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Ed 268C: Teaching History/Social Science through the lens of Ethnic Studies

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OVERVIEW

In this continuation of Curriculum & Instruction in History/Social Science & Ethnic Studies, we will focus more deeply on the elements of an equitable classroom that fosters the values of Ethnic Studies. Teaching is a multi-faceted endeavor that necessitates good planning as well as a toolkit that supports in-the-moment decision making. This quarter is designed to help you plan your day-to-day lessons and execute those lessons in ways that support all learners. Thus, you will finalize your cohesive unit of instruction that features thinking in discipline-specific ways while supporting students' literacy development using the tools and ideas from our prior work. We'll specifically explore ways to promote the essential literacy of writing, both how to support students before they write and how to assess their writing after completion. An essential but commonly overlooked aspect of instruction and curriculum design is teaching and assessing speaking and listening. Time in class will be devoted to investigating how to design small group structured discussions as well as more complex class discussions. We will also emphasize the importance of reflective practice and continual improvement of our craft, leveraging existing resources and collaboration to foster disciplinary growth.

EXPECTATIONS

Class this quarter centers on inquiry into teaching pedagogy and strategies that support learning. This is bolstered by two types of assignments – (1) a series of assignments that focus on planning and will be a part of your final unit plan and (2) a midterm that focuses on the execution of a lesson and reflection on your in-the-moment teaching process. We will workshop these assignments in class; completing each one of these weekly assignments will help you stay on track for the final unit plan submission. Additionally, these weekly assignments provide you with plenty of feedback from instructors before the final assignment is due.

The midterm assignment asks that you rehearse a section of your inquiry lesson in front of your peers. It is our hope to emphasize the importance of professional learning communities (PLCs) where collective workshopping aids in the development of pedagogy.

ASSIGNMENTS

Type	Assessment Scheme	Description
<u>Unit Plan</u>	40%	In addition to the Unit Plan overview you created for the fall, you will create two original lessons: an inquiry, and a choice lesson that may be a cognitive model, a teacher facilitated discussion, or a modification of an existing lesson. Due: Tues., March 17th at 6pm
<u>Inquiry Lesson Rehearsals</u>	25%	You will rehearse a 10 minute section of your inquiry lesson with your classmates. Due: Tues., February 17th
<u>Weekly Assignments</u>	25%	There are credit/no credit assignments most weeks that will consist of either, (1) you creating drafts of your Unit Plan components, or (2) you bringing in artifacts or information to share with the class from your placements.
<u>Discussion Leaders for Winter Quarter</u>	10%	Similar to the Summer & Fall Quarter, you will lead a text-based 20 min discussion of the week's readings with one or more of your classmates.

REQUIRED READINGS

In addition to completing aspects of your unit, you will be reading scholarly articles on a given week's focus. You are expected to be ready to discuss the readings in class. I have tried hard to limit these to just what is necessary to emphasize salient points.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS / CLASSES / ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1 Tues, Jan 6	<p>Lecturing + A Review of Historical Responsive Literacy</p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Muhammad, G. (2020). <i>Cultivating Genius: An Equity Framework for Culturally and Historically Responsive Literacy</i>. Chapter 6 “Toward the Pursuit of Criticality.”
Week 2 Tues, Jan 13	<p>Writing Part 1: Modeling and Scaffolding Writing- Katrina joins!</p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Monte-Sano, C., De La Paz, S., & Felton, M. (2014). Chapter 4. Reading, thinking, and writing about history: Teaching argument writing to diverse learners in the Common Core classroom, grades 6-12. Teachers College Press.➤ “How to Make Students Care about Writing” by Kristina Rizga. <i>The Atlantic</i>. August 8, 2018➤ Monte-Sano, C. (2012). What makes a good history essay? Assessing historical aspects of argumentative writing. <i>Social Education</i>, 76(6), 294-298.
Week 3 Tues, Jan 20	<p>Writing Part 2: Rubrics and Assessing Writing</p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ “Inside the Black Box: Raising Standards Through Classroom Assessment” By Paul Black and Dylan William. <i>The Kappan</i>. October 1998, p. 85-87.➤ “Traditional Teaching May Deepen Inequality. Can a Different Approach Fix it?” By Beckie Supiano. Published in <i>The Chronicle of Higher Education</i>. May 6, 2018.
Week 4 Tues, Jan 27	<p>Cognitive Modeling- Visit to the MLK Institute -Kevin joins!</p> <p>Readings TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤➤ <p>Due Today: Rubric and Scaffold for Performance task</p>

Week 5 Tues, Feb 3	STEP's Winter Ethnic Studies Conference on Saturday, 1/24 No Class on 2/3
Week 6 Tues, Feb 10	Discussion Structured Student Talk & Teacher Facilitation Discussions- Kevin Joins! Reading: ➤ Reisman, A. (2017). How to Facilitate Discussions in History. <i>Educational Leadership</i> , 74(5), 30-34. ➤ “Why Talk Is Important in Classrooms” Chapter 1 of <i>Content-Area Conversations</i> by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey and Carol Rothenberg. 2008. : ➤ Reisman, Kavanagh, Fogo, et al. <i>Facilitating Whole-Class Discussions in History: A Framework for Preparing Teacher Candidates</i> . Journal of Teacher Education, 2018 Please work on Inquiry Lesson (Due Feb. 17th)
Week 7 Tues, Feb 17	Inquiry Lesson Rehearsals/Teaching Artifact Round 2 Reading: Keeping the Door Open to Collaboration https://www.edutopia.org/practice/teacher-collaboration-matching-complementary-strengths Due Today: Inquiry Lesson + Rehearsal MIDTERM! Be prepared to teach a section of your lesson to the class on this day
Week 8 Tues, Feb 24	Workshopping Unit & Sharing Praxis Reading: ➤ Muhammad; Unearthing Joy Pgs. 70-80 ➤ Muhammad; Unearthing Joy Pgs. 150-171 Due Today: Draft of Second Lesson for Unit Plan (Please use STEP Observation Lesson Plan)
Week 9 Tues, Mar 3	Panel & Presenting our Units Due Today: Slide Deck to Present your Unit Plan

	➤ Wiggins, Grant (1989). Futility of Trying to Teach Everything of Importance. <i>Educational Leadership</i> , 47(3), 44-59.
Week 10 Tues, Mar 10	Wrap up & Celebration!!

Final Unit Plan due Tuesday, March 17th by 6:00 p.m.