A. Instructor Information

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B. Course Description

Catalog description: of EDFB 4338: Literacy in the Content Areas (Grade 5-12)

“Focus on content literacy at the middle and secondary levels, including particular emphasis on instructional and learner strategies that develop and refine students’ literacy skills. A content reading model will be implemented through modeling, demonstration, and application in a field-based classroom. Prerequisites: Admission to the School of Education and approval for Phase III.”

http://www.uttyler.edu/catalog/12-14/2998.htm

C. Knowledge Base(s)

This undergraduate level course builds upon the knowledge base and experiences gained in prior undergraduate coursework and field experiences that address language and literacy issues. The course addresses disciplinary literacy and how, as teachers, we communicate that effectively. Both disciplinary literacy and strategy awareness in reading and writing will be emphasized, and how an understanding of these factors enables a middle and/or high school teacher to develop an effective program of instruction for all students.

Course content incorporates the standards for the preparation of teachers from both the International Reading Association (IRA) as well as the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC). Furthermore, course content is grounded in professional expertise and literacy research that identifies the performance criteria demonstrated by competent teaching professionals. It is guided by IRA/NCTE standards as well as program requirements relative to the preparation of teacher candidates for the roles of classroom teachers.


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### TOPICAL OVERVIEW

- What is disciplinary literacy?
- Literacy learning processes.
- Classroom diversity as an asset.
- Building effective teaching and learning environments for all learners.
- The importance of prior knowledge and activating it in order to build upon it.
- Authentic and purposeful reading: Effective uses of reading guides.
- Vocabulary as a key to building knowledge and affiliation with a disciplinary area.
- Writing as thinking: writing within disciplinary areas.
- Critical literacy
- Assessment.
- English learners.
- Student attitudes and study skills.

### COURSE EVALUATION

>>Grades available to you through Blackboard online grade center.<<

*Important re: Independent Study: See note at top of Calendar on page 18 “Independent Study Note (8/7/14) regarding specific dates.

### Dates, Tasks, and Points/Percentages (T=100 points=100%)

*Literacy Self Assessment **5 points**
- Log (1 point) (9/2/14)
- Paper: Literacy History in Your Content Area (4 points) (9/11/14)
*Text Set (5 points) (9/25/14)
*Textbook Analysis 5 points (10/2/14)
*Reading Guide 10 points (10/16/14)
*Two mini-lesson plans 20 points
  LP#1 Prior Knowledge Lesson Plan (10) (10/9/14)
  LP#2 Lesson plan for Content Area Writing (10) (11/6/14)
*Learning Centers 2.5 points (10/23/14)
*Teaching a demo-lesson to the class 5.0 points, incorporate technology (across semester)
*Professional Book/Reading Club 2.5 points (11/13/14)
*Evaluation of Student Writing- In-Class 5 points (11/13/14)
*Tool Talk 2.5 points (12/2/14)
*Observations Log (5) & Reflective Essay (5) 10 points (12/2/14)
*Participation (includes readings & homework, discussions, etc.) 10 points
*Quizzes over chapters 5 points (across semester)
*Blackboard discussions 5 points (across semester)
*Final Salon 2.5 points (final exam day)

Note: Course grade is calculated on total percentage of overall grade.

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**TEXTS**

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS to purchase:**

**Recommended Textbooks for Your Classroom Library Bookshelf:**

**REQUIRED and free:**
Articles/chapters from various professional journals. Blackboard (mostly), library or via handouts:
Various articles pertinent to weekly topics which, written by experts in YOUR disciplinary area, that you will be required to read. See table in syllabus or on Blackboard (Bb) in Course Documents titled: *Professional Readings by Content Area.*
Professional journals include (but not limited to) the following:

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**Highly recommended:**
A student membership ($20-$40 depending on your discipline) in your content area’s national professional organization:

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) [https://secure.ncte.org/store/individual-membership](https://secure.ncte.org/store/individual-membership)
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) [http://www.nctm.org/membership/](http://www.nctm.org/membership/)
- National Council of Teachers of Social Studies (NCTSS) [http://www.socialstudies.org/membership](http://www.socialstudies.org/membership)
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) [http://www.nsta.org/membership/student.aspx](http://www.nsta.org/membership/student.aspx)

This membership will give you access to your Specialized Professional Associations (SPA) guidelines, policy statements, standards, position statements, lesson plans, journals, invitations to professional engagement, and much more (NCTE, NCTM, etc.).

You may also join International Reading Association (IRA) [http://www.reading.org/General/Default.aspx](http://www.reading.org/General/Default.aspx) – which is very teacher friendly – at all levels and through all content areas.

**WAIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS**

**One of these (or another collaboratively selected book) is required (purchase)**

You will be asked to make a first and second choice. Among the professional book club books:


- **When Kids Can’t Read What Can Teachers Do?** (2002) – Kyleen Beers: Heinemann. [http://www.amazon.com/When-Kids-Cant-Read-Teachers/dp/0867095199/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1354653042&sr=8-1&keywords=beers+when+kids+can’t+read](http://www.amazon.com/When-Kids-Cant-Read-Teachers/dp/0867095199/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1354653042&sr=8-1&keywords=beers+when+kids+can’t+read)


SOME ADDITIONAL READINGS AND RESOURCES

Access ERIC. [http://www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov) (ERIC is a non-peer-reviewed, free database of educational research)


STEM – Edutopia [http://www.edutopia.org/groups/stem-education](http://www.edutopia.org/groups/stem-education)

International Reading Association (IRA) [http://www.reading.org/General/Default.aspx](http://www.reading.org/General/Default.aspx)


Citation help: Please bookmark:

To help you with citation:

Correct attribution of work that someone else did is expected of an educated person. In this class, as educators, you will adhere to the accepted “style” called APA – for the American Psychological Association. The Online Writing Lab at Purdue University AKA The OWL at Purdue is a powerhouse of accessible, understandable, correct, and relevant resources for you; use it! Here at UTT we have many citation resources available to you.

- The OWL at Purdue [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/)
- Style and Citation Guides available through UT-Tyler [http://libguides.uttleyler.edu/citations](http://libguides.uttleyler.edu/citations)


Teacher candidates will utilize technology in the following ways:

- As a research tool
- As a means of communicating with others
- As an enhancement tool for the design of lessons and curriculum units
- As a means of presenting information

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES:

- Lecture/Presentation
- Discussion/Questioning
- Laboratory
- Problem Finding/Solving
- Discovery
- Interviewing
- Collaborative Learning Groups
- Reflective Response
- Creating Visual Illustrations of Concepts
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Pre-Practicum
- Role Playing/Simulation
- Independent Learning
- Field Trip
- Computer Application
- Viewing and/or Listening
- Followed by Discussion
- Modeling Strategies by Instructor

The following instructional strategies will be applied in this class: mini-lesson/presentation; discussion/questioning; role playing/simulation; problem finding/solving; independent learning; discovery; computer application; collaborative learning groups; and, reflective response.
Not sure what to do? If an assignment is unclear, confusing, or in any way frustrating; or you have questions, discuss the problem with me. Often, such matters can be addressed in class. I welcome clarifying questions: you do the whole classroom community a service by raising them. However, not all questions can be resolved in this way. Please note that I have office hours set aside for just such occasions, and, I am happy to meet with you at another, mutually convenient time.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW

FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE
University of Texas at Tyler, Secondary Education Handbook:

LOG: CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS; END-OF-SEMESTER REFLECTION

LOG: Classroom Observations:
You can hand write or record on computer. In any case, be organized about it – perhaps acquire an unobtrusive bound notebook reserved for this. Date each entry – write down the where, when, what, and who of what you see. Whenever you go to your pre-practicum placement, take notes during and/or IMMEDIATELY afterward – within the hour (!) -- in them, you record what you see and hear as well as your wonderings and connections. Then, soon afterward, you go back and re-read what you’ve captured in your field notes, and expand them as new thoughts and questions come to you. Address areas such as: How did your cooperating teacher use reading and writing to help students better understand the content area? What are your take-aways? What worked? What did not? Why? What do you wish to emulate? What are the bigger issues behind what you've observed? So, each class you observe should have its own entry; and, its own reflection (two or three sentences may suffice). Even if you stay for one teacher repeating the same lesson three times, the students are different; their responses are different. Think about that.

- One-on-one, I will ask you to tour me through your observation journal (for credit) from time to time. I want to be certain that you are, in fact, in your pre-practicum classroom and engaging with the school, teacher, students, curriculum, and your own developing teacher-self.

