

I learned a lot of new things in EDU 480 this semester. What I learned most was that learning is fun. Also, collaboration with others makes work easier and more fun. I really enjoyed coming to class everyday because I knew it would be fun and give me enjoyment. You made class interesting and memorable with your activities and I really believe you worked extremely hard to prepare us as future teachers. You became one of my favorite professors I have taken at Cortland because of your sense of humor and comfortability with the class. I wish you the best for the rest of your career and I am glad I had the opportunity to be in your class.

Kasey Reynolds

- The main thing I learned this semester is that there are many ways to incorporate social studies into the curriculum. Before taking your course, I wasn't as creative when planning social studies lessons (they were very boring and less interactive than students would have enjoyed). Now that I've learned some new teaching techniques from you, I plan to implement them during student teaching and have already begun planning a themed social studies unit for kindergarteners to learn about geography.

- NO suggestions! Loved your class and enthusiasm for social studies and teaching! Have already recommended you to friends!

Edu 480

I have learned so much from you Lin Lin!

- Teaching history through multiple perspectives and challenging ~~students~~ a student's misconceptions
- Learning history through group work and hands on experience
- Allowing for multiple ways to assess. Timelines, journal entries, using art.
- Teaching through many different sources. children's literature and primary sources.
- How to make history fun!

Thank you for a great semester,
I enjoyed your class and your
enthusiasm!

-Bittany
Rich

Kelly O'Connor.

① I have learned a lot about history itself, and that it always goes beyond the content being learned. I have felt weaker in the S.S. area prior to this course. The way you teach your lesson greatly effects what the students learn and remember. I have learned so many ways to go beyond the content being taught. S.S., which is often thought of as a "boring" subject can actually be very fun and this is all dependent on ~~whether~~ ^{how the} teacher approaches the information to be learned.

② NO suggestions! Thanks for being so understanding, interested in your course, readily available, and up to date w/ e-learning. You positively impact your students everyday and you have so much to offer!!

Lin Lin, I would like to take this time to thank you for a wonderful semester. I have learned how to be a better writer and how to prepare my lesson plans so that they cover all aspects of Bloom's Taxonomy. I loved the ~~the~~ project based, hands-on lessons that you presented to us in class. I have changed my way of thinking and planning a lesson. You are such a wonderful role model for future educators. I felt that there was nothing to improve but would like to be able to print out all of your lessons that you taught in class, I ~~have~~ am having trouble with that.

What I learned in Edu 480?

This class was excellent, It taught me many creative ways to implement Social Studies lessons. I really enjoyed that this offered many different viewpoints, this was an excellent part of the preparation, and I loved the creativity. - I really enjoyed that this class had projects,

Suggestions:

honestly, I don't have any suggestions
This was an excellent class, maybe - one suggestion could be to have more materials, when doing group work - but it really wasn't too big of a deal.

In EDU 480, I learned many different ideas for social studies that would get the children actively engaged in the lesson. I also learned a lot from Howard Zinn's book. I learned that it is important to acknowledge different points of views.

I would suggest making directions and requirements for assignments a little more clearer because I found myself ~~often~~ confused at times.

Things I learned in EDU 480 this semester were how to write clear lesson plan objectives that were strong and related to social studies strategies. The selected class activities we completed gave me many ideas about how to incorporate active learning into my future classroom. Instead of just reading or memorizing facts and history we experienced information in many different formats, which is something that I want my students to do. I learned from your enthusiasm that if you are lively and outgoing students will enjoy your class, and be more willing to actively participate. By incorporating hands on tasks we had fun producing work and learning about material, and I hope to re-create that in my teaching.

I learned to incorporate many features and activities into my lesson plans to keep students' attention.

I learned it is important to guide students to the answers and ideas.

I learned the importance to have students learn about democracy and civic responsibility.

I would suggest simplifying daily activities to provide enough time for appropriate wrap up at the end of class.

Lin Lin,

This semester I learned a great amount about teaching social studies. You taught me multiple ways to plan lessons for my students. I really enjoyed the lesson on Rethinking Thanksgiving. You are an outstanding professor and are truly dedicated to what you do. Please continue sharing your experiences and stories with your upcoming classes. I am truly blessed to have had a professor like you for my last semester here. You will be missed.

From,
Ashley Binet

What have I learned in EDU 480 this semester?

I have learned that social studies can be integrated in many different lessons. We learned different ways to engage children to learn social studies through hands on participation, and worksheets. I learned to think outside of the box, and always create new strategies to learn social studies. Social studies is my concentration and I was glad to learn methods for implementation in an elementary setting.

Suggestions:

For lesson plans you should have students write lessons for the grade level of the practicum instead of older grades. It would be more beneficial. Also maybe have one lesson be taught in the practicum classroom as well for experience and reflection.

This semester in EDU 480 I learned a lot of content. In elementary school, middle, and high school, social studies was never my favorite subject. This class has shown me new, fun ways to teach social studies. The human timeline, plays, and outdoor rope activity are all lessons that I will never forget. Your comments and thoughts regarding lesson plans has truly been helpful. I thank you and appreciate all the time and effort you put into grading our lesson plans and preparing for class each day.

During 480, I have learned a lot...

- The importance of using a variety of materials for lessons.
- Active learning/have students interacting & solving problems together.
- Importance of demonstrating citizenship & how the students can take part in the community, as well.
- Showing multiple perspectives of events in history!

1. I have learned multiple ways to implement social studies lessons, such as using primary sources, tradebooks, games, scavenger hunts, etc. I have also learned the importance of "rethinking" social studies topics before teaching children (i.e. Thanksgiving/Columbus).

2. I really enjoyed Linlin's class and feel she is a very professional and fantastic professor. While I appreciated our unit plan being spread out through the semester, I feel it would have been beneficial to complete one unit plan before entering student teaching.

- The many different ways to teach Social Studies topics was very helpful

- This class was very helpful and the way you taught your lessons as if we were in a elementary school classroom was a great learning experience.

Danielle DiAlto

• I learned to create social studies lessons that teach beyond important concepts. The lessons created are geared to enhance critical thought and analysis.

• This class was interesting and engaging and I felt that I learned a lot.

Thank you!

What I learned:

- importance of rationale
- flow of a lesson Plan
- creative ways of checking for understanding.
- SO strategies
- Social studies Lesson Plan ideas
- cooperative work
- useful ideas + concepts for my future classroom
- how to keep a class engaged.

Suggestions:

- more service learning
- volunteering in 2 places