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**TLLSC 340-008: 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 16 – February 8, 2017

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Times: 8am – 11:35am

On Campus Location: Crown 200W

School-Site Location: Roberto Clemente Community Academy, 1147 N Western Ave

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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 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.

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## 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

#### **Grading Policy & Scale:**

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

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>A</b>	93%	93-100
<b>A-</b>	90%	90-92
<b>B+</b>	87%	87-89
<b>B</b>	83%	83-86
<b>B-</b>	80%	80-82
<b>C+</b>	77%	77-79
<b>C</b>	73%	73-76
<b>C-</b>	70%	70-72
<b>D+</b>	67%	67-69
<b>D</b>	63%	63-66

<b>F</b>	62% and Below	0-62

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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.

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**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, 8, 18, 19 & 20, H6, PS 3; IPTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

***Local to National 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 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.

***Classroom Profile: 20 points***

- While at their school site, candidates will choose one classroom on which to focus for this essay. Candidates will 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? 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.

***Reflective Papers: 20 points***

- Students will write occasional reflections of 200 to 300 words. Journal entries Students will 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. Standards addressed by this assignment: IPTS: 1, 4, 8 & 10; CF: 1, 4 and 5.

***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.

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### **Dispositions:**

All students are assessed on one or more dispositional areas of growth across our programs: ***Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice***. The specific dispositions assessed in this module relating to these three areas of growth are listed below dispositions assessed and you can find the rubrics in LiveText. 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.

In this module, you will be assessed on the following dispositions:

- D4: Demonstrating professionalism and reflective practice in collaborating with teachers, students, administrators, families, and communities to improve achievement for all students. (9N IB)
- D5: Participating in ongoing professional development, reading, and research in order to deepen their knowledge and expand their repertoire of skills. (9O,IB)
- D8: Demonstrating how one's beliefs about diverse learners impact teaching and learning and reflecting upon how one's actions affect others by demonstrating respect, fair-mindedness, empathy, and ethical behavior toward all learners, including respect for students' right to privacy (1F, 9I, 9J, IB)
- D13: Demonstrating high levels of personal engagement and investment in all students' learning while remaining persistent in seeking strategies for reaching students who are not initially successful.

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### **Required Texts:**

*All required readings will be posted to the course Sakai site or distributed by the instructor.*

### **Course Websites**

- Sakai – <https://sakai.luc.edu/x/ZR0kVF>
  - LiveText – [www.livetext.com](http://www.livetext.com)
  - Social Studies Resources - <https://sites.google.com/site/teachingsocialsciences/>
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### **Conceptual Framework and Conceptual Framework Standards**

The School of Education's mission is ***Social Action through Education***. You can read a full description of how the SOE conceptualizes and operationalized our mission here - [www.luc.edu/education/mission/](http://www.luc.edu/education/mission/)

The SOE's Conceptual Framework has been articulated as four standards that inform the planning and delivery of programs, courses, and modules. The 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 social studies teaching that is rooted in principles of social justice. The module assignments, discussion, and classroom experiences most directly address CFS 2 and 4 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.

### **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.

### **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***.