PAPER: The End-of-Semester Reflective:
Out of your classroom experiences and observations, our classroom readings, discussions, and activities -- combined with your blossoming awareness as a new teacher -- you are to write a reflective paper, a thoughtful piece of writing, focusing on a particularly salient overall theme or two that comes out of your re-reading of your cross-semester writings. This paper will feature your ability to see your experiences at your field placement site from several sides, particularly from the position of a teacher candidate working to incorporate reading and writing into her curriculum.
You should draw upon no fewer than
a) three specific experiences in your field placement. and
b) three specific citations from our class readings as you weave them together into a coherent
discussion with your thinking about what it means to be a soon-to-be teacher who incorporates
reading and writing into his/her curriculum.
c) Format: Cover page, reference page, APA format. Four to five (double spaced, size 12 font)
pages not including cover or reference pages or any appendices. This will be turned in inside a
folder with earliest drafts on the bottom, together with any peer conferencing (or tutor center)
notes (yes, I want to SEE your revision process).

LITERACY SELF-ASSESSMENT

Literacy Log
We will start the semester with the Literacy Log as a way of inventorizing our own in-and out-of
school literacies. I will give you a chart into which you can record your various literacies.

Literacy History in Your Content Area
Then, you will chart out the history of your literacy development. What experiences,
relationships, activities, teachers, classes, and/or books impacted your learning experiences (in
your content area) in your lifetime? In what ways did they affect you? In what ways did they pave
the way (or complicate that way) for you to become a teacher in your own content area? Your
Literacy History in Your Content Area will be a reflective piece that promotes what you know
about your own literacy development and how this might help you, help others learn. 2-3 pages.

ANALYSIS OF A TEXTBOOK
Through a series of inventories and exercises, you will
1) assess the readability and “friendliness” of a major text, either in use or likely to be used, in use
in your content area’s classroom;
2) determine the match of students to text; and,
3) make recommendations for individual student success with the text.
Approximately three to four pages – specific instructions and guidelines distributed in advance
of the due date.

TEXT SET
In order to help your adolescent students develop areas of interest in your content area, you will assemble
a “text set” that you would actually use in your classroom. Remember, this is to help your students
develop a specific concept as well as expand their engagement with the content area. The texts you select
should be highly interesting to your students!

• Selecting your texts:
  First, select a topic that interests you in your discipline, in the grade level that you aim to
teach.
  Then, select four informational books (two non-fiction plus two fiction may work better for
some topics and/or disciplines), two pieces of poetry, two picture/high interest illustrated
books, and one short online video and/or podcast (in the three to ten minute range) that you
could direct your students to.

• Complete an annotated bibliography for your text set adhering to the citation and formatting
conventions of your discipline (see guides on BlackBoard under “course documents”).

• Presentation to the class.

>Resources for text sets:
  • Daniels, H. and Steineke, N. (2011). Texts and Lessons for Content Area Reading. Portsmouth, NH:
    Heinemann.

**READING GUIDE**

*Reading Guide:* You will develop a Reading Guide for an anchor text you have chosen to use in this class for developing lessons. Part of developing a reading guide is to be able to conceptualize when and why you use it. Instructions to follow.

**TWO LINKED MINI LESSON PLANS**

You will present your work to the class via discussion and/or presentation. In addition, expect to “teach” at least one to the class.

Lesson plans are very detailed examples of technical writing. We will take one aspect at a time in the early weeks of classes. Each lesson plan should have attachments: student handouts, instruments you have designed for formative and summative assessments; photocopies of short readings; examples of accommodations you are making for students with special needs; glossaries; graphic organizers; work cited lists; power point slide handouts and more.

I strongly recommend that you link these lessons. It will make for a more coherent corpus of class products from which you can draw in your own teaching. We will cover prior knowledge, reading guides, and content area writing in our class readings – in both the main textbook and in the articles you will read on a weekly basis.

**Prior Knowledge Organizer Lesson Plan:** You will develop from the FSU Lesson Plan template, a lesson plan that incorporates a means of accessing your students’ prior knowledge on a given topic. You will write this into the mini-lesson. Use a major anchor text for your discipline; I have some online chapters that you can access.

**Incorporating Writing in the Content Area Lesson Plan:** Develop a lesson plan, that features writing in a central role, that either helps students learn the content OR displays the learning that you have taught. To get started, you can use the resources in the textbook (look under “writing” in the index) to help you decide on your approach.

**TOOL TALK**

*Key question: How can this tool help me and/or my students become more literate in my disciplinary area?*

The idea of Tool Talk is that we are learning and sharing about new tools as ways to help us extend and expand upon literacies that we already have. Such enhancement can add to our literate lives—both for ourselves and for our students—both in and out of school. At the end of the semester, we will have a shared bank of new tools to add to our writer/teacher toolbox.

