TLSC 340-005: Teaching and Learning in an Area of Specialization (Social Studies)
Sequence 6: Integrating Content, Cultures and Communities
Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities
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Module Information
Dates: January 13 – February 7, 2013
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Times: 8:15am – 12:45pm
On-Campus Location: Mundelein 608
School-Site Location: 146 Senn High School, 5900 North Glenwood Ave, Chicago IL

Module Description
Teacher candidates further develop their understanding and application of designing instruction in an area of specialization. Teacher candidates observe classrooms that utilize UbD and interview a cooperating teacher educator about his/her use of UbD as a framework for teaching. Candidates focus on connecting content to students’ lives and interview two to three students to ascertain how they make meaning out of content in connection with their lives. Teacher candidates then observe how teachers include reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing in their instruction of content and how they differentiate instruction using suggested strategies in the UDL Guidelines Checklist. Teacher candidates co-plan with cooperating teacher educators to develop a five-lesson content area unit and pre-, formative, and post-assessments to assist in better understanding student learning and the strengths and weaknesses of the instructional strategies chosen, making adjustments to instruction based on pre- and formative assessments, teacher candidates implement the five-lesson content area unit with the cooperating teacher educator. Candidates administer the post-assessment and analyze the data to understand the teaching and learning of the specific content. Finally, teacher candidates administer a short survey to get student feedback on the series of lessons, including what worked well, what could have been improved, and what suggestions they
have for future lessons, and they identify research articles to assist them in strengthening their areas for growth.

**Module Goals**

**Essential Questions:**
- How does backward design facilitate deep learning of content and skills?
- How do students most effectively acquire skills within a specific content area?
- How can the use of data facilitate students’ acquisition of content and skills?
- How do students utilize technology to support and deepen their learning in a particular content area?
- How do students use their literacy skills to acquire knowledge and skills within a content area?
- How do students become actively engaged in learning and self-assessment?

As a part of this module, candidates will understand that effective educators:
- use research and evidence-based practices to design instruction that includes the alignment of goals, objectives, assessments and instructional strategies to meet the individual needs of students.
- use data to drive instruction and assess teaching and learning effectiveness.
- apply deep understanding of both content and pedagogy to provide developmentally appropriate instruction to all students.
- explicitly integrate the teaching of reading, writing, communication and technology across content areas.

As a part of this module, candidates will:
- Incorporate research and evidence-based practices into the design of instruction (e.g. UbD, IB, SIOP and UDL). (5S; 9A) (IB)
- Use standards-based curriculum maps (e.g. UbD) to design units and lessons to meet the needs of diverse learners. (3Q; 3I) (IB)
- Design a standards-based instructional unit that uses backward design (e.g. UbD) to align objectives with assessments and instructional practices based on high expectations for each student’s learning and behavior. (3H; 3I) (IB)
- Select relevant instructional content, materials, resources and strategies for differentiated and universally designed instruction. (3Q; 5O) (IB)
- Use assessment strategies and devices that are nondiscriminatory, and take into consideration the impact of disabilities, methods of communication, cultural background, and primary language on measuring knowledge and performance of students. (7R) (IB)
- Use data to differentiate assessments to meet the needs of diverse learners. (1H; 3J; 5P) (IB)
- Monitors and adjusts strategies in response to qualitative feedback from students and student performance. (3M; 5J; 5P) (IB)
- analyze and use student information to design instruction that meets the diverse needs of students and leads to ongoing growth and achievement (1H) (IB)
• use data to plan for differentiated instruction to allow for variations in individual
learning needs (3J) (IB)
• make data-driven decisions using assessment results to adjust practices to meet the
needs of each student (5P) (IB)
• use assessment data, student work samples, and observations from continuous
monitoring of student progress to plan and evaluate effective content area reading,
writing, and oral communication instruction (6H)
• Utilize a variety of technological tools and skills to support literacy instruction and
personal communication skills, including but not limited to computers, cameras,
interactive web sites, blogs, online research. (2F; 2L; 2O; 5N; 5O; 9S; 9T)

IDEA Objectives:
• Gaining factual knowledge (methods)
• Learning to apply course materials
• Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals
  in the field

Dispositions Assessment:
Each course in the School of Education focuses on one or more professional
dispositions. Students are offered opportunities to receive feedback on their
dispositional growth in the areas of professionalism, fairness and/or the belief that all
students can learn. The specific disposition or dispositions for each course are listed on
this syllabus and the descriptions for the expected behaviors for the disposition(s) can
be found on the rubric posted in LiveText for this course.

