

**EDHD 323: CHILDREN STUDY THEIR WORLD**  
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Wednesdays, 11:00-1:00  
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**Overview:**

This course will provide a theoretical and instructional framework for understanding and implementing an appropriate and authentic social studies curriculum for young children with and without disabilities. The course will reflect current thinking about both content and instructional strategies for the social studies curriculum, and will include identification and review of extant standards and expectations for learning outcomes for all children. The relationship of social studies to other content areas will be explored, and strategies for integrating content to create a rich, meaningful curriculum will be emphasized. The importance of social, economic, and cultural contexts for development and education will be a primary focus of this course. Students will observe children's understanding of their social world within their field placements and will have opportunities to explore these understandings through interviews with children and the implementation of social studies activities.

**Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, students will demonstrate evidence of the following skills and meet the following professional standards:

1. Identify the nature and content of early childhood social studies (NAEYC: 5; CEC: 3; COE: Subject Matter, Learners, Curriculum, Social and Cultural Contexts; InTASC: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8).
2. Determine the developmental appropriateness of the goals and objectives of the social studies curriculum, and identify the developmental and learning theories which influence the construction of the social studies curriculum (NAEYC: 4; CEC: 1; COE: Learners, Curriculum, Social and Cultural Contexts; InTASC: 1, 2).
3. Understand the nature of young children's perceptions and beliefs about the social world (NAEYC: 1; CEC: 1; COE: Subject Matter, Curriculum, Learners, Social and Cultural Context; InTASC: 1, 2).
4. Identify the importance of the social context on young children's development and learning, and delineate ways in which issues of social class, race, gender, ethnicity and disability have an impact on this development and learning (NAEYC: 1; CEC: 2; COE: Learners, Social and Cultural Context, Assessment; InTASC: 2, 3, 6, 7).
5. Determine the important instructional strategies used in social studies (NAEYC: 4; CEC: 5; COE: Pedagogy, Subject Matter, Curriculum, Technology; InTASC: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8).

6. Develop planning, organization and assessment/evaluation skills for implementing social studies curricula in infant/toddler, preschool and primary settings to meet the needs of all learners (NAEYC: 3; CEC: 4; COE: Subject Matter, Pedagogy, Curriculum, Educational Goals and Assessment; InTASC: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8).
7. Understand relationships between social studies and other content areas of the curriculum, and develop strategies for integrating these for instruction (NAEYC: 5; CEC: 3; COE: Subject Matter, Pedagogy, Curriculum, Technology; InTASC: 5.6.7. 8).
8. Identify connections between professional standards of teaching (e.g., NAEYC Standards, U of MD College of Education Conceptual Knowledge Base) and appropriate content and instructional strategies (NAEYC: 6; CEC: 6; COE: All; InTASC: 9, 10)
9. Understand what it means to be a reflective practitioner (NAEYC: 6; CEC: 7; COE: All; InTASC: 9, 10).

### **Required Texts:**

Odhiambo, E., Nelson, L., & Chrisman, K. (2015). *Social studies and young children*. 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Boston: Pearson. ISBN 13: 978-0133550733.

Maxim, G.W. (2017). *Dynamic social studies*. 11<sup>th</sup> edition. Boston: Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0134286716.

**Plus additional readings as assigned, available on ELMS.**

### **Optional Text:**

Goble, C. B. (2018). *Infant-toddler social studies*. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press. ISBN-13: 978-1605545608.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. **Class participation is integral to this course.** This may involve small group discussion, planning, and presentation, in addition to general discussion. Your classmates depend on you to be present and an active participant. *Therefore, it is assumed that you will be present for class, on time, and ready to participate. If you need to be absent, please contact me beforehand. If an emergency should arise, please be sure to leave me a message via voicemail or email.*

**Please note the following:**

***The College of Education Foundational Competencies for Teacher Education includes the expectation that professional behavior of promptness and attendance extends to coursework as well as placements. This is a required part of your senior internship year.*** Please see the section on Student Expectations for further information.

2. Please **read required assignments prior to class**. While readings may not be discussed directly in class, it is assumed that you will have read the material. Please read required assignments **prior** to class so that you may participate fully in the discussion. Readings may not necessarily be discussed directly in class, but it is assumed that you will have read the materials so that it may serve as a jumping off point for discussion. Readings are essential to understanding and completing assignments successfully.

3. All written assignments are to be **typed and double-spaced and must follow APA (American Psychological Association) format**. **Due to the potential for transmission of computer viruses, electronic submissions are not accepted.**

4. **Assignments are due in class on the date scheduled, at the beginning of class. Late assignments will not be accepted.** In the event of an emergency, please contact me immediately prior to the due date, so that I may evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate course of action. Please see the section on Student Expectations for further information. **All assignments should include an Honor Code statement, written and signed by you.**

5. **Several written assignments, a small research project that includes data collection in your placement, in-class small group activities, a final project, and overall classroom participation will serve as the basis for evaluation of your performance in this course.** Each of the assignments is identified below with due dates and value; specific directions are distributed separately and will be posted on Canvas.