*What to investigate:* Each of us will investigate one tool that can help us and/or our students with some aspect of content are reading and/or writing. The tool can be a digital tool—a “app” (e.g. Write Room, Byword, AudioNote Lite, etc), a useful online tool (e.g. one of the Google sites; PB Wiki, etc.), software that’s free or commercial (e.g. Scrivener; Devon Think, Word (some cool but little known feature), etc.). The tool can be a digital or non-digital device like the Echo Smartpen, for
example. It should be some kind of robust tool that truly helps a mathematician/scientist/historian/writer focus his or her attention in some particular way. Any of the tools can be one or two fresh uses of features of a larger program – for example, using Word’s Comment feature with Audio Record (somehow) turned on in order to provide both textual and (reassuring) audio feedback to students. Looking for where to begin? A mega site for Web 2.0 tools is here http://www.go2web20.net/ Or, go to the App Store and look up “writing”, “productivity”, “vocabulary”, “computation” “history”-- or any number of keywords to help you in your search. We will share our findings as well as upload our discussions of our tools in order that we may assemble a tool chest of ideas that you may take with you into your teaching lives.

Briefly explain

In-class presentation of the tools:
Short presentation (5-6 minutes or so) in which we show the tool that we researched. Take us to the website (if there is one), show us examples of the tool in use (if at all possible), share user reviews, and offer your thoughts and impressions on the usefulness of the tool.

LEARNING CENTERS FOR YOUR CONTENT AREA’S LITERACY LEARNING
In a team of three people, you will design one learning center SERIES of three stations that aim to help differentiate learning as an experience of content literacy. Post instructions for students; make sure that at least two modes are utilized (e.g. 1) alphabetic text and pictures: draw a scene from this description; write a description from this picture. 2) numerical text and audio: listen to this person describe his context or problem and interpret numerical data left on cards or play money in the learning center). The possibilities are endless!

Aim for each activity to take approximately five minutes for a student to complete. How will you differentiate the tasks – what will you do to accommodate English language learners? Or, a blind or hearing impaired student? Select two or three student differences and address them directly in your learning plan. How will you encourage students to check their own work? Where will they put their finished work? This learning opportunity is designed for you, as a team, to design a small series of learning centers.

You will write out your plan for the three linked stations and you will present your three linked stations for our class. Classmates will rotate through your centers and do the work you are asking students to accomplish. We will give one another specific constructive feedback.

PROFESSIONAL READING CLUBS
You will go through a selection process to determine which book you would like to study in a small, professional development circle. It’s important for you to know that this is one effective, self-efficacious way that professionals take charge of their own learning; and, it’s important that you experience and reflect upon the process for when you become a teacher, or teacher-leader. In your groups you will determine your readings schedule within a set group of weeks. You will select a title that will forward your ability to teach literacy in your content area; and, you will do so in collaboration with other class members. Furthermore, one the book clubs begin, everyone is expected complete the agreed-upon page range for each week’s reading; and, you will come prepared to (a) have a substantive discussion with the other members of the book group; and,
be able to articulately and specifically relate to the whole class, what your book is about, how it is inspiring your thinking, and what you talked about in your book club. In this manner, we will all get the benefit of becoming at least somewhat familiar with more texts than the one we are currently reading. **Please wait for instructions.**

**EVALUATION OF STUDENT WRITING**
As part of learning how to evaluate student writing, you will work in a small group to evaluate a stack of student papers, all writing on the same topic. Your group will analyze the strengths and weaknesses of these papers and present a plan of implementation for improving writing in this particular class (group of papers).

**COURSE POLICIES**

**Cell Phones, iPods, Other Electronic Devices:**
Besides laptops *(for the purposes of taking notes and in-class research ONLY)*, please turn off all electronic devices, especially cell phones and iPods, during class.

Please set your cell phones/smart phones on vibrate, for emergency purposes, only. Phone talking or texting are off limits. We will use laptops from time to time in class. You may use your laptop for note-taking but I expect you to resist the urge to surf, chat, or check email. If any technology is becoming a distraction, I reserve the right to ask you turn off/put away the device. Do not use earphones during class time unless it is for something specific to an assignment. I reserve the right to ask you to leave class if your technology use outside of class purposes becomes persistent and/or distracting; you will take an Absent for the day’s attendance.

Technology will serve as our main tool for communication. Important announcements and readings will be posted on Blackboard. Email will be utilized as a communication tool as well. It is expected that you will check both email daily, and Blackboard regularly for information and announcements. It is expected that everyone will have and use his/her email account associated with UT-Tyler and keep their information current with the university.

