

HISTORY 589.02E Colloquium in Teaching College Social Studies
Fall 2012

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Office location: Ferguson Social Sciences 104

Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm; Wednesday, 12.00pm to 3.00pm; *and by appointment*

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Materials:

Books, Readings, Supplementary Materials: Materials will be supplied by the instructor.

Course description:

This class is a practicum in course structuring, assignment creation, assessment of student work, and class management, specifically in college-level history and political science courses.

Permission from the Department Head is required for enrollment.

Note: This course is not applicable to hours for the MA/MS degree.

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the semester students will

- Learn pedagogical strategies for teaching Social Studies at the college level, including assignment creation, responding to students' texts, managing classroom discussion, etc.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional, Methods, Activities Assessments:

The class will meet bi-weekly for discussion.

Assessments include two components:

Discussion: Discussions will be led by the instructor. Students are expected to engage their classmates as intellectual colleagues in professional discussions about issues affecting our disciplines.

Practice: Students who are teachers of record will be evaluated through in-class observation by the instructor. For students who are not teachers of record, the instructor will consult with the student's supervisor(s) to ascertain the student's progress and success.

Grading:

Student performance will be evaluated as follows:

- Discussion (50% of final grade)

- Practice (50% of final grade)

The course is graded on a S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory) basis.

- S = 75–100%
- U = 0–74%

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS, ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

This course is conducted face-to-face, with little formal technology apart from occasional email access needed.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor whenever the need arises; clear lines of communication enable the instructor to better assist your learning processes and provide any necessary support. Outside the classroom, the best way to contact the instructor is by email and during posted office hours. Do not hesitate to talk to me about any concerns you may have or any problems or issues you may experience during the semester – I can only assist you if I am aware of what is going on with you.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Classroom Behavior:

To avoid being a distraction to either other students or the instructor, please take care of personal needs before class begins and turn off cell phones. Do not send text messages, chat on IM or post Facebook updates during class; although you think you can do these things subtly, you cannot – it is a distraction.

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.

Note: This syllabus is your contract with the instructor for the semester. By enrolling in this course you agree to abide by all the policies and requirements set forth below. The terms of this contract are non-negotiable, apply equally to each student, and remain in effect throughout the semester; only the instructor may alter the terms of this agreement. Please contact the instructor if there are any questions about this syllabus or the terms herein.

Students with Disabilities:

Students requiring special accommodations for learning disabilities must work with the Academic Support Committee. 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
Gee Library, Room 132,
Phone: (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax: (903) 468-8148
Email: StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.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*.)

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALANDAR

Class meets on alternating Wednesdays at 2.00 PM beginning September 5.