1. **Social Studies lesson plan**. The lesson plan will be implemented during the October Immersion week, or the following week, and is to be formally observed.

a. **OPTION 1 (IMMERSION WEEK)**: draft **9/25**; revision **10/04**; implementation **during immersion week**; analysis, reflection and final packet **11/20** MSGE.

b. **OPTION 2 (IMPLEMENTATION PRIOR TO MIDPOINT)**: draft **10/02**; revision **10/09**; implementation **week following immersion**; analysis, reflection and final packet **11/20** MSGE.

2. **Child Interview** (Due: data collection due for in class work **10/31**, group presentations, including submitted power point **11/06**) MSGE.

3. **Final Project (in lieu of a final exam): A final project that involves the development of a social studies “mini-unit” integrated with science (also due in EDSP 321), will be submitted and also presented during the final exam period** (***\*\*\*date to be determined: please do not make holiday travel plans until the final exam date is announced!***) MSGE.

4. **Participation in in-class small group activities and overall class participation** (throughout the semester)

**Grading Scheme:**

Overall Class Participation (incl. small group activities)	70 points
Child Interview and Group Data Analysis	70 points
Social Studies Lesson Plan Draft	30 points
Social Studies Lesson Plan (revision, implementation, analysis)	130 points
Final project/presentation	100 points
<b>Total:</b>	<b>400 points</b>

**GRADES WILL BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF TOTAL POINTS:**

A+ 388-400	C 296-307
A 376-387	C- 280-295
A- 360-375	D+ 268-279
B+ 348-359	D 256-267
B 336-347	D- 240-255
B- 320-335	F <240
C+ 308-319	

**CLASS POLICIES**

Please see the University's website for undergraduate course-related policies at <http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>.

**Academic integrity:** The University of Maryland, College Park has a student-administered Honor Code and Honor Pledge. For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit <http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html>. This Code sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student you are responsible for upholding these standards for this course. It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism. The code prohibits students from cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism. Instances of this include submitting someone else's work as your own, submitting your own work completed for another class without permission, or failing to properly cite information other than your own (found in journals, books, online, or otherwise). Any form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated, and any sign of academic dishonesty will be reported to the appropriate University officials.

**Special needs:** If you have a registered disability that will require accommodation, please see the instructor so necessary arrangements can be made. If you have a disability and have not yet registered with the University, please contact Disability Support Services in the Shoemaker Building (301.314.7682, or 301.405.7683 TTD) as soon as possible.

**Religious observances:** The University of Maryland policy on religious observances states that students not be penalized in any way for participation in religious observances. Students shall be allowed, whenever possible, to make up academic assignments that are

missed due to such absences. However, the must contact the instructor **before** the absence with a written notification of the projected absence, and arrangements will be made for make-up work or examinations.

**Course evaluations:** As a member of our academic community, students have a number of important responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is to submit course evaluations each term though CourseEvalUM in order to help faculty and administrators improve teaching and learning at Maryland. All information submitted to CourseEvalUM is confidential. Campus will notify you when CourseEvalUM is open for you to complete your evaluations for fall semester courses. Please go directly to the website ([www.courseevalum.umd.edu](http://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.

**Missed single class due to illness:** Once during a semester, a student's self-authored note will be accepted as an excuse for missing a minor scheduled grading event in a single class session if the note documents the date of the illness, acknowledgement from the student that information provided in the note is correct, and a statement that the student understands that providing false information is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Students are expected to attempt to inform the instructor of the illness prior to the date of the missed class.\*

**Major scheduled grading events:** Major Scheduled Grading Events (MSGE) are indicated on the syllabus. The conditions for accepting a self-signed note do not apply to these events. Written, signed documentation by a health care professional, or other professional in the case of non-medical reasons (see below) of a University-approved excuse for the student's absence must be supplied. This documentation must include verification of treatment dates and the time period for which the student was unable to meet course requirements. Providers should not include diagnostic information. Without this documentation, opportunities to make up missed assignments or assessments will not be provided.

**Non-consecutive, medically necessitated absences from multiple class sessions:** Students who throughout the semester miss multiple, non-consecutive class sessions due to medical problems must provide written documentation from a health care professional that their attendance on those days was prohibited for medical reasons.

