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**TLLSC 340: Teaching and Learning in an Area of Specialization  
Sequence 6: Integrating Content, Cultures and Communities**

*Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities*

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**Module Information**

Dates: January 16 – February 8, 2018

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Times: 8:15-12:45

On-Campus Location: Corboy Law Center 204

School-Site Location: Room 215 @ Ogden International School of Chicago, East Campus (24 W. Walton St)

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**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. Candidates focus on connecting content to students' 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 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. Candidates consider post-assessment and analyze the data to understand the teaching and learning of the specific content..

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**Module Goals and Objectives**

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)
- Monitor and adjust 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 a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)
- Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
- Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
- Learning to apply knowledge and skills to benefit others or serve the public good

### **The School of Education’s Conceptual Framework**

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.

The SOE’s Conceptual Framework (CF) focuses on ***Social Action through Education***. SOE Conceptual Framework Standards (CFS) are:

- 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.

In this module, candidates are prepared to take social action in the form of highly effective inclusive elementary education that is rooted in principles of **social justice** and **diversity**. The

module assignment of an instructional unit plan supported by class discussions and classroom experiences most directly addresses CFS 1. This course addresses diversity and the **social justice** mission of the School of Education by requiring candidates to integrate readings with instructional practice in classrooms with a diverse range of students. Through cycles of planning, teaching, and reflection with the support of the instructor and co-teacher educators, candidates further develop the skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary to be excellent social studies educators for all students.

### **Currently Assessed Disposition:**

All students are assessed on dispositional areas of growth across our programs: *Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice*. During this coursework, students will be assessed:

- Demonstrating professionalism through personal responsibility and accountability related to attendance, participation and communication (D17).
- Participating in ongoing professional development, reading, and research in order to deepen their knowledge and expand their repertoire of skills (D5).
- Valuing and utilizing the unique identities and backgrounds of all students, families and communities as essential assets in learning environments (D7).
- Implementing proactive and preventive practices that represents an understanding that student behavior is shaped by complex environmental factors (D11).
- Demonstrating that his/her personal and professional expectations and capacities influence the motivation, positive learning results and achievement of students (D12)

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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:

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

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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 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.

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**Module Assignments**

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

- ***Classroom Practice Reflective Journals: 20% of final grade***  
Candidates submit three (3) journal entries that reflect their analysis on class observation, teaching, and interaction with teachers and children (300-400 words/journal entry). Reflections should discuss students' experiences, observations, and intellectual and professional growth in relation to teaching and learning.
- ***Content-Specific, Standards-Aligned Curriculum Unit: 30% of final grade [20% for Special Education Endorsement Students]***
  - Candidates, with the support of their cooperating teacher, will develop a standards-based unit using the Understanding by Design framework. This UbD unit will include, at minimum, **two** content-specific, literacy-focused lesson plans. The lesson plans must include instruction in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and/or viewing within a content area. Candidates must also provide evidence of the effective use of technology, suitable to instructional goals and to enhance teaching and learning. Candidates should provide evidence of the application of the principles of Universal Design for Learning.
- ***Assessment Plan: 20% of final grade***
  - As part of the Curriculum Unit required for TLSC 340, candidates are required to create a comprehensive assessment plan. The assessment plan 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 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.
- ***Sequence Summative Assessment: 10% of final grade for TLSC 340; 10% of final grade for TLSC 350***
  - 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 trans-disciplinary 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.

- ***[Special Education Endorsement Student Only] Inclusive Observation Project: 10% of final grade.***

At your school site, you will spend time in a classroom setting that uses inclusive supports. For this Inclusion Observation Project, you are required to observe in an inclusive classroom, interview a staff member and a student (or another staff member) regarding their perspectives on inclusion, and compare these observations/responses to what you already know about inclusion.

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### **Module Readings/Required Texts**

- Hall, T.E., Meyer, A., & Rose, D. (2012). *Universal design for learning in the classroom: Practical applications*. NY: Guilford Press
- Wiggins, G. & McTighe, J. (2004). *Understanding by design* professional development workbook: Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.
- LiveText  
<http://luc.edu/education/admission/tuition/course-management-fee/>

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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/](http://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*.

### Course Calendar

Date	Topic	Reading Assignment	Assignment	Candidate Activities with Cooperating Teacher
Tuesday, January 16	-Intro to the module			N/A
Thursday, January 18	-Ogden East overview -UbD Overview and Stage 1	Wiggins and McTighe 1-133	Classroom Journal Entry 1 due 1/19 (Livetext)	-Meet cooperating teachers -Observe for UbD and assist in classroom
Tuesday, January 23	Stage 2	Wiggins and McTighe 136-161		-Assist in classroom -Discuss leading at least two Mini Lessons during the module - plan for the pre and post assessment
Thursday, January 25	Stage 2	Wiggins and McTighe 162-210	Classroom Journal Entry 2 due 1/26 (Livetext)	-Assist in classroom -Possible Mini Lesson
Tuesday, January 30	Stage 3	Wiggins and McTighe 212-240		-Assist in classroom -Possible Mini Lesson
Thursday, February 1	UDL I	Hall et al. Chapters 1-5	Classroom Journal Entry 3 due 2/2 (Livetext)	-Assist in classroom -Possible Mini Lesson
Tuesday, February 6	UDL II Independent Work Day with your partner	UDL handouts	Assessment Plan due 2/8 (Livetext)	Independent work day with your partner (or collaborating teacher)
Thursday, February 8	UDL III  Participation Evaluation	Hall Chapters 6-10	-Instructional Unit due 2/16 (Livetext)	-Assist in classroom -Possible Mini Lesson -If you haven't yet, discuss co-planning and co-teaching of interdisciplinary unit