**Computer Literacy Requirement:**
All assignments must be typed, doubled-spaced and formatted in either APA style or in the style associated with your content area. You will use the guides available through our library or you may use the guides on Bb in “course documents”. You are expected to use word processing for all assignments (unless otherwise instructed). Throughout this course, you will be expected to use the Internet as a source of research, as well as that of library sources. Online discussions (Bb discussion, wikis), as well as Power Point (Prezi; Keynote) presentations may also be a feature of this class.

**Canceling Class:**
If, for some reason (especially illness or weather-related), I must cancel class when the campus is not closed, I will make every effort to send an email to all students by 6AM.

**Ten Suggestions for Success in Course**
1. Do all of the readings – Not completing the readings is always very tempting. However, you will find it much more challenging to participate in discussion and your learning will be impacted.
2. Do your homework for each class; including participating in Bb discussions if they are part of a day’s assignments.
3. Keep your materials organized. Visit and re-visit your folders, binders, cases. All course materials require tending across a semester.
4. Prepare questions and thoughts before coming to class; it will be easier to participate in discussion if a few questions and impressions are brought to class.
5. Make connections between readings.
6. PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION – Some of the best insights for understanding texts and deciding on topics for essays comes from sounding ideas off of other people; use the class setting as an opportunity to do this. Also, class will be more interesting for everyone if there is lively discussion.
7. Drafts of projects – The importance of working on early drafts and soliciting feedback cannot be stressed enough. Turning in papers that have not been reread, revised, and proofread will result in a lower grade. Most importantly, you will produce better work if you give yourself time to think through various concepts.
8. Plan ahead.
9. Outside reading – It is perfectly appropriate and is encouraged for students to do readings and research outside of what is assigned; this will help to generate more discussion in class and will make writing easier.
10. Talk to me – If there is a problem or a question, please talk to me either before or after class, in my office, or by email.

Attendance and Participation: REALLY IMPORTANT!

Please note that this professional preparation class meets, face-to-face twice a week for only four of the 15 weeks of classes. You will be in the field most Tuesday mornings, and in this class on Thursdays from 8:00-9:15. Thus, attendance at every face-to-face session is critical for ongoing building of your knowledge. As a developing professional, you are expected to attend every class session, to be on time, and to communicate with the instructor regarding any absences. Your attendance and participation are factored into my assessment of your readiness and suitability for the teaching profession.

Absences and tardiness may result in a permanent grade change. If you have to miss class, you should not miss more than TWO sessions. I will not check medical notes, funeral documentation, etc. You have two absences – excused or unexcused (emailing me to explain why you are gone does not negate the absence) – to use as you see fit. Suggestion: “spend” them wisely (my suggestion is to save them for true emergencies). After TWO absences, you will receive a two point deduction for each absence, #3 and beyond. If you miss more than four classes, you will be asked to withdraw from the class. Two tardies (late arrivals or early departures) will count as one absence. If you are absent when your group is presenting, you will be receive a 0 for the presentation part of the session, regardless of reason for absence. Students who must miss a number of classes or who have a conflict with the final exam due to extenuating circumstances should contact the Dean’s Office.

**Students are responsible for all work despite any missed classes,**

Arriving late or leaving early distracts the class from the work of the day. Consistent tardies will impact your grade. Participation in class discussions and cooperative groups is expected. All students are responsible for meeting required deadlines on projects and assignments; your ability to complete tasks in a timely fashion demonstrates professional maturity and an ability to organize and manage time. Completion of assigned reading is imperative to your individual development as a professional as is coming to class prepared to engage in substantive discussion over the assigned readings.
All of these behaviors regarding attendance, preparation, and meeting deadlines are critical for successful teaching and thus are factored into the final grade.

**Other Course Policies**

**Clear identification of work: Name, Date. Topic in full.**
All work must be neat, stapled, and properly identified with your name and page number on subsequent pages. At the top of your work, you must have your first and last name, name of assignment, date due, date completed (if applicable). I will not spend my time figuring out (for example) what chapter questions you have turned in if it is not clearly stated in your heading. You will get a zero.

**Plan for printing and scanning:**
Plan to be able to hand in your work at the beginning of class. To that end, it is important that you establish immediately **regular and reliable access to printing services** whether you own your own printer, or that you locate two or three printers on campus and understand how they work, how to pay for copies, etc. Access to a scanner can be a lifesaver as well.

**Turning in of Work and Late/Incomplete Work:**
Unless otherwise stated, all work will be handed in via hard copy on the day it is due, at the beginning of class.

**Late Assignments:**
Late assignments without prior, written permission from the instructor or without the presence of documentable (by you), extenuating circumstances will result in a lowering of the assignment grade. If you have gotten written instructor permission, print out the email and attach to your work. I am not responsible for keeping track of such matters. It falls on you to present your documentation in a professional manner.

