

**INTEGRATED ARTS FOR THE ELEMENTARY TEACHER  
MUS / ART / THE 305  
SYLLABUS – Fall 2015  
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<b>COURSE INFORMATION</b>
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**Course Description**

Integrated Arts, 305, Three semester hours. Combined with Art 305 and Theatre 305, this course is designed to introduce students to various creative theatre, visual, and musical arts contents and experience in the elementary school classroom.

**Philosophy**

The students enrolled in this class are about to embark on careers in the most important field of human endeavor: the education of future generations. The course of history for the next century will be affected by how well these future educators do their jobs. It is therefore essential that these teachers be of the highest caliber, and to have at their command all the tools necessary to impart to their students, not only knowledge, but various ways of learning, which will encourage intuitive thinking and creative problem solving.

**Goals and Objectives**

ART:

To develop awareness and sensitivity to natural and manmade environments. This area covers the students' visual and aesthetic observation and critical thinking skills.

- To learn a verbal and visual vocabulary that is relevant to art.
- To express inventive and imaginative ideas, thoughts, and feelings through art media, tools, and techniques. This area helps students develop a growing ability to express creatively and helps increase knowledge of art production skills.

- To be introduced to an understanding of self and others through the study of art, culture and heritage.

This helps students develop awareness of both cultural differences and similarities, as well as the importance of art in various cultures.

- To become acquainted with aesthetic growth through visual discrimination. The elements in this area are concerned with developing informed insights through art criticism.

THE:

1. Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories
2. Developing creative capacities
3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving and decisions

MUS:

At the conclusion of the course, the students will...

- be able to engage children in lessons that integrate music and movement in the elementary classroom,
- be familiar with the TEKS for music and the other core subjects taught in the elementary school,
- be able to select specific TEKS for music and reading, language arts, science, math, and social studies, locate and select materials that address these TEKS, and develop musical activities that integrate singing, moving, playing instruments, and creating that enhance children's acquisition of these grade level expectations,
- be able to articulate sound educational rationales for the integration of music and movement into the elementary curriculum,

- have assessment strategies that address specific TEKS in music and other subjects

taught in the elementary school,

- have acquired techniques for working with children with special needs, and for English

Language Learners,

- demonstrate skill in singing, playing instruments, and artistic moving,

- demonstrate basic skills in reading rhythm and pitch notation,

- identify appropriate materials for integrating music in diverse settings, and know where

to find quality materials,

- have prepared a notebook of lessons and teaching materials for using music and

movement in the elementary classroom, and developed an annotated bibliography of

resources.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Many in-class activities require group participation and will be impossible to make up. Each class meeting several grades will be taken. **No makeup work will be accepted.**

### Grading

Grades will be determined in four sub-sections, Music, Art, Theatre, Final Exam. Each instructor will oversee the grades for their subject. The Final Exam section will cover class assignments that deal with all three subject areas. Attendance will be monitored throughout the course, each absence will result in a much lower grade average for the course.

The grade breakdown for the course is as follows:

Art	25%
Music	25%
Theatre	25%
Projects	25%

The final average of these grades will be assigned grade rankings as follows.

90 to 100 %	A
80 to 89%	B
70 to 79%	C
60 to 69%	D
59 or below	F

It is important to note that no makeup work will be accepted. If there is an unusual circumstance that causes the absence then the decision to allow makeup work lies completely with the instructors.

It is important for the student to realize that the instructors in this course are professionals within their given fields and their knowledge and experience far exceeds that of the other students in the course. **Therefore it is imperative that you contact the instructors with any questions you may have about assignments or course materials.**

**PROJECTS ARE DUE ON THE ASSIGNED DATE.  
THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE.**

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS. A GRADE OF ZERO (FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT) WILL BE GIVEN IF A STUDENT IS NOT PRESENT IN CLASS FOR ALL PRESENTATIONS.**

**Do not purchase anything until after the first class meeting. Many supplies may be provided and a more accurate list for the current semester will be passed out during the first class meeting.**

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Student Behavior**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct). It should go without saying that cell phones, talking while the professor is providing instruction, and other disruptive behavior is not tolerated and will be addressed with dismissal from the room if necessary.

**The use of a cell phone in class will not be tolerated. Talking, texting or surfing the internet is disruptive to the other students and will result in removal from the class for the rest of the class meeting. This will result in a loss of all grades and assignments given during that class meeting. If you are removed from the class more than three times then you will be dropped from the course.**

### **Academic Honesty Policy**

Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate **plagiarism** and other forms of academic **dishonesty**. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. "Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.

Disciplinary action for these offenses may include any combination of the following:

1. Point deduction on an assignment.
2. Failure for an assignment.
3. A grade of zero for an assignment.
4. Failure for the course.
5. Referral to the Academic Integrity Committee or department head for further action.
6. Referral to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Business and Technology, Arts and Sciences, or Graduate School as appropriate.
7. Referral to the University Discipline Committee.
8. Communication of student's behavior to the Teacher Certification Office and/or Dean of the College of Education as constituting a reason to bar student from entering into or continuing in a teacher certification program. Procedures, A 13.04, 13.12, 13.31, and 13.32

### **Attendance**

It is the prerogative of the instructor to drop students from courses in which they have accrued excessive absences (three or more). However, a student wishing to drop the course should do so. Failure to do so may result in a failing grade.

If a student misses three classes their chances for a passing grade are greatly diminished. There is valuable material given in each class that many times builds on previous material and if a student misses there is no way to catch up with the rest of the class.

Participation grades will be taken in each section. If you choose not to participate in the activities in class it could result in a failing grade for the course. This is a participation course and every student is expected to take an active role in the class.

### **Disability Request**

Requests from students with disabilities for reasonable accommodations must go through the Office of Disability Resources and Services. For more information please contact the Director of Administrative Operations, A&M-Commerce/Navarro College Partnership, Navarro College, telephone 903-875-7615 or the ODRS office in Commerce at 903-886-5835.

### **ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Halladay Student Services Building  
Room 303 A/D  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu

The instructor reserves the right to change the course schedule or requirements as needed throughout the semester.

