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Social Studies in a Field-Based Setting
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2016

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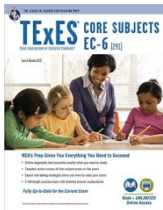
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COURSE INFORMATION

Required textbook:



Rosado, L. (2016). *TEXES Core Subjects EC-6 (291)*. Piscataway, NJ: Research & Education Association, Inc.

National Council for the Social Studies <http://www.socialstudies.org/>

Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Part II Chapter 113. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies: Subchapter A (K-5) and Subchapter B (6th). PDF versions available at the bottom of the webpage <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/index.html>

Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Part II Chapter 126. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications: Subchapter A (K-5) and Subchapter B (6th). PDF versions available at the bottom of the webpage <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter126/index.html>

English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074a.html#74.4>

Course Description:

This field-based course will focus on how EC-6 children learn and develop knowledge and skills in social studies, varied instructional and assessment strategies that require high expectations and worthwhile opportunities for all students; Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in social studies and resources for teaching grades EC-6.

Course Objectives:

Domain III, Competency 19-23 (Social Studies) and Domain IV

Student Learning Outcomes:

Objectives for the course will be based upon the Texas Educator Standards so that the students may have the experiences that lead to the knowledge and skills that an entry-level educator in the field of elementary education in the area of Social Studies in Texas public school must possess.

Social Studies:

1. Understand that the eight strands of the TEKS for social studies are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes.
2. Realize that a greater depth of understanding of complex content material can be attained when social studies content is integrated with other disciplines, through project-based learning while incorporating critical-thinking skills.
3. Build a foundation in history, geography, economics, government, citizenship, culture, science, technology, and society/social study skills.
4. Understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic values of our state and nation as referenced in the Texas Education Code, 28.002(h).
5. Demonstrate effective strategies for all learners including but not limited to English Language Learners and Special Needs Learners.
6. Actively participate in seminar activities and course assignments in ways that demonstrate their development as professional educators.

Domain III Social Studies comprises approximately 19% of the TExES Generalist EC-6 (191). In this course we will work with the Social Studies Essential Knowledge and Skills for grades K-6. The TEKS will be paired with the Educator Competencies.

Social Science Instruction-Competency 019 (Standards 1, 2, 3): The teacher understands and applies social science knowledge and skills to plan, organize, and implement instruction and assess learning.

History- Competency 020 (Standard 4): The teacher understands and applies knowledge of significant historical events and developments, multiple historical interpretations and ideas, and relationships between the past, the present, and the future as defined by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Geography and Culture- Competency 021 (Standards 5, 9): The teacher understands and applies knowledge of geographic relationships involving people, places, and environments in Texas, the United States, and the world; and also understands and applies knowledge of cultural development, adaptation, diversity, and interactions among science, technology, and society as defined by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Economics- Competency 022 (Standard 6): The teacher understands and applies knowledge of economic systems and how people organize economic systems to produce, distribute, and consume goods and services.

Government and Citizenship-Competency 023 (Standards 7 & 8): The teacher understands and applies knowledge of government, democracy, and citizenship, including ways that individuals and groups achieve their goals through political systems.

Science, Technology, and Society (Standard X): The social studies teacher understands developments in science and technology, and uses this knowledge to facilitate student understanding of the social and environmental consequences of scientific discovery and technological innovation.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

This course consists of a series of activities, experiences/observations in the field, and assessments to assist you in achieving the outcomes/objectives for the course and instructional units. The student will consistently work on various combinations of assignments, activities, field experiences/observations, discussions, readings, research, etc.

Professionalism - 200 points

Class periods are completely interactive. If you miss, it is virtually impossible to make-up planned interactive learning opportunities. Students will attend and be ready to participate in class discussions, with assigned readings, and contribute to group activities. This includes turning in homework in a timely and professional manner. This also includes professional behaviors at your field-based assignment. Student Learning Outcomes: 1,2,4, 7

Assessment Method: Professional rubric determined by the Instructional Leadership Team

The Reflective Teacher – 100 points
Lesson Observation Write up
Articles/Books/Blogs Study Reflection

You will read articles, books, and blogs relating to teaching social studies. You will comment on these readings and be ready to add to the class discussion. You will conduct a field-based investigation on your assigned campus observing a social studies lesson performed by your mentor or another teacher. You will make notes on the teaching and learning strategies, technology, lesson delivery, manipulative usage, lesson cycle implementation, classroom management, and assessment. We will discuss - these in class and determine how they relate to the pedagogy you have studied in your courses up to this point and the articles discussed in class. You will then write a paper that synthesizes all that you learned from your placement and from the articles that we discussed in class. Student Learning Outcomes: 1-7 (PPR Standards 2.1k, 2.1s, 2.2s) (ELA/Reading Standards 1-12; PPR Standards 1.1k-1.6k, 1.25k; TEC 38.003)

Assessment Method: Discussion rubric, writing rubric

Cross Curricular Unit – 100 points

Working together in a cooperative group you will design and present a five day integrated lesson plan based on TEKS. You must integrate language arts, math, social studies, and science throughout the lesson plan. Make use of all the pedagogy that you have learned to this point in your classes.