**How the Grading Works for Late Assignments:**
For each day that an assignment is late, the final grade will be docked one letter grade for up to three days, then it reverts to a 50%; after which it is a zero.

**University Policies**

**Students Rights and Responsibilities**
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: [http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php](http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php)

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:**
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at [http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar](http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar). Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.
Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

**State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:**
Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

**Disability Services:**
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria apply to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

**Student Absence due to Religious Observance**
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

**Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.
Social Security and FERPA Statement:
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct: Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

(i) “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
- copying from another student’s test paper;
- using during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or information about an un-administered test, test key, homework solution or computer program;
- falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
- taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of U. T. Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and,
- misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
(ii) “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.
(iii) “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

K. College of Education and Psychology Vision & Mission Statements

Vision: The college of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of excellence in scholarly inquiry and public service, as well as an agent for improving the cultural and economic conditions of the region.

Mission: The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars, who contributes to knowledge through a scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding, and communication; and provides leadership and service.

Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators

Enforceable Standards

(1) Professional Ethical Conduct, Practices and Performance

(A) Standard 1.1. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in deceptive practices regarding official policies of the school district, educational institution, educator preparation program, the Texas Education Agency, or the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and its certification process.
(B) Standard 1.2. The educator shall not knowingly misappropriate, divert, or use monies, personnel, property, or equipment committed to his or her charge for personal gain or advantage.
(C) Standard 1.3. The educator shall not submit fraudulent requests for reimbursement, expenses, or pay.
(D) Standard 1.4. The educator shall not use institutional or professional privileges for personal or partisan advantage.
(E) Standard 1.5. The educator shall neither accept nor offer gratuities, gifts, or favors that impair professional judgment or to obtain special advantage. This standard shall not restrict the acceptance of gifts or tokens offered and accepted openly from students, parents of students, or other persons or organizations in recognition or appreciation of service.
(F) Standard 1.6. The educator shall not falsify records, or direct or coerce others to do so.
(G) Standard 1.7. The educator shall comply with state regulations, written local school board policies, and other state and federal laws.
(H) Standard 1.8. The educator shall apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position or a responsibility on the basis of professional qualifications.
(I) Standard 1.9. The educator shall not make threats of violence against school district employees, school board members, students, or parents of students.
(J) Standard 1.10. The educator shall be of good moral character and be worthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state.
(K) Standard 1.11. The educator shall not intentionally or knowingly misrepresent his or her employment history, criminal history, and/or disciplinary record when applying for subsequent employment.
(L) Standard 1.12. The educator shall refrain from the illegal use or distribution of controlled substances and/or abuse of prescription drugs and toxic inhalants.

(M) Standard 1.13. The educator shall not consume alcoholic beverages on school property or during school activities when students are present.

(2) Ethical Conduct Toward Professional Colleagues
(A) Standard 2.1. The educator shall not reveal confidential health or personnel information concerning colleagues unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
(B) Standard 2.2. The educator shall not harm others by knowingly making false statements about a colleague or the school system.
(C) Standard 2.3. The educator shall adhere to written local school board policies and state and federal laws regarding the hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of personnel.
(D) Standard 2.4. The educator shall not interfere with a colleague's exercise of political, professional, or citizenship rights and responsibilities.
(E) Standard 2.5. The educator shall not discriminate against or coerce a colleague on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, family status, or sexual orientation.
(F) Standard 2.6. The educator shall not use coercive means or promise of special treatment in order to influence professional decisions or colleagues.
(G) Standard 2.7. The educator shall not retaliate against any individual who has filed a complaint with the SBEC or who provides information for a disciplinary investigation or proceeding under this chapter.