**Non-medical excused absences:** According to University policy, non-medical excused absences for missed assignments or assessments may include illness of a dependent, religious observance, involvement in University activities at the request of University officials, or circumstances that are beyond the control of the student. Students asking for excused absence for any of those reasons must also supply appropriate written documentation of the cause and make every attempt to inform the instructor prior to the date of the missed class.

**Late Papers:** All papers and projects will be submitted at the **beginning** of class according to the schedule outlined in this syllabus. *Late papers and projects will **not** be accepted in this course and will result in a failing grade for the assignment.* If students have questions regarding the expectations of an assignment, they must meet with the course instructor well in advance of the due date.

**Extra Credit:** All assignments are identified in this syllabus along with the applicable weight of each assignment in determining a final course grade. As such, extra credit assignments **will not** be given and should not be requested.

**Assignment Requirements:** All papers must be **typewritten, double spaced**, with **1-inch standard margins, 12-point font size**, and be written according to **APA (American Psychological Association) format**, including references, **without exception**. Students should refer to the following link or any other online source for samples of APA reference and style format (it is not necessary to purchase the APA style manual; however, if you plan to take more psychology or human development courses or plan to go to graduate school, it might be a good investment.

[http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/apa\\_examples.cfm](http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/apa_examples.cfm)

**No electronic submissions of assignments will be accepted:** I will only accept hard copies and will not be responsible for printing students' papers. Please plan accordingly so that your paper is printed and ready to hand in at the beginning of class on the due date.

When a student's writing is deemed unacceptable (e.g. grammar, non-adherence to APA style, etc.) in an assignment he/she should utilize the services of the UM Writing Center prior to submission of subsequent assignments. If I write "please see me" on your paper, it is a good idea to take this advice!

**Participation:** Class participation is critical to course success. The in class experience cannot be replicated through readings alone. The lectures and discussions that take place in the classes are the most important part of the course and essential to fulfillment of course objectives. It is impossible to participate if a student is not in class, thus full participation points cannot be given when attendance/tardiness is an issue.

**Cell Phones:** Out of respect for your peers and the course instructor all students are expected *to turn off their cell phones during class*. In the event it is essential to have your phone "on", students are expected to use the "silent" or "vibrate" mode.

**Laptops and other electronic devices:** The use of laptops and other electronic devices unfortunately present a distraction for both students and instructors, as the temptation to use these for other than note-taking is hard to resist. I ask that you **please use these respectfully for note taking or in class assignments only**. It is important to note that inappropriate use of laptops during class time has a negative impact on participation. **Laptops must be closed during in class videos/films**

**SCHEDULE OF TOPICS, READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS\***

- 8/28           **IMMERSION WEEK (no class)**
- 9/4             **IMMERSION WEEK (no class)**
- 9/11           What is meaningful social studies for young children? How is social studies implemented with diverse learners and very young children?  
M: Ch. 1       O: Ch. 1       G: Ch. 1
- 9/18           Standards, inquiry skills, concepts and generalizations  
M: Ch. 3       Readings available on ELMS
- 9/25           Planning, instructional strategies, and assessment  
M: Ch. 2       O: Ch. 2, 9  
**LESSON PLAN DRAFT DUE (option 1)**
- 10/02          The social studies curriculum: Democratic citizenship in a globalized society.  
M: Ch. 11      O: Ch. 5  
**LESSON PLAN DRAFT DUE (option 2)**  
**LESSON PLAN REVISIONS DUE (option 1)**
- 10/09          **IMMERSION WEEK (no class)**  
**LESSON PLAN REVISIONS DUE (option 2)\*\*\*students are responsible for getting revisions to me**
- 10/16          Children’s understanding of the social world  
G: Ch.1, 2     O: Ch. 3
- 10/23          Making sense out of children’s understanding – sharing data  
Readings to be assigned on ELMS
- 10/30          The social studies curriculum: History, Economics  
M: Chs. 9, 12 O: Chs. 4, 6  
**DUE: Child interview data for in class activity**
- 11/06          The social studies curriculum: Geography: Maps and other powerful tools  
M: Chs. 10, 5, 6     O: Ch. 7  
**DUE: Group presentations of child interviews and analysis**

- 11/13 Social Studies and “holiday” curricula: the case of Thanksgiving, diversity, multi-cultural, and anti-bias education  
Literacy, informational and narrative text in social studies  
M: 7, 8 O: Ch. 8
- 11/20 Integrating social studies across the curriculum  
M: Chs. 4 G: 6, 7, 8, 9  
**DUE: FINAL LESSON PLAN PACKET**
- 11/27 **Thanksgiving** (no class)
- 12/04 **IMMERSION WEEK** (no class)
- DATE TBA **Final Project/Presentation** (Please do not schedule winter break travel until final exam schedule is confirmed!)

**\*Subject to change.**

**M = Maxim**

**O = Odhiambo**

**G= Goble**