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Module Information
Dates: February 13 – April 5, 2018
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Times: 8:15-12:45
On-Campus Location: Mundelein Center Room 508
School-Site Location: Helen C. Peirce School of International Studies
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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, 1I, 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

**Grading Policy & Scale:**
The final grade is based upon the completion of course requirements, as weighted above and following this scale:

- 93% - 100% A
- 90% - 92% A-
- 87% - 89% B+
- 83% - 86% B
- 80% - 82% B-
- 77% - 79% C+
- 73% - 76% C
- 70% - 72% C-
- 67% - 69% D+
- 63% - 66% D
- 60% - 62% D-
- Below 60% F

**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 classroom teacher(s) how they wish to be contacted regarding any special circumstances. Make arrangements and notify everyone involved before a scheduled absence.

If you are unable to attend class, it is your responsibility to:
- Notify the instructor in advance. Please note that informing the instructor does not excuse your absence. If there is an emergency, contact your professor as soon as reasonably possible. After missing one day of the module, it is necessary to contact your professor to discuss implications for your grade and participation in the sequence.
- Send assignments that are due.
- Obtain handouts, assignments, class notes, and information about activities from a classmate prior to the meeting of the next class.
- Be prepared for the next class.

Please see the rubric for course participation on Sakai.

Check your email regularly. Please understand that you will not be excused from responsibility for course requirements or other course changes/announcements due to failure to check your email regularly.

Hand held electronic/communication devices and laptop computers must be used discriminately and professionally per our discussion in class.
Currently Assessed Disposition:

- Demonstrating professionalism through personal responsibility and accountability related to attendance, participation and communication.
- Demonstrating professionalism and reflective practice in collaborating with teachers, students, administrators, families, and communities to improve achievement for all students.
- Participating in ongoing professional development, reading, and research in order to deepen their knowledge and expand their repertoire of skills.
- Maintaining one’s own intellectual, emotional and physical well-being to effectively fulfill one’s professional responsibilities

School of Education Policies and Information

Conceptual Framework and Conceptual Framework Standards

Each syllabus is required to have a statement explaining how the SOE’s Conceptual Framework (CF)—Social Action through Education—is exemplified within the context of the particular course. As a part of this statement, faculty need to attend to how the course addresses diversity and the social justice mission of the School of Education.

If the course(s) you are teaching houses a Core Assessment for one or more of the CF standards for your program area, it is critical that you include the CF standard(s) and describe how it weaves through the course and is assessed. For your reference: our conceptual framework is described here - www.luc.edu/education/mission/

SOE Conceptual Framework Standards (CFS)

- CFS1: Candidates critically evaluate current bodies of knowledge in their field.
- CFS2: Candidates apply culturally responsive practices that engage diverse communities.
- CFS3: Candidates demonstrate knowledge of ethics and social justice.
- CFS4: Candidates engage with local and/or global communities in ethical and socially just practices.

Module Assignments

- **Module Participation: 20% of final grade**
  - 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.

- **Transdisciplinary/Interdisciplinary Curriculum Unit: 40% of final grade**
  - Teacher candidates collaborate using a workshop model to write an IB PYP transdisciplinary unit. Teacher candidates work with their partner to write a PYP unit that includes all of the IB PYP essential elements of the planner. Candidates collaborate with their co-teacher partner and draw from the IB scope & sequence for each content area.

- **Lesson Implementation and Reflection: 20% of final grade**
Teacher candidates will be observed for two to three lessons taught during the curriculum unit. Candidates should submit a detailed lesson plan for each of these lessons. After the lesson, candidates will submit a reflection separately on lesson implementation.

- **Digital Presentation: 10% of final grade**
  - Teacher candidates use their analysis of their unit, samples of student work and further research to develop a digital presentation (i.e. 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.

- **Sequence Summative Assessment: 10% of final grade for TLSC 350; 10% of final grade for TLSC 340**
  - 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 for a specific age or grade-level or course within a particular content area 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.

### Module Readings

Candidates in all programs (PYP, MYP and DP) will use the following readings and resources:

- **Learner profile guide**
- **LiveText**
  
  http://luc.edu/education/admission/tuition/course-management-fee/

The following readings and resources are specific to particular programs in IB:

- **Making the PYP happen**
- **MYP: The Next Chapter**
- **DP from principles into practice**

### 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 lifelong learning in the Chicago area.

Specifically grounded in the overarching principles of *Social Action through Education*, this module focuses on the individualized learning needs of diverse students in urban schools, emphasizing the role of the teacher in
making educational decisions and advocating for students. Candidates must utilize current literature in bilingual, special, and literacy education to critically evaluate practices and apply knowledge and skills with diverse students. Our conceptual framework is described here: www.luc.edu/education/mission/

**Technology**
Candidates will be responsible for regularly accessing their Sakai accounts at http://sakai.luc.edu. Sakai will be used to post the syllabus, course documents, and other relevant information. Candidates will also be responsible for activating their LiveText accounts. Candidates **MUST** use their Loyola University Chicago email address with LiveText. This course requires the use of LiveText in order for candidates to submit all course assessments.

In the case study planning, implementation, analyses, and presentation with individual students, teacher candidates will utilize technology. Teacher candidates will use technology in order to collect (e.g. AimsWeb), record (e.g., digital voice recorder), analyze (e.g., research coding software), and share assessment data (e.g., Google site).

**Diversity**
By focusing on individual, diverse students in urban classrooms, this module addresses multiple perspectives on diversity, including but not limited to the diversity in students' backgrounds (i.e., culture, language, ability) and classroom and school contexts (e.g., bilingual education, instructional contexts for students with special needs).

Dialogue is expected to be open and honest while remaining respectful and appropriate at all times in order to foster deeper understanding of issues pertaining to diversity. Diversity will be defined to include issues of race, gender, religion, orientation, income, and abilities. As part of Loyola’s commitment to social justice, issues of diversity will be discussed in relation to equity, sensitivity, and prosocial practices. In our class discussions and your writing, please adhere to the recommendations made by TASH regarding the use of “People First” language. If interested, an article outlining those recommendations will be provided to you by your instructor.

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**Syllabus Addendum**

**IDEA Course Evaluation Link for Students**
Each course you take in the School of Education is evaluated through the IDEA Campus Labs system. We ask that when you receive an email alerting you that the evaluation is available that you promptly complete it. To learn more about IDEA or to access the website directly to complete your course evaluation go to: http://luc.edu.idea/ and click on **STUDENT IDEA LOGIN** on the left hand side of the page.

**Dispositions**
All students are assessed on one or more dispositional areas of growth across our programs: **Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice**. The instructor in your course will identify the dispositions assessed in this course and you can find the rubrics related to these dispositions in LiveText. **For those students in non-degree programs, the rubric for dispositions may be available through Sakai, TaskStream or another platform.** Disposition data is reviewed by program faculty on a regular basis. This allows faculty to work with students to develop throughout their program and address any issues as they arise.
LiveText
All students, except those who are non-degree, must have access to LiveText to complete the benchmark assessments aligned to the Conceptual Framework Standards and all other accreditation, school-wide and/or program-wide related assessments. You can access more information on LiveText here: LiveText.

Syllabus Addendum Link

- www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/

This link directs students to statements on essential policies regarding academic honesty, accessibility, ethics line reporting and electronic communication policies and guidelines. We ask that you read each policy carefully.

This link will also bring you to the full text of our conceptual framework that guides the work of the School of Education – Social Action through Education.