University of Maryland College of Education
EDCI 420
Student Teaching Seminar in Secondary Education: Social Studies

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Overview
The internship seminar accompanies the undergraduate internship. It is intended to support and extend students’ learning in the full-time teaching internship and assist with progress toward successful completion of the program.

Seminar Goals: Teacher candidates will...
- reflect, both individually and in collaboration with peers, on their own teaching practices and those of experienced teachers whom they observe (InTASC 9 & 10, EC4 – Reflection, K: All, NCSS: I - X)
- prepare to provide strong evidence of their teaching and technological proficiency through comprehensive portfolios and throughout the job search process in a manner that demonstrates high ethical standards (InTASC 9, EC 4 – Reflection, EC 5 – Innovation and Creativity, EC 6 – Responsible and Ethical Action, K: All, NCSS: varies by placement)

Expectations
Expectations related to the internship seminar are detailed in the Secondary Handbook.

Seminar Topics
Specific topics to be addressed within seminar meetings will vary throughout the semester and, within the framework provided by the course goals, will be modified to meet the needs of the cohort as the year progresses.

Major Assignments
Program Portfolio
Teacher candidates will complete a professional portfolio that demonstrates proficiency in planning, instruction, assessment of student learning, building academic language, and reflection. Teacher candidates must receive a passing score in order to successfully complete the internship. (InTASC 1-9, EC 1 – Equity and Diversity, EC 4 - Reflection, EC 5 – Innovation and Creativity, EC 7 – Specialist Competence, K: All, NCSS: varies by placement)
Maryland Teaching Technology Standards Portfolio
Teacher candidates will complete an MTTS Portfolio that demonstrates proficiency with regard to the use of technology in 7 areas: I) Information Access, Processing and Application, II) Communication, III) Legal, Social and Ethical Issues, IV) Assessment for Administration and Instruction, V) Integrating Technology into the Curriculum and Instruction, VI) Assistive Technology, VII) Professional Growth. Teacher candidates must receive a passing score in order to successfully complete the internship. (InTASC 2, 5, 6, 8 & 9, EC 1 – Equity and Diversity, EC 5 – Innovation and Creativity, EC 6 – Responsible and Ethical Action, K: Pedagogy, K: Learners, K: Educational Goals and Assessment, K: Social and Cultural Contexts, K: Technology, NCSS: varies by placement)

*Note: Successful completion of the Program Portfolio and the MTTS Portfolio is required in order to complete the Secondary Education program.

Grading:
This course is pass/fail. Successful completion of all assignments is required in order to pass the course. In addition, students will be required to participate fully in seminar meetings and to provide written reflections at intervals throughout the year.

Excused Absences:
You may be excused from your internship seminar meetings due to illness, religious observances, or compelling circumstances beyond your control. If you know that you will be absent, it is your responsibility to provide notice ahead of time.

Religious Observances:
You will not be penalized in any way for participation in religious observances. However, it is your responsibility as a student to notify me of the projected absence in writing within two weeks of the start of the semester. In such cases, we will arrange an opportunity to make up work that is missed due to such absences.

Accommodations:
If you are a student with a disability, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make the appropriate academic accommodations in consultation with Disability Support Services (301-314-7682).

Academic Integrity:
The University of Maryland's Academic Integrity Code prohibits students from cheating on exams, plagiarizing papers, submitting the same paper for credit in two courses without authorization, buying papers, submitting fraudulent documents, and forging signatures. Please write the following signed statement on each major assignment:

*I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment.*
School Closures:
In case of an emergency that closes the University such as inclement weather, you will be expected to submit assignments electronically on the due dates specified.

Course Evaluation:
Your participation in the evaluation of courses through CourseEvalUM is a responsibility you hold as a student member of our academic community. Your feedback is confidential and important to the improvement of teaching and learning at the University as well as to the tenure and promotion process. CourseEvalUM will be open for you to complete your evaluations for fall semester courses in early December. Please go directly to the website (www.courseevalum.umd.edu) to complete your evaluations. By completing all of your evaluations each semester, you will have the privilege of accessing online, at Testudo, the evaluation reports for the thousands of courses for which 70% or more students submitted their evaluations.