• Participating in ongoing professional development, reading, and research in order to
depth their knowledge and expand their repertoire of skills. (9O) (IB)
• Valuing and utilizing the unique identities and backgrounds of all students, families
  and communities as essential assets in learning environments. (9L, 9N) (IB)
• Implementing proactive and preventive practices that represents an understanding
  that student behavior is shaped by complex environmental factors. (4D)
• Demonstrating that his/her personal and professional expectations and capacities
  influence the motivation, positive learning results and achievement of students.
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Grading Policy & Scale:
The final grade is based upon the completion of course requirements, as weighted above
and following this scale:

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## Attendance:

- Arrive promptly and maintain excellent attendance records. Candidates are expected to attend every module session for the scheduled duration as to maintain consistency for students and school professionals. Ask your professor and classroom teacher(s) how they wish to be contacted regarding any special circumstances. Make arrangements and notify everyone involved before a scheduled absence.
- Inform your professor and classroom teacher(s) ahead of time – by phone message or email if possible if you must be absent. If there is an emergency, contact your professor as soon as reasonably possible afterward. After missing a day of the module, it is necessary to contact your professor.
- Assignments are due on the dates listed on course syllabi unless permission to hand them in late is given. Be sure to follow the policies of your specific professor of each module as it relates to policies on assignments.

## Module Assignments:

### Local to National Unit Plan: 20 points

- Individually or with a partner, students will develop a middle school unit on Illinois history that explores the connections among local, regional, and national events, movements, and people. The unit must incorporate the use of a local or regional resource including museums, government offices or agencies, libraries or other. Students will design a unit and a three-week learning plan that outlines the schedule of topics and learning activities of the unit. Standards addressed by this assignment: NCSS: 1.2, 1.6, 1.7 & 1.10; ILCAS: SS 1, 6, 18, 19 & 20, H6, PS 3; IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

### Assessment Plan: 20 points

- As part of the Curriculum Unit required for TLSC 340, described above, candidates are required to create a comprehensive assessment plan. The assessment plan

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should monitor student progress toward the unit’s learning goal(s). Candidates should utilize multiple assessment modes and approaches that are aligned with the unit’s learning goals/enduring understandings. Candidates will use and reflect on the use of the core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to differentiate instruction and assessment based on formative assessment data. Candidates will develop measures to assess student learning before, during, and after instruction. Candidates will reflect on instructional changes they might make and identify up to three research-based studies that could be used to inform instruction in future teaching. Standards addressed by this assignment: NCSS: 1.2, 1.6, 1.7 & 1.10; ILCAS: SS 1, 6, 8, 18, 19 & 20, H6, PS 3; IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

**Understanding by Design Essay: 20 points**

- While at their school site, candidates will choose one classroom on which to focus for this essay. Candidates will be observe and interact with various aspects of this classroom using a “teaching for understanding “ lens. What does "teaching for understanding" look like? What would we expect to see in an Understanding by Design classroom? During their time in classrooms, candidates will use the “Indicators of Teaching for Understanding,” logging evidence of UbD indicators. In preparation for writing the essay, candidates will interview their cooperating teacher about their use of backward design as a framework for teaching. Standards addressed by this assignment: IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

**Classroom Practice Reflective Journals: 20 points**

- Students will write weekly reflections of 250 to 500 words. Journal entries should focus on course readings and relevant class discussions and field experiences. Students can choose to respond to prompts given in class or one of their own. Reflections should discuss students’ experiences, observations, and intellectual and professional growth in relation to teaching and learning social studies. Reflective journals will be submitted bi-weekly over the course of the module. Standards addressed by this assignment: IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