(3) Ethical Conduct Toward Students
(A) Standard 3.1. The educator shall not reveal confidential information concerning students unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
(B) Standard 3.2. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly treat a student or minor in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning, physical health, mental health, or safety of the student or minor.
(C) Standard 3.3. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent facts regarding a student.
(D) Standard 3.4. The educator shall not exclude a student from participation in a program, deny benefits to a student, or grant an advantage to a student on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, national origin, religion, family status, or sexual orientation.
(E) Standard 3.5. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of a student or minor.
(F) Standard 3.6. The educator shall not solicit or engage in sexual conduct or a romantic relationship with a student or minor.
(G) Standard 3.7. The educator shall not furnish alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs to any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child or knowingly allow any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child to consume alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs in the presence of the educator.
(H) Standard 3.8. The educator shall maintain appropriate professional educator-student relationships and boundaries based on a reasonably prudent educator standard.
(I) Standard 3.9. The educator shall refrain from inappropriate communication with a student or minor, including, but not limited to, electronic communication such as cell phone, text messaging, email, instant messaging, blogging, or other social network communication. Factors that may be
considered in assessing whether the communication is inappropriate include, but are not limited to: (i) the nature, purpose, timing, and amount of the communication; (ii) the subject matter of the communication; (iii) whether the communication was made openly or the educator attempted to conceal the communication; (iv) whether the communication could be reasonably interpreted as soliciting sexual contact or a romantic relationship; (v) whether the communication was sexually explicit; and (vi) whether the communication involved discussion(s) of the physical or sexual attractiveness or the sexual history, activities, preferences, or fantasies of either the educator or the student.

Source Note: The provisions of this §247.2 adopted to be effective March 1, 1998, 23 TexReg 1022; amended to be effective August 22, 2002, 27 TexReg 7530; amended to be effective December 26, 2010, 35.
| # Class | Date  | Tentative Schedule of Activities and Assignments Due

**Important:**
The instructor reserves the right to change/adjust any assignments and/or due dates in the best interest of the class. Ample notice (one week minimum) will be given to students for any such changes.

**Independent Study Note (8/7/14):** While the assignments are a required part of this course, the specific dates have yet to be negotiated with the student. That said, the student should plan to follow the WEEKLY schedule and arrange with me (instructor) to hold regular, scheduled meetings. After we meet, these dates will reflect our agreed-upon meeting dates and times.

| Week #1 | T 8/26 | *Literacy in the Content Areas & Overview of class*
Introductions!
Syllabus, Texts, REQ: McKenna & Robinson; Articles;
Explain:
- Table of articles by content area
- What are talking points?
- What are 2-col notes?
- Demo lessons – structure, purpose, peer feedback, and sign up.

➢ Introduce Literacy Log and Instructions

Specialized Professional Associations – NCTE, NCTM, etc.
Lesson Planning 1 – Elements of effective lesson planning: Demo and practice.
Short Video – TBD

| Th 8/28 | Field Orientation with Dr. Swain
8:00-9:00
Discussion 9:00-9:15 over chapter 1

**DUE:** 2-column notes *McKenna/Robinson: Chapter 1 “The Importance of Literacy in the Content Areas”

**HOLIDAY**

**NOTE**
Monday September 1 – Labor Day

| Week 2 | T 9/2 | *Literacy Processes*
Professional organizations
Lesson Planning 2 – Elements of effective lesson planning: Demo and practice.
Short Video – TBD

**DUE:** *McKenna/Robinson: Chapter 2, “Literacy Processes” (2-col notes)

**DUE:** Literacy Log, discuss and turn in.

| Th 9/4 | Learning Cycles
➢ Introduce Literacy History in Content Area Paper; In class writing exercises.
DUE: Article in your content area under “Learning Cycles” Articles are on Bb. (2-col notes).

| Week 3 | T 9/9 | Preparing Students to Learn
➢ Introduce Talking Points
Peer conferencing and in-class writing exercises. Expanding & unsettling your Literacy History draft.
Lesson Planning 3– Elements of effective lesson planning: Demo and practice.
Short Video – Tovani and/or exemplary teaching of literacy applicable across content areas or

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specific to particular content areas.

**DUE: DRAFT of your literacy history in your content area paper**

**DUE: Article in your content area under “Preparing Students to Learn” Articles are on Bb. (2-col notes)**

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| **Th 9/11** | **Diversity in Our Classrooms**  
Practice observations  
Peer conferencing and in-class writing exercises. Expanding & unsettling your Literacy History draft.  
➢ Introduce Text Set Assignment |
| **Th 9/18** | **MEET FOR CLASS ON THURSDAY ONLY**  
*Getting to Know Your Students*  
Address text set assignment, in progress.  
Demo Literature Circles  
Lesson Planning 4  
Short Video TBD  
➢ Quiz over Chapter 4 |
| **Week 4** | **Week 4**  
T 9/16 is Day #1  
JTHS Field placement  

**Th 9/11** | **DUE: * Chapter 4 “Diversity” (2-col notes)**  
DUE: From Table – your content area’s article on English Language Learners (3 talking points)  
➢ DUE: Literacy history in your content area paper and drafts (see instructions) -- Share (Note that next Tuesday is Day #1 in your field placement classroom: 8:45-12:30)** |
| **Week 5** | **Week 5**  
Field Placement #2  
T 9/23  

**Th 9/25** | **Your Students, Your Materials, and Your Teaching**  
➢ Introduce Textbook Analysis Assignment  
Lesson Planning 5 – Elements of effective lesson planning: Demo and practice.  

