

ESOC 4450L

Senior Field Experience and Seminar in Social Studies

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Course Description

The Senior Field Experience and Seminar is designed to provide a “real world” context for the Curriculum and Methods courses. This course requires you to participate in 5 hours of clinical/class sessions per week and attend seminar sessions. The seminar sessions are scheduled from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Wednesdays. During the this course, you will observe, analyze, assess, and participate in classroom instruction.

Dress

Please note: The clinical/class sessions will take place on campuses of public school districts. Punctual attendance is required. You must abide by the policies and procedures of these school districts and the specific school to which you are assigned. Failure to comply may affect your ability to satisfactorily complete the course. Please follow the guidelines provided by the statement below regarding professional dress.

“Because teachers are important models for students and because the staff of a school sets the tone for the whole building, dress is very important in a high school. We should communicate to the public and to our students that the school place is dignified and of the highest quality. Therefore, faculty dress should be professional at all times.”

Do not wear blue jeans or clothing which expose the abdomen. A simple guideline is that you need to dress in a way that distinguishes you as a professional.

Course Objectives

By the end of the Senior Field Experience and Seminar, participants will be able to:

- Articulate and defend your rationale for teaching the social studies
- Describe how rationale based instruction would look. Analyze the obstacles to achieving rationale based instruction.
- Describe how you would persist in rationale based instruction.
- Describe the GSTEP Framework Standards and its use in professional growth
- Evaluate competing strategies for classroom management, instruction, and assessment.

Assignments

Each student should have a LiveText account (you will be using this account for various Social Studies Education courses, and will have access to it for five years). After every clinical observation session you should reflect on your experience. Specific assignments will be given regarding what you should observe during a session, be sure to follow the response format for the assignment. You will also use the journal entries to generate questions to pose during the seminar session. I will read all of your journal entries. I may pose additional questions to specific individuals for response. You may use the journal to pose specific questions to me. In addition to your reflections, please post questions to the seminar bulletin board for your peers to consider. .

Grading System and Requirements

The Senior Field Experience and Seminar is graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. To achieve a grade of Satisfactory, you must complete your clinical sessions, all journal entries, postings to the bulletin board, and attend/contribute to the weekly seminars. Please notify the instructor via email if a compelling reason prevents you from completing these tasks.