

**California State University San Marcos
College of Education**

**EDMI 544 – Middle Level Social Studies Education
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Mission of the College of Education at Cal State San Marcos: The mission of the College of Education Community is to collaboratively transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators and advancing professional practices. We are committed to diversity, educational equity, and social justice, exemplified through reflective teaching, life-long learning, innovative research, and on-going service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism and shared governance.

(adopted by COE Governance Community, October 1997)

Authorization to Teach English Learners: The Cal State San Marcos credential programs have been specifically designed to prepare teachers for the diversity of languages often encountered in California public school classrooms. The authorization to teach English learners is met through the infusion of content and experiences within the credential program, as well as additional coursework. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners.

(approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 2002)

Special Education Inclusion: Consistent with the intent to offer a seamless teaching credential in the College of Education, this course will introduce the collaborative infusion of special education competencies that reflect inclusive educational practices.

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations: Students are approved for services through the Disabled Student Services Office (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 5205, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

College of Education Attendance Policy: Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. Absences and late arrivals/early departures will affect the final grade. COE attendance policy states, "At a minimum, students must attend 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements." Should students have extenuating circumstances, please contact the instructor as soon as possible

Use of Technology: Students are expected to demonstrate competency in the use of various forms of technology (i.e. word processing, electronic mail, use of the Internet, and/or multimedia presentations). Specific requirements for course assignments with regard to technology are at the discretion of the instructor. Keep a digital copy of all assignments for use in your teaching portfolio. Details will be given in class.

Course Objectives:

Students will:

1. Gain knowledge of:
 - the aims of social studies in K-12 education
 - appropriate methods and materials for instruction in middle level social studies;
2. Integrate this knowledge with past experiences and knowledge;
3. Prepare to apply flexibly this knowledge in the middle schools.

Required Text

State of California. *Curriculum Framework for History/Social Science K-12.*

Rethinking Schools. *Rethinking our Classrooms, v. 2.*

Additional readings as assigned.

Teacher Performance Expectation (TPE) Competencies

This course is designed to help teachers seeking the Multiple Subjects Credential with Middle Level Certificate to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and districts in implementing effective programs for all students. The successful candidate will be able to merge theory and practice in order to realize a comprehensive and extensive educational program for all students. The following TPEs are addressed in this course:

TPE 1A- Subject-Specific Pedagogical Skills for History/Social Science

TPE 11: Social Environment

The Teacher Performance Expectations identified here are addressed in EDMI 544 through class discussions, activities, oral/visual presentations, and written assignments.

Grading & Expectations Teacher education is a professional preparation program. It is expected that students will come to class prepared to discuss the readings, submit required assignments, and participate in class activities. Students are expected to adhere to academic honesty and integrity, standards of dependability, confidentiality and writing achievement. Because it is important for teachers to be able to effectively communicate their ideas to students, parents, colleagues, and administrators, writing that is original, clear and error-free is a priority for the College of Education. It is expected that work will be turned in on time. Please discuss individual issues with the instructor.

Furthermore,

- You must maintain a B average (3.0 GPA), with all grades at a C+ or better, in your teacher education courses to receive a teaching credential from the State of California.
- If you miss two class sessions or are late (or leave early) for more than three sessions, you cannot receive a grade of A. If you miss three class sessions, you cannot receive a grade of B.
- Late assignments will be penalized by a 10% deduction in points for each weekday late. After one week, late assignments will be given a zero.

A	93-100 points	B-	80-82 points
A-	90-92 points	C+	78-79 points
B+	88-89 points	C	73-77 points
B	83-87 points	C-	70-72 points

Assignments (Details to be given in class)

Internet Sites for Social Studies (10 points)**Due Feb. 13***(TPE addressed through this assignment 1A)*

You will explore and evaluate ten education sites on the World Wide Web that would be valuable to you in teaching a topic in social studies.

Choice assignment (20 points)**Due Feb. 21**

Details will be given in class.

Unit Plan (60 points)**Due March 2***(TPE addressed through this assignment: 1A, 11)*

You and two partners will create an integrated science and social studies unit plan.

You will create three social studies lesson plans for the unit.

Details forthcoming.

Professionalism (10 points)**Ongoing**

Professional demeanor is expected of all students in the Middle Level Program. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- On-time arrival to all class sessions.
- Advance preparation of readings and timely submission of assignments.
- Respectful participation in all settings (e.g., whole group, small group, in/outside of class).
- Carefully considered, culturally aware approaches to solution-finding.

Students will engage in active learning each class session, and will be expected to actively participate.

- Do you participate in class discussions productively, sharing your knowledge and understandings?
- Do you interact productively with your peers, taking on a variety of roles (leader, follower, etc.)?
- Do you contribute appropriately to group work—do you “do your share”?
- Are you able to accept others’ opinions?
- Are you supportive of others’ ideas?
- Do you support your peers during their presentations?
- Can you monitor and adjust your participation to allow for others’ ideas as well as your own to be heard?