**Sequence Summative Assessment: 10 points**

- After completing the modules in this sequence, teacher candidates will apply their understanding of the research and practice in their area of specialization to design a year-long curriculum plan (two semesters, 36 weeks) for a high school social studies courses in the area of designation (history, civics, or psychology) that includes transdisciplinary or interdisciplinary connections and the integration of technology. The curriculum plan will include a description of the content and skill focus, required materials including text and technology resources, classroom expectations, a comprehensive assessment plan and a full description of the overall course summative assessment(s). The plan will also include a year-long calendar with unit descriptions, unit standards, and descriptions of unit summative assessments. Standards addressed by this assignment: NCSS: 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5; IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; ILCAS: SS 1; ITS: 3.
**Module Participation: 10 points**

- Candidates are expected to consistently and actively participate in all class activities and discussions. As part of the candidate's participation grade, it is expected that candidates will deliver a minimum of two (2) mini-lessons with the support of their cooperating teacher. Since much of this module takes place in a school, candidates are expected to dress and act professionally. They must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the class session. Class sessions will build directly on assigned readings; candidates must come to class having read all assigned texts and articles.

**Required Texts:**


Other required readings will be posted to the course Sakai site.

**Course Websites**

Sakai – https://sakai.luc.edu/portal/site/TLSC_340_005_5630_1142

LiveText – www.livetext.com

Social Studies Resources - https://sites.google.com/site/teachingsocialsciences/

Senn High School – www.SennHS.org

**School of Education Policies and Information**

**Conceptual Framework Standards**

The School of Education at Loyola University Chicago, a Jesuit and Catholic urban university, supports the Jesuit ideal of knowledge in the service of humanity. We endeavor to advance professional education in the service of social justice, engaged with Chicago, the nation, and the world. To achieve this vision the School of Education participates in the discovery, development, demonstration, and dissemination of professional knowledge and practice within a context of ethics, service to others, and social justice. We fulfill this mission by preparing professionals to serve as teachers, administrators, psychologists, and
researchers; by conducting research on issues of professional practice and social justice; and by partnering with schools and community agencies to enhance life-long learning in the Chicago area.

**Technology**
Teacher candidates are expected to use technology in the preparation of their work for this module, but are also expected to incorporate it into their lessons that they prepare for students when appropriate. Candidates will likely use the resources available from the International Baccalaureate site: [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org). Some of the technologies they will use to manage their own learning will include Blackboard and LiveText.

**Diversity**
This module calls on candidates to meet the needs of diverse learners, as does the previous module (6.1), but also requires them to make diversity the substance of the content that they will teach. The unit that they develop with the cooperating teacher educator and their peers will be transdisciplinary or interdisciplinary and therefore will incorporate a diversity of content. In this way, Module 6.2 offers an opportunity to apply the candidates’ understanding of diversity on multiple levels.

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**University Policies and Information**

**Academic Honesty**: Academic honesty is an expression of interpersonal justice, responsibility and care, applicable to Loyola University faculty, students, and staff, which demands that the pursuit of knowledge in the university community be carried out with sincerity and integrity. The School of Education’s Policy on Academic Integrity can be found at: [http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_integrity.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_integrity.shtml). For additional academic policies and procedures refer to: [http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_main.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_main.shtml)

Accessibility: Students who have disabilities which they believe entitle them to accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should register with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) office. To request accommodations, students must schedule an appointment with an SSWD coordinator. Students should contact SSWD at least four weeks before their first semester or term at Loyola. Returning students should schedule an appointment within the first two weeks of the semester or term. The University policy on accommodations and participation in courses is available at: [http://www.luc.edu/sswd/](http://www.luc.edu/sswd/)

Harassment (Bias Reporting): It is unacceptable and a violation of university policy to harass, discriminate against or abuse any person because of his or her race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, age or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Such behavior threatens to destroy the environment of tolerance and mutual respect that must prevail for this university to fulfill its educational and health care mission. For this reason, every incident of harassment, discrimination or abuse undermines the aspirations and attacks the ideals of our community. The university qualifies these incidents as incidents of bias.
In order to uphold our mission of being Chicago's Jesuit Catholic University-- a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice and faith, any incident(s) of bias must be reported and appropriately addressed. Therefore, the Bias Response (BR) Team was created to assist members of the Loyola University Chicago community in bringing incidents of bias to the attention of the university. If you believe you are subject to such bias, you should notify the Bias Response Team at this link: http://webapps.luc.edu/biasreporting/