

## EDUC 5177Q Elementary Social Studies (JI)

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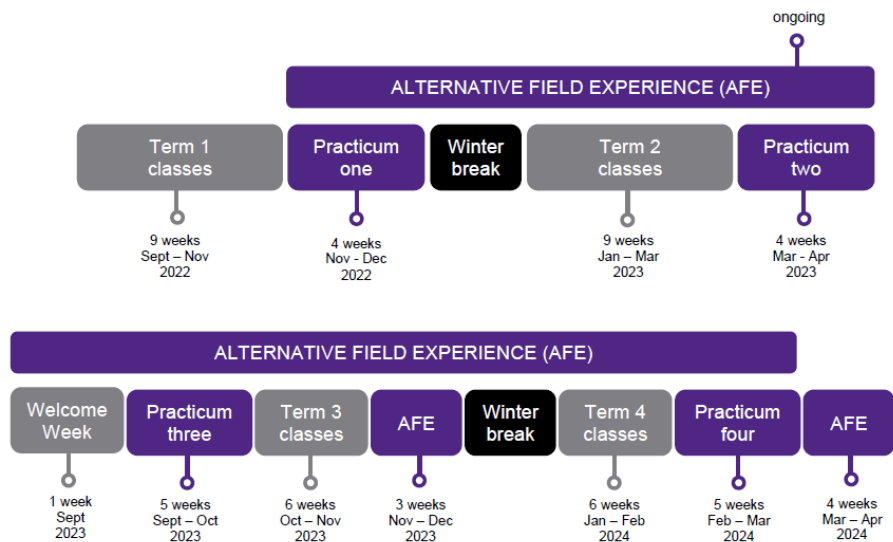
**Section 001:** Wednesday, 10:30am-12:30pm (Room 2054)

### Program Context:

This is a **Curriculum Course** taken by Teacher Candidates in **Junior/Intermediate** during **Year 1, Term 1** of the Bachelor of Education.

### Bachelor of Education

Program Overview – Class of 2024



**Course Description:**

A critical approach to Social Studies education emphasizing social action and interactive, hands-on, constructivist learning. Skills, attitudes and understandings that support Social Studies education, and effective pedagogical methods for teaching in increasingly diverse classrooms, are modelled and examined. Environmental and sustainability education is also addressed. 2 hours per week, first or second term, .25 credit.

Social Studies may be defined as the social, historical, political, economic, cultural and environmental aspects of societies past, present and future. Social Studies is an integrated subject that incorporates the traditional subjects of history and geography, as well as anthropology, archaeology, economics, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion and sociology. Social Studies will enable students to learn about the world around them.

**Course Credits:**

0.25

**Number of Weeks: 9****Week 1:**

Introduction to the course and key teaching components

Welcome and introductions

Overview of course outline and OWL

Overview of the Ontario Social Studies/History/Geography curriculum document

Learning goals and success criteria

Rebuilding our school communities

**Learning Activities**

Type	Name	Description
Reading	Week 1 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (Read pages 3-25)
		Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2010). Growing success: Assessment, evaluation, and reporting in Ontario schools. Toronto: Author.
		Maynes, N., & Straub, J. (2012). Social studies: Innovative approaches for teachers. Pearson Canada. (Read Chapters 1 & 2).

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## Week 2: Introduction to the Social Studies Curriculum

Curriculum overview- The importance of Social Studies

Taking a closer look at the Social Studies/History/Geography curriculum document

The role of inquiry-based learning in Social Studies

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Type	Name	Description
<b>Reading</b>	Week 2 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (Read pages 36-58). Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2013, May). Capacity building series K-12. Inquiry-based learning. Toronto: Author.
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## Week 3: Decolonizing our approach to Social Studies

What is meant by "decolonizing" our pedagogy?

What are Global Competencies and why are they important in Social Studies?

The importance of Indigenous perspectives in the study of history and geography.

