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TLSC 407: Educational Policy for Diverse Students
Sequence 3: Policy and Practice in Urban Classrooms
Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities
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Module Information

Dates: July 5 – Aug 11, 2017
Days: Mondays & Wednesdays
Times: 1-3pm Section 001;
4-6pm Section 002
On-campus Location: Mund 406 Section 001;
Mund 205 Section 002

Module Readings

- Carter, P. L., & Welner, K. G. (Eds.). (2013). Closing the opportunity gap: What America must do to give every child an even chance. Oxford.
 - Other Assigned Readings will be Made Available on Sakai
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Module Description

By focusing on the policy and practice in urban classrooms, this module addresses multiple perspectives on diversity, including 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). This module engages teacher candidates in looking at how educational policies manifest in daily practice with diverse students in urban schools, such as Common Core State Standards; bilingual, English language learning, and other language policies, special education policies, and more. Through this module, teacher candidates: (a) learn the policies, laws, and court cases related to various policies, (b) see how educational policies are enacted into classroom practice to support students, and (c) make suggestions on continued ways to improve the achievement of diverse students in urban classrooms and schools.

Module Goals

Essential Questions:

- What are the critical issues, laws and policies in historical American education?
- What are the critical issues, laws and policies in contemporary American education?
- How are local educational actors impacted by local, national and international forces?
- How do broader societal issues (e.g., racism, economy) connect with educational issues?
- What is the role of the teacher leader/advocate in the broader realm of educational policy?

As a part of this module, candidates will understand that effective educators:

- Enact principles of social justice in the school and community by promoting human rights, reducing inequalities, and increasing the empowerment of society's most vulnerable groups.
- Apply knowledge of policy and local, state, national, and international 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:

- Articulate core principles of social justice embedded in the LUC School of Education's Conceptual Framework and Enduring Understanding 1.
- Recognize the history, structure, politics, economics, values, needs, etc. of schools and their surrounding communities. (a1C, a1E, c1C, e1D)
- Explain the current and historical role of municipal authorities in public and private education.
- Explain the current and historical role of state educational agencies in public and private education.
- Explain the current and historical role of the federal government in public and private education.
- Describe how landmark court cases and key federal and state school legislation and policy have influenced teaching and learning over time.
- Acknowledge the leadership role that teachers play in local, national and international educational communities. (i1E) (IB)
- Analyze policy (e.g. Common Core State Standards) and evaluate the implications of educational policy and legislation for students, classroom practice, school organization and resource allocation. (d1F, e1A, g1H, i2C)
- Demonstrate that teaching is a complex practice with inherently political and ethical implications. (i1F)
- Engage in advocacy efforts grounded in ethical convictions that promote social justice and affect policy design and implementation. (i2I) (IB)
- Demonstrate the critical importance and need for teacher leadership in and across classrooms, schools, districts, communities, and in local, national and international educational organizations. (IB)

IDEA Objectives for the Objectives Selection Form

- To facilitate the process for online course evaluations developed by IDEA and delivered by Campus Labs, please include no more than 3 – 5 objectives as an essential or important objective for the course on your syllabus.

- Multiple sections of the same course should have the same essential and/or important objectives (check with your Program Chair to see if your course is in this category).
- Be sure to rate these objectives as essential or important on your Objectives Selection Form (OSF) for the IDEA online course assessment, and to rate the remaining objectives as minor.

The 13 possible objectives you will select from are listed below:

1. Gaining a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)
2. Developing knowledge and understanding of diverse perspectives, global awareness, or other cultures
3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
4. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
5. Acquiring skills in working with others as a member of a team
6. Developing creative capacities (inventing; designing; writing; performing in art, music drama, etc.)
7. Gaining a broader understanding and appreciation of intellectual/cultural activity (music, science, literature, etc.)
8. Developing skill in expressing oneself orally or in writing
9. Learning how to find, evaluate and use resources to explore a topic in depth
10. Developing ethical reasoning and/or ethical decision making
11. Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view
12. Learning to apply knowledge and skills to benefit others or serve the public good
13. Learning appropriate methods for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting numerical information

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 below:

<http://www.luc.edu/education/admission/tuition/course-management-fee/>

Grading Policy & Scale:

- Assignments submitted after the date will receive a lower grade per the following: 1 day=5%, 3 days 10%, 4-7 days 15%
- All assignments must be submitted via LiveText, unless otherwise noted.
- Students are expected to use APA style (6th ed.) for citing references. When quoting and paraphrasing sources, or adapting an idea from a source, those sources must be cited.

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

A	93 - 100
A-	90 - 92
B+	87 - 89
B	83 - 86
B-	80 - 82
C+	77 - 79

C	73 - 76
C-	70 - 72
D	61 - 69
F	60 - 0

Attendance:

Attendance is required. 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.

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.
- Submit 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 Note the Following Additional Guidelines:

- 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 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. The reader response can be found in the “forums” section of the Sakai webpage. In 200-300 words, candidates should provide:
 - (a) a description of key points,
 - (b) reflect on interesting and confusing aspects of the reading, and
 - (c) write one question for the group.
- ***Weekly Reflective Paper: 45% of final grade***
 - Each week candidates will reflect upon their learning and experiences at the school site related to the module objectives and essential questions. The reflections will be submitted electronically to LiveText.

- **Policy Analysis Project: 25 % of final grade**
 - In collaborative teams, candidates: (a) select a particular piece of legislation, a court case, or policy, (b) research historical and contemporary impact on education, (c) examine how the law/case/policy affects school and community actors, (d) analyze layers of local, national and international forces, (e) identify and reflect upon social justice issues emergent in their research, and (f) identify the role of the teacher in the advocacy of the law and/or teaching self-advocacy skills.
 - **Sequence Summative: 10% of final grade**
 - You will complete a Teacher Study at the end of this sequence. Your grade on that assessment will factor in to 10 percent of your final grade for this module.
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Dispositions

All courses in the SOE assess student dispositions. As a result, your syllabus is required to have a statement describing which SOE dispositions will be assessed in the course: **Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice**. Full transparency is critical to ensure that students are able to meet the expectations in this area. *Please be sure to state the disposition or dispositions that are assessed in the course and direct students to where they can locate the rubric on LiveText*. A description of how we use disposition data in the SOE is included in the SOE syllabus addendum

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.
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School of Education Policies and Information

Technology

To complete the policy and practice analysis for this course, candidates will regularly engage with technology. Teacher candidates will (1) seek out information on the internet and in databases about

various policies, programs, and contexts, (2) use software to organize and analyze data for the case study, and (3) observe various uses of technology in classroom rounds.

Diversity

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The following link <http://luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/> directs you to School of Education and Loyola University statements related to issues of:

- Academic Honesty,
- Accessibility,
- the Conceptual Framework,
- the EthicsLine Reporting Hotline, and
- the Electronic Communication Policies and Guidelines.

Please use the above link to review important information regarding each of these issues.

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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.

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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**.