**DUE on Bb Discussion forum prior to class: *Chapter 3, “Getting to Know Your Students, Your Materials, and Your Teaching”** |
| **Week 6** | **Week 6**  
Field Placement #3  
T 9/30  

**Th 10/2** | **Prior Knowledge**  
Work on Prior Knowledge Lesson Plan  
Overview: Lesson Plans and Reading Guide due in next few weeks  
(LP-Prior Knowledge; Reading Guide, LP-Writing)  
➢ Introduce 1) Prior Knowledge Lesson Plan  
Lesson Planning 6 – Elements of effective lesson planning: Demo and practice.  

**DUE Chapter 5, “Building Prior Knowledge”**  
DUE on Bb Discussion forum prior to class: *One article from your discipline from the table under heading “Struggling Adolescent Learners”. Articles are on Bb.  
➢ DUE: Textbook Analysis -- Share** |
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<td><strong>Authentic Purposes for Readers</strong>&lt;br&gt;➢ &gt;Introduce Reading Guide Assignment&lt;br&gt;Review sign up sheet for demo lesson. (TBD)</td>
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<td>&lt;br&gt;DUE: Chapter 7, “Making Reading Purposeful” (3 talking points)&lt;br&gt;DUE: Chapter 8, “Reading Guides” (3 talking points)&lt;br&gt;DUE on Bb Discussion forum prior to class: One article from your discipline from the table under heading “Interactive/ Guided Reading” Articles are on Bb.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>DUE: Prior Knowledge Mini Lesson Plan--Share</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Vocabulary</strong>&lt;br&gt;➢ Intro Professional Reading Clubs; share titles list; “book flood”&lt;br&gt;➢ Intro Learning Centers: In class today and by content area teams, come up with outline and a plan for producing and demonstrating a LEARNING CENTER which is due next week. Detailed instructions given.</td>
<td>Demo Lessons (TBD)</td>
<td>&lt;br&gt;DUE: McKenna, Robinson: Ch. 6 “Introducing Technical Vocabulary” (3 talking points)&lt;br&gt;DUE on Bb Discussion forum prior to class: *From articles chart: Read in your content area under “Vocabulary”&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>DUE: Reading Guide – share.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Talking, Thinking, Writing – the Connections</strong>&lt;br&gt;Progress check on professional reading clubs</td>
<td>Demo Lessons (TBD)</td>
<td>&lt;br&gt;➢ Introduce Writing in Content Area LP Assignment&lt;br&gt;Bb Discussion: See Forum: Questioning &amp; Writing&lt;br&gt;DUE: McKenna, Robinson: Chapter 10, “Effective Questioning”&lt;br&gt;DUE: On Bb Alvermann et al (2010) Chapter 10, “”Writing Across the Content Areas”&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>DUE Learning Centers – Set them up, take us through them, provide handout</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Writing (and Thinking) across Content Areas</strong>&lt;br&gt;In class-- #1 of 3 prof. book club circles (chance to read in your book club books!)</td>
<td>Demo Lessons (TBD)</td>
<td>&lt;br&gt;➢ Quiz over Chapter 10 in textbook, Effective Questioning AND over Chapter 10 Alvermann, Writing.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;DUE: Bb discussion on Forum: Reflecting – Using Talk &amp; Writing&lt;br&gt;READ: In table of articles – under your content area&lt;br&gt;DUE: Reflective: discussion&lt;br&gt;DUE: Reflective: Writing and Writing to Learn</td>
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<td><strong>Thinking about Extension and Reinforcement of Content</strong>&lt;br&gt;In class-- #2 of 3 prof. book club circles.</td>
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<td><strong>Assessing Student Writing</strong></td>
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<td>▶ Directions to upload lesson plan to accreditation server and anything else required by Teacher Certification Office</td>
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<td><strong>In-Class: Evaluating Student Writing</strong></td>
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**Thanksgiving Recess – Nov. 24 - 29**

**Week 15**

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**FYI**

**Important dates:**
- Study day, Monday 12/8; Final exams, 12/9-12/13
- Last day of term: Saturday December 13

**FINAL EXAM BLOCK**

Day and time TBD.

**Salon:** Collegial and professional seminar-style presentation of your cross semester learnings from your field placement; questions. Directions forthcoming.