and information about such changes will be available from your instructor.

### **Grades of Incomplete**

If students are unable to complete the course due to circumstances beyond their control, the instructor will consider offering a grade of “incomplete”. This will provide the student with 30 days beyond the end of the term to complete all outstanding course requirements. Please note that a grade of “incomplete” must be discussed with the instructor before the end of the term. If a student does not contact the instructor by the end of the term to discuss the possibility of an incomplete, they will be awarded the grade they have earned to that point.

### **Final Grades**

Letter grades are given in all courses except those conducted on a credit/no credit basis. Grades are calculated from the student’s daily work, class participation, quizzes, tests, term papers, reports and the final examination. They are interpreted as follows:

- A Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
- B Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner
- C Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter
- F Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter, no credit given

Final grades are submitted to [Self-Service](#):

A = 90% and above

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 59% and below

## Important Information

### Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, and plagiarism, in addition to more obvious dishonesty.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of Academic Division and may include an "F" grade for the work in question, an "F" grade for the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University.

For the most up to date information, please refer to the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) on the Chaminade University Catalog website.

### Title IX and Nondiscrimination Statement

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes the dignity of all people, inclusivity and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator.

### Nondiscrimination Policy & Notice of Nondiscrimination

Chaminade University of Honolulu does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred

to the University's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both and contact information may be found at the [Chaminade University Title IX Office Contact Information and Confidential Resources website](#). On-campus Confidential Resources may also be found here at [CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES](#).

The University's Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures can be located on the University webpage at:

<https://chaminade.edu/compliance/title-ix-nondiscrimination-policies-procedures/>.

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the [Campus Incident Report form](#). Chaminade University of Honolulu prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates. The NOTICE of NONDISCRIMINATION can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).

### **CUH Alert Emergency Notification**

To get the latest emergency communication from Chaminade University, students' cell numbers will be connected to Chaminade's emergency notification text system. When you log in to the Chaminade portal, you will be asked to provide some emergency contact information. If you provide a cellphone number, you will receive a text from our emergency notification system asking you to confirm your number. You must respond to that message to complete your registration and get emergency notifications on your phone.

### **Assessment for Student Work**

With the goal of continuing to improve the quality of educational services offered to students, Chaminade University conducts assessments of student achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes. Student work is used anonymously as the basis of these assessments, and the work you do in this course may be used in these assessment efforts.

### **Student with Disabilities Statement**

Chaminade University of Honolulu offers accommodations for all actively enrolled students with disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act (2008).

Students are responsible for contacting Kokua Ike: Center for Student Learning to schedule an appointment. Verification of their disability will be requested through appropriate documentation and once received it will take up to approximately 2–3 weeks to review them. Appropriate paperwork will be completed by the student before notification will be sent out to

their instructors. Accommodation paperwork will not be automatically sent out to instructors each semester, as the student is responsible to notify Kokua Ike via email at [ada@chaminade.edu](mailto:ada@chaminade.edu) each semester if changes or notifications are needed.

### **Kōkua 'Ike: Tutoring & Learning Services**

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua 'Ike's](#) website for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click on Account > TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at [tutoring@chaminade.edu](mailto:tutoring@chaminade.edu) or 808-739-8305.



## Readings & Due Dates

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10/6			
10/13			
10/20			
10/27			
11/3			
11/10			
11/17			
11/24			
12/1			
12/8			