

ESOC 4450: Senior Field Experience in Social Science Education

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Rationale:

The Senior Field Experience is designed to connect your work in the curriculum and methods courses (ESOC 4/6350 and ESOC 4/6360) to the real world of teaching social studies. Work done in this field experience will be an extension of the work done in the two on-campus courses. The experience will require you to become familiar with a teacher and students in a middle or high school class/es. During the experience, you will learn how to analyze the context of learning to develop classroom management and instructional strategies to enhance student learning. You will also interview teachers and administrators concerning the nature of the *Quality Core Curriculum of Georgia, Georgia High School Graduation Examination*, and standards and recommendations for the major social studies subjects. Finally, the experience is also designed to give you another decision point. Your visits to a teacher will act as an audition to see if you can or want to continue with student teaching.

Assignments:

- (1) The first assignment for the Senior Field Experience is to keep a **Reflective Log** discussing/describing the days you visit the teacher and students. You will be given more detailed instruction for the project later.
- (2) The second assignment will involve developing a **context of learning paper** in which you outline the nature of the school, administration, students, and resources of the school visited and analyze how the affective *classroom management* and *instructional decisions*. Included in the paper must be an analysis of the impact of the *Quality Core Curriculum of Georgia, Georgia High School Graduation Examination*, and standards and recommendations for the major social studies on the instructional decisions of the teacher.

Grading:

This course is an S/U grade. You will receive a S grade for completing the above assignments. You will receive a U grade for failure to complete the above assignments or failure to observe the **Professional Expectations** given to you in ESOC 2450, in terms of your attendance, performance, and participation in this field experience.