Student Learning Outcomes: 1-6 Standard I. Domain I. 1.19k, 1.24k, 1.20k, 1.23k, 1.24k, 1.25k, 1.26k
Standard III. Domain III. 3.2k, 3.3k, 3.4k, 3.5k, 3.6k, 3.7k, 3.8k, 3.12k, 3.13k, 3.14k, 3.15k, 4.10k

Assessment Method: Presentation of lesson, lesson evaluation based on provided rubric

Core Subject Presentation – 100 points

You will participate in a TExES cooperative group that utilizes the textbook. Your group will share with your peers your chosen or assigned chapter to present a plan of action

Students are to log and turn in at least six hours of outside study activities.

The seminar team will guide students on test taking strategies and resources for TExEs.

Student Learning Outcomes: 1-7

Assessment Method: Documentation of study procedures and resources. Success on the EC-6 Core Subject TExES.

Content Final – 100 points

Instructions for Certify Teacher:

1. Go to <http://www.certifyteacher.com>
2. Select the study guide you wish to purchase – make sure to select the **online** version option. Remember – access is granted until you receive a passing grade from the state
3. Click **Login** under the **Apply Promo Code** option in the **My Shopping Cart** page
4. Click **Sign In** under “I Don’t Have an Account Yet” to create your account – make sure to use your **university e-mail address** when creating the account – the promo code will **not** work for any other e-mail.
5. Enter the Promo Code **TEXES4728** when prompted. The price will drop to the discount price after that (\$25)
6. Select **Accept** in the **Six Clock-Hours Requirement** window for your promo code to be validated
7. Complete the purchase transaction by providing your credit card information. You will be able to access your online readiness review solution seconds after the purchase transaction is complete

Student Learning Outcomes: 1-7

Assessment Method: Comprehensive exam on each subject through Certify Teacher

Final Grading:

Grading will reflect a combination of seminar and fieldwork. Field focus: prior preparation, strength and delivery of lessons, knowledge of subject matter, utilization of lesson design, and assessment of student progress. A grading sheet will be handed out in class.

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Social Studies Lesson Observation Write Up	50	
Social Studies – Articles/Books/Blogs Study Reflection	50	
Social Studies EC-6 Content Final	100	
Cross Curricular Unit	100	
Core Subject Presentation	100	
Field Supervision Evaluation (1 st placement)	100	
Field Supervision Evaluation (2 nd placement)	100	
Field Supervision Evaluation	100	
Mentor 1 Final Grade	50	
Mentor 2 Final Grade	50	
Professionalism	200	
Total Points	1000	

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The following information has been provided to assist you in preparing to use technology successfully in this course.

- Regular access to leomail.
- Internet access/connection – high speed recommended (not dial-up)
- Word Processor (i.e. MS Word or Word Perfect)

Our campus is optimized to work in a Microsoft Windows environment. This means our courses work best if you are using a Windows operating system (XP or newer) and a recent version of Microsoft Internet Explorer (6.0, 7.0, or 8.0).

Your courses will also work with Macintosh OS X along with a recent version of Safari 2.0 or better. Along with Internet Explorer and Safari, eCollege also supports the Firefox browser (3.0) on both Windows and Mac operating systems.

It is strongly recommended that you perform a “Browser Test” prior to the start of your course. To launch a browser test, login in to eCollege, click on the ‘myCourses’ tab, and then select the “Browser Test” link under Support Services.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

This course will be facilitated using eCollege, the Learning Management System used by Texas A&M University-Commerce. To get started with the course, go to: <https://leo.tamuc.edu/login.aspx>. Another shortcut is <http://online.tamuc.org>. You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement:

Constant communication with your mentors, field supervisor, and your course professors is essential to your professional growth and development. Email is preferred for most messages, using your leomail, and your mentors school email. Our field supervisors and college professors have expressed their preferred email, as follows:

freida.golden@tamuc.edu
evelyn.lawson@tamuc.edu
sarah.guthery@tamuc.edu

Telephone is appropriate for many conversations. Reasonable business hours should be observed, between 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., weekdays.

You must contact your field supervisor if you will be missing your assigned campus day or seminar.