Collaboration vs. consultation- Respectful approaches to teaching through a decolonized lens

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Reading		Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (pages 9-10)
	Week 3 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2013, November). Capacity building series K-12. Culturally responsive pedagogy: Towards equity and inclusivity in Ontario schools. Toronto: Author. Thames Valley District School Board. (2020). TVDSB FNMI. <a href="https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/tvdsb-fnmi/resources/personal-and-professional-learning?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/tvdsb-fnmi/resources/personal-and-professional-learning?authuser=0</a>
		Wakeman, P. (2022) Key terms: Reconciliation, Indigenization, Decolonization and Resurgence. <a href="https://indigenous.uwo.ca/docs/Indigenous-Initiatives-Key-Terms.pdf">https://indigenous.uwo.ca/docs/Indigenous-Initiatives-Key-Terms.pdf</a>
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## Week 4:

### Using Overall and Specific Expectations by grade

The SSHG Program - What do we teach and how?

Curriculum examination, concepts of thinking, and inquiry process used in the SSHG document

Looking at the Time Allocation Guide

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Type	Name	Description
Reading	Week 4 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (Read pages 7-13, 21-24) Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2009, May). Capacity building series. Learning

blocks for literacy and numeracy. Toronto: Author.

Thames Valley District School Board. (2014, June). Elementary Time Allocation Guideline. London: Author.

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## Assessment Activities

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## Week 5:

### Looking at History and Geography using the UBD model

A focus on teaching History and Geography

An introduction into the UBD model and how it manifests in 21st century classrooms

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<b>Reading</b>	Week 5 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (Reference and refer to pages 138- 210) Wiggins, Grant. (2013, February 28). Understanding by design. [Video]. <a href="https://youtu.be/4isSHf3SBuQ">https://youtu.be/4isSHf3SBuQ</a> 'Understanding By Design Framework. Introduction: What is UbD Framework ' By Grant Wiggins & Jay McTighe available at: <a href="https://www.ascd.org/ASCD/pdf/siteASCD/publications/UbD_WhitePaper0312.pdf">https://www.ascd.org/ASCD/pdf/siteASCD/publications/UbD_WhitePaper0312.pdf</a>
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## Week 6: Cross-curricular teaching

A glance into connecting various subjects into Social Studies learning

Understanding the importance of teaching in a cross-curricular manner

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<b>Reading</b>	Week 6 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (Read pages 36-45) Cross Curricular Connections Template Handout 'What Works? Research into Practice: Integrated Curriculum' Ontario Ministry of Education <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/research/whatworks.html">http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/research/whatworks.html</a>
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## Week 7: Assessment and Evaluation

Understanding assessment vs. evaluation in Social Studies/History/Geography

Diving into Growing Success as it applies to SSHG- Guidelines for implementation

What does equitable assessment look like?

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<b>Reading</b>	Week 7 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. (Read pages 27-31) Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2010). Growing success: Assessment, evaluation, and reporting in Ontario schools. Toronto: Author. (Page 6, 31, 40-46)
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## Week 8: Lesson planning essentials

What makes an effective lesson plan?

Exemplars and templates for lesson planning

Participants will have an opportunity to get small-group peer feedback on their lesson plans before submission in Week 9

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<b>Reading</b>	Week 8 Materials & Readings	Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2018). The Ontario curriculum: Social studies grades 1 to 6 history and geography grades 7 and 8. Toronto: Author. Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2010). Growing success: Assessment, evaluation, and reporting in Ontario schools. Toronto: Author. Ontario. Ministry of Education. (2013). Learning for all: A guide to effective assessment and instruction for All students, Kindergarten to Grade 12. Toronto: Author.
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## Week 9: Course wrap-up

Conclusion of course

Final assignment due

Review and summary of our learning

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		This assignment will be composed of two parts and will be scaffolded throughout the course:
<b>Assignment</b>	Due Week 9: Planning for teaching and learning in Social Studies	1- Unit Outline: Choose a grade and unit of your choice and use the template that will be posted in OWL to show your Unit structure and plan for learning (timelines, topic flow connected to expectations, resources, assessment opportunities) 2- Sample lesson: Use a template of your choice that includes all of the required elements to detail ONE lesson from your unit.
		Templates and an assessment rubric with learning goals and success criteria will be posted in OWL.



## **Course Outcomes**

### **Understand Different Aspects of Social Studies:**

Students will gain knowledge and understanding of social studies from many aspects of societies past, present, and future, including social, historical, political, economic, cultural, and environmental.

Understand the integration of Social Studies (combination of history, geography, anthropology, archaeology, economics, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion and sociology)

### **Investigate and Apply Knowledge of Social Studies Curriculum:**

Students will explore the Ontario Social Studies Curriculum and apply knowledge to lesson plans and assessments.

### **Research Different Aspects of Local and Global Communities:**

Students will learn how to teach students about the world around them, in many contexts (neighbourhood, town, province, country, and globally).

### **Prepare for upcoming course**

### **Understand Different Models used in Social Studies Classroom**

**Teacher Candidates will be able to understand the importance of the Citizenship Education Framework and how it relates to the Social Studies curriculum expectations**

**Teacher Candidates will come to the realization that the Ontario Social Studies Curriculum can be implemented across all subjects, understanding the importance of an inter-disciplinary approach to education**

# How to Protect Your Professional Integrity:

The Bachelor of Education is an intense and demanding program of professional preparation. Teacher Candidates are expected to demonstrate high levels of academic commitment and professional integrity that align with both Western University's Academic Rights and Responsibilities and the Professional Standards and Ethical Standards set by the Ontario College of Teachers. These expectations govern your time in class, in your Practicum, in your Alternative Field Experiences, and include the appropriate use of technology and social media.

The Teacher Education Office will only recommend teacher candidates for Ontario College of Teachers certification when candidates have demonstrated the knowledge of, and adherence to, the faculty policies throughout the two-year program.

To review the policies and practices that govern the Teacher Education program, including attendance, plagiarism, progression requirements, safe campus and more, visit: [edu.uwo.ca/CSW/my-program/BEd/policies.html](http://edu.uwo.ca/CSW/my-program/BEd/policies.html)

## Faculty of Education Pass/Fail Policy:

All courses and assignments in the Bachelor of Education are assessed as Pass/Fail.

Instructors will make the Success Criteria of the assignments clear, and refinements of the criteria may take place in class as a means of co-constructing details of the assignments in the first two weeks of a course. This will allow for differentiation of process, product and timeline depending upon student needs.

Success Criteria will

- Articulate what needs to occur to demonstrate learning outcomes for a course/assignment;
- Inform the instructional process so that teaching can be adapted to ensure students continue to remain on track to meet the criteria as needed and appropriate.
- Align with the assignments created to provide opportunities for students to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities they are working toward;
- Establish clear descriptive language that allows Teacher Candidates to identify, clarify and apply the criteria to their work and to their engagement in peer feedback;
- Focus the feedback on progress toward meeting the overall and specific tasks/assignment goals for the course.

## Participation

Participation is essential to success in the Teacher Education program. As a professional school, you need to treat coming to class as showing up for work in the profession. If you are not in class, you cannot participate. Actively participating in discussions, peer reviews/feedback, group work and activities is integral to the development of your own learning and to the learning within your classroom community.

Given the varied experiences of Teacher Candidates in the program, you may engage with ideas/concepts or skills that are familiar or unfamiliar to you.

A Professional Teacher Candidate is one who:

- Arrives in class (virtual or on-site) on time, and prepared. This includes completing any readings, viewing assignments or tasks in advance of class as requested.
- Listens to others and contributes thoughtfully to discussions;
- Models respectful dialogue and openness to learn, monitors, self-assesses and reformulates one's prior beliefs and understandings in light of new information;
- Monitors and addresses their wellness, practices self-care, and seeks appropriate support when necessary.

## Ontario Curriculum & Supplementary Resources:



**Curriculum & Resources**

[dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en](http://dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en)

## Campus Services & Resources:



**Health and Wellness**

[uwo.ca/health](http://uwo.ca/health)



**Peer Support**

[westernusc.ca](http://westernusc.ca)



**Learning Skills**

[uwo.ca/sdc/learning](http://uwo.ca/sdc/learning)



**Indigenous Services**

[Indigenous.uwo.ca](http://Indigenous.uwo.ca)



**Student Accessibility Services**

[sdc/uwo.ca/ssd](http://sdc/uwo.ca/ssd)



**Writing Support**

[writing.uwo.ca](http://writing.uwo.ca)



**Financial Assistance**

[registrar.uwo.ca](http://registrar.uwo.ca)



**Not sure who to ask?**

Contact the Teacher Education Office at [eduwo@uwo.ca](mailto:eduwo@uwo.ca)