

## IN 604: METHODS OF TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES

This course will equip elementary preservice teachers with the knowledge, skills and processes of teaching history and social sciences necessary to plan thorough, effective lessons using a variety of instructional strategies that are deemed effective in social studies classrooms. Students will plan, develop and evaluate social studies lessons and instructional units that are age appropriate. Teaching through inquiry will be an instructional focus in which students will learn how to develop the curiosity of learners as they provide authentic learning experiences. The focus of the course will be on pedagogy with the required social studies content being covered in content courses in United States history, state and local Virginia government, geography and/or economics.

**Credits:** 3

**Department:** [Education](#)