Texas A&M University-Commerce provides students technical support in the use of eCollege. The student help desk may be reached by the following means 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- **Chat Support:** Click on *'Live Support'* on the tool bar within your course to chat with an eCollege Representative.
- **Phone:** 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- **Email:** helpdesk@online.tamuc.org to initiate a support request with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- **Help:** Click on the *'Help'* button on the toolbar for information regarding working with eCollege (i.e. How to submit to dropbox, How to post to discussions etc...)

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES

Course Specific Procedures:

Withdrawal Policy:

Every student has the right to drop the course without penalty until the drop-date. Students dropping the course during this period will be given a DP (drop while passing). A grade of DP is GPA neutral, but a grade of DF counts as an F on your transcript. If you choose to stop attending class, you may be dropped from the course due to excessive absences. If you are not satisfied with your grade in the course and wish you to drop, it is YOUR responsibility to drop the course. Once a grade of DP or DF has been registered, I will not be able to change it. A student may drop a course by logging into their myLEO account and clicking on the hyperlink labeled 'Drop a class' from among the choices found under the myLEO section of the Web page.

Financial Aid Support:

You will be dropped from class if you have not paid the balance due on their accounts. If you need assistance to pay your balance, please contact the Loan Office (903-886-5051). There are also **forgivable loans**. You may want to check in to this by contacting the Bursar's Office for more details.

Attendance Policy:

This is required and is essential to your success in this class. Participants are expected to be on time and to actively and constructively participate. Your absences will affect your professionalism grade. **If you miss 3 or more classes you may/will be referred to the Curriculum & Instruction Department for possible dismissal. Remember: Class activities and group discussions cannot be made up.**

As a future teacher, it is in your best interests to begin the professional habits of effective teachers now. In consideration of this when you find you must be absent in class **please adhere to the following guidelines:**

1. Notify the professor by email or text as soon as you realize you will need to be absent, or you miss class.
2. Notify your classroom partner to get notes and pick up materials for you.

MyLeo:

As a student, your email account is through MyLeo. Please check the status of your accounts as this is the only way the university has on contacting you and informing you of important information. It is available to you 24/7 **at <https://leo.tamuc-commerce.edu/login.aspx>.**

Disruptions by Electronic Media:

Cell phones/ laptops/ tablets/ any other electronics: These items must be turned off during class time. If you are expecting an emergency call inform the professor and your group. In addition, the phone must be on vibrate and set on the table. If the phone vibrates, pick it up and leave the room. **It is important to keep your phone put away, as it disrupts your learning and the learning of those around you.**

If you feel the need to take notes on your electronic media, then you must be sitting toward the front, typing when we are talking and those around you may not be looking at your screen. Electronic media may never be out during testing.

Assignment Policy:

All assignments are **due on the date assigned** unless otherwise approved by the instructor. All **assignments that are late will have 10% per day deducted**. Late means they are not turned in when class meets on the day they are due. You are a professional and must present yourself in a way to show responsibility. Assignments will be either handed in during class meeting or emailed to the professor. All completed/graded assignments must be picked up by the end of the semester or they will be discarded.

Written Assignments:

All written assignments are expected to exhibit professional quality. You should demonstrate mastery of organizing, structuring, and editing in your writing. Letters/materials written by you as a professional and sent to parents/administrators must be as perfect as possible. Begin that practice now! Therefore, if you need extra help, the Writing Center can assist you.

See <http://web.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/artsSciences/departments/literatureLanguages/>

a. Written Assignments should be:

*double spaced

*1" top and left side margins, 1" bottom and right side margins

*12 point font size

*revised for clarity and meaning

*edited for accuracy in grammar and mechanics

*saved on computer disk or copied on paper for your records

Academic Honesty Policy: Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate **plagiarism** and other forms of academic **dishonesty**. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. "Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.

Suggested sites for reference regarding what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it: <http://www.plagiarism.org/>

or <http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/plagiarism.html>

or <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

Plagiarism will result in a grade of "F" for the course and may result in your dismissal from the program.

Department Statement:

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction believes that students with dyslexia and other language disorders deserve the right to proper identification and educational intervention. These students should have access to evidenced-based instruction that meets their educational needs. To that end, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction prepares teachers to identify, assess, and provide multisensory instruction for students with these difficulties. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) and Texas Law (38.003 Screening and Treatment for Dyslexia and Related Disorders, §74.28. Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders) the Department of Curriculum and Instruction supports the learning and teaching of instruction that assists all students including those with dyslexia and other language disorders.

Anti-Discrimination Statement:

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

University Specific Procedures:

ADA Statement: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library 132
Phone 903-886-5150
Fax (903) 468-8148

StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Student Conduct:

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).

The use of vapor/electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco is prohibited inside and adjacent to any building owned, leased, or operated by A&M – Commerce.

Conduct from Student Guide Handbook). **If you display disruptive behavior, you may be asked to leave class and/or drop the class.**

Campus Carry Policy:

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.