TLSC 350-005

TLLSC 350: Teaching and Learning with a Global Framework
Sequence 6: Integrating Content, Cultures and Communities
Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities
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Module Information
Dates: February 11 – April 3, 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 work with PreK-12 teachers to develop and implement a transdisciplinary/interdisciplinary curriculum unit with a service component, preparing candidates to teach in schools that offer an International Baccalaureate program. Teacher candidates observe teaching and learning in PYP, MYP, or DP IB classrooms understanding how family and community engagement and the integration of service to families and communities connects with IB curricula in their area of certification. Teacher candidates then co-plan and co-teach a three-week unit with an IB cooperating teacher educator. The unit needs to be transdisciplinary or disciplinary with interdisciplinary connections (including the arts) and is assessed through a structured inquiry project. Teacher candidates use pre- and formative assessments to differentiate instruction and assessment to meet the learning and language needs of students. In conjunction with the cooperating teacher educator, candidates administer a post-assessment and analyze data from the instructional unit to identify areas for growth. Teacher candidates use this analysis of their unit, samples of student work, and further research to develop a poster to present to peers, cooperating teacher educators, other school professional personnel, and university faculty.
Module Goals

Essential Questions:
- What does it mean to be a responsible citizen in the world?
- What is social justice?
- What is international-mindedness?
- How does serving our local community have an impact on the international community?
- How do we know what we know? What is worth knowing?
- How are academic disciplines related to one another?

As a part of this module, candidates will understand that effective educators:
- Reflect and carry out the School of Education’s mission of professionalism in service of social justice in the school and the community by promoting human rights, reducing inequalities, and increasing the empowerment of society’s most vulnerable groups.
- Apply knowledge of policy and local, state, and national educational contexts to advocate with and for students and families.
- Maintain and utilize global perspectives and international-mindedness when engaging in teaching, learning and leading, including the awareness and application of the social, cultural, inter-cultural and linguistic facets of student achievement.

As a part of this module, candidates will:
- Utilize social participation structures, narrative, and questioning techniques consistent with those of their students. (3K)
- Provide opportunities to engage in rigorous inquiry-based authentic intellectual work. (3H, 5I) (IB)
- Promote critical thinking and problem solving within the context of their discipline and across disciplines. (3H, 5I) (IB)
- Apply strategies that address gaps in students’ skills required for knowledge attainment while also recognizing and accounting for students’ prior knowledge. (1H, 1L, 1L, 3I, 3J, 3K, 3M, 3P, 5I)
- Empower students by providing opportunities to challenge the status quo and inequalities.
- Incorporate verbal and written discourse that is stereotype-free, person first, and acknowledges and honors the inherent equality among diverse learners and communities. (9I)
- Communicate effectively with a wide range of educational professionals, parents and guardians, as well as community members and organizations to benefit student development. (8H, 8I, 9L) (IB)
- Collaborate with a wide range of professionals and community members to provide an appropriate and equitable education for students. (8H, 8I, 8S, 9F, 9N) (IB)
- Actively listen to better understand the needs of others. (8R)
- Discern the most appropriate actions needed to serve the best interests of diverse students and families. (8H, 9Q)
• Adopt strategies to stay informed of current IB innovations and connect with other schools and educators in the broader IB network. (IB)
• Plan instruction to support students’ structured inquiry into global issues to inspire inter-cultural awareness and international mindedness. (2K) (IB)
• Design authentic assessments and rubrics to measure the multiple facets of student achievement, including social, cultural, inter-cultural and linguistic. (IB)
• Involve students in self-reflection and self-assessment in the various areas of student achievement to support identity exploration. (7L) (IB)
• Collaborate to build and sustain a classroom and school environment that incorporates and values cultural, inter-cultural, linguistic and global diversity and issues. (1K, 7M, 8J) (IB)
• Engage in different ways of knowing within or across various disciplines. (2J) (IB)
• Incorporate the fine and performing arts into transdisciplinary/interdisciplinary units of instruction. (IB)

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.
• Demonstrating that teaching is a complex practice with inherently political and ethical implications (9F)
• Engaging in advocacy efforts grounded in ethical convictions that promote social justice and affect policy design and implementation. (9Q) (IB)
• Valuing diversity and advocating for all students, particularly those from populations that are historically disenfranchised, underserved and/or overrepresented (including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, culture, language, SES, immigration status, exceptionality, ability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity). (1A, 9F, 9R) (IB)
• Valuing and promoting curiosity, creativity, and life-long learning in students. (IB)
• Demonstrating the critical importance and need for teacher leadership in and across classrooms, schools, districts, communities, and in local, national and international educational organizations. (IB)

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:

**World Studies Research Project: 30 points**
- Individually or with a partner, students will design a web-based research project on a topic in world studies for middle or high school students. Students will also prepare and deliver a presentation of their world studies research project to the class. Courses in world studies use the social sciences to examine both historical and/or contemporary social events and issues. The project should offer middle or high school students an opportunity to use technology to deepen their
understanding of particular places, concepts, events, and/or issues related to a topic within world studies. Standards addressed by this assignment: NCSS 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.8 & 1.9; ILCAS: SS 1; IPTS: 1, 4 & 8; ITS: 2, 3, 7 & 8; CF: 5.

**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, 4, 8 & 10; CF: 1, 4 and 5.

**Digital Presentation: 10 points**
- Teacher candidates use their analysis of their unit, samples of student work and further research to develop a digital presentation (ie. PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) to present to peers, co-teacher educators, other school professional personnel and university faculty. The digital presentation will focus on lessons learned from teaching with a global framework. Candidates should include a self-assessment of the unit using the LUC SOE conceptual framework and IB criteria.

**Transdisciplinary/Interdisciplinary Curriculum Unit: 20 points**
- Teacher candidates develop a unit drawn from the sequence summative assessment (year-long MYP social studies course plan) with interdisciplinary connections, including the arts, in an IB setting. Candidates will be required to address the criteria used to plan IB interdisciplinary curriculum unit for an MYP (6-8 or 9-10) setting. 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.

**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 in discussions. 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, as well as completing a reader response.

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/