

**Cal State San Marcos**  
**Course Syllabus--EDSS 544A/B**  
**Secondary Social Studies Education**  
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**Office Hours: before and after class and by arrangement**

**College of Education Mission Statement**

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 ongoing service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance.

*(adopted by COE Governance Community October, 1997)*

**Infused Competencies**

**Authorization to Teach English Learners**

This credential program has 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. See “Authorization to Teach English Learners Competencies.”

*(approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 02)*

**Special Education**

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

**Technology**

This course infuses technology competencies to prepare our candidates to use technologies, emphasizing their use in both teaching practice and student learning. Candidates are expected to use technology as part of their professional practice, as well as to research the topics discussed in this course.

**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.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to introduce prospective high school teachers to the theoretical concepts, instructional methods and materials for use in history/social science instruction. Research indicates that when teachers use a variety of teaching methods integrated into the course content, students become more effectively engaged in learning. Therefore, the broad emphasis of the course will focus on the issues of planning, organization of instruction and assessment that involve the learner in higher level thinking through cognitive and affective activity. This instructor is committed to modeling reflective and transparent teaching in order to assist you in successfully completing the goals of this course.

**Teacher Performance Expectation (TPE) Competencies:**

This course is designed to help teachers seeking the Multiple Subjects Credential to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and district in implementing an effective program 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 TPE's are addressed in this course:

Primary Emphasis

TPE 1b-Subject Specific Pedagogical Skills for SS Teaching Assignment

TPE 3- Interpretation and Use of Assessments

TPE 4- Making Content Accessible

TPE 6c-Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Grades 9-12

TPE 6d-Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Special Education

TPE 9- Instructional Planning

TPE10- Instructional Time

Secondary Emphasis:

TPE 2- Monitoring Student Learning During Instruction

TPE 5- Student Engagement

TPE 7- Teaching English Learners

TPE11- Social Environment

TPE12- Professional, Legal, and Ethical Obligation

**Course Objectives:** As a result of this course, students will;

- be able to apply the California History Social Science Framework and Standards to the classroom experience.
- understand the value of incorporating primary source material, the arts and oral history methods into instruction.
- be able to design lesson plans and implement them through a developmentally appropriate unit that reflects the needs of the learning community while infusing a multicultural perspective throughout.
- be able to design curricula using a variety of strategies meeting the needs of diverse learners.
- be able to use the Social Studies to teach critical thinking and literacy skills.
- value the Social Studies as a field of study.

**Required Texts:** Martorella, Peter H. Teaching Social Studies in the Middle and Secondary Schools c.1996 Prentice Hall, Inc. New Jersey  
California History/Social Science Framework, CDOE. 2001

**Schedule: Alternate Monday evenings 6-9:15**

- 9/9 Course Intro, Multiple Perspectives, What type of Students Are We Building?
- 9/23 Why Study History? Standards for Non-Standard People
- 10/7 Distilling the Standards. What's the Big Idea? Lesson and Unit Planning
- 10/21 Assessment and Student Performance, How Do We Know What They Can Do?
- 11/4 Text Appeal-Moving Beyond Questions 1-5
- 11/18 Oral History and Primary Sources. What Did You Do in the Peace Demonstration, Dad?
- 12/2 Lesson Planning Workshop-Share Fair

End of First Semester

Second Semester

- 1 Games, Simulations, Investigations and Problem Solving
- 2 Polly Want a Thinker? Thinking, Not Parroting
- 3 Strategy Notebook Share Fair
- 4 Where in the World? Geography Strategies
- 5 Inclusion-Teaching People not Subjects. Equity and Social Justice in Our Curricula and Practice
- 6 Unit Plan Share Fair
- 7 Unit Plan Share Fair

**Assessment:**

In order to successfully complete this course, the assignments must be completed with at least 70 points on the attached rubric. Failure to successfully complete assignments at the proposed minimum may result in the denial of a teaching credential.

**Grading Scale:**

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:**

**Strategies Notebook-** Students will develop a notebook of portable teaching and learning strategies that can be used for specific purposes in a variety of situations. This notebook will include categories such as thinking skills, openers, literacy skills, assessment strategies and more. Each entry will be formatted to include purposes of strategy, step-by-step implementation and reflective analysis. It should be constructed so that individual strategies can be entered and updated through the teacher's career. (20 points) (*TPE 1b, 3, 4, 6c, 6d*)

**Lesson Plan-** This lesson plan will use any common format that includes the essential elements of a lesson. This lesson will also reflect a multicultural approach to the Social Studies and provide accommodation for diverse learners. (20 points) (*TPE 1b, 3, 4, 9, 10*)

**Unit Plan-** As with the lesson plan, this unit will include the essential elements of a unit plan. It will make distinction between goals and objectives, provide a variety of activities that build both conceptual understanding and skills. It will include several lesson plans that build toward the goals of the unit. It is also expected that this unit will be implemented during student teaching. (40 points) (*TPE 1b, 3, 4, 9, 10*)

**Reflections-** Each lesson, students will be asked to write reflections on the readings and class activities. These reflections will be assessed on comprehension, analysis and integration of the material. (20 points) (*TPE 1b, 4, 6c, 6d*)

**COE 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. At a minimum, students must attend more than 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 the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible.