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**RDG 350.61E 20386**  
**Reading and Literacy I**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2016**

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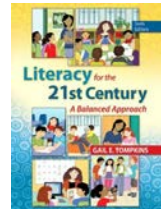
**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Required Textbooks:**

Tompkins, G. (2013). *Literacy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. (6th Edition) New York, NY: Pearson.

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**Online Resources:**

TEKS for Language Arts and Reading available on-line at

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/>

English Language Arts and Reading Information from the Texas Education Agency available on-line at

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4434>

English Language Proficiency Standards available on-line at

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074a.html>

The Dyslexia Handbook

<http://dyslexiahelp.umich.edu/professionals/dyslexia-school/strategies-for-teachers>

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### **Course Description:**

This course introduces the theoretical foundations of reading and explores how reading, literacy and cognitive processes are developed. An examination of teaching approaches, text genre, writing, listening, speaking, linguistics, cueing systems, letter-sound relationships, phonemic awareness, phonics, word recognition, spelling and comprehension are included. *This course includes a 15-hour observation requirement that will acquaint you with public school reading instruction.* **Prerequisites: Minimum GPA 2.75 and passing scores on THEA – Texas Higher Education Assessment. These requirements align with the NCLB Act of 2001 which states that all teachers will be highly qualified and knowledgeable.**

### **Conceptual Objectives: (Supported through TEKS and TExES Standards)**

**This course will focus on the teacher knowledge and applications as supported by the following Standards:**

- **Standard I. Oral Language:** Teachers of young students understand the importance of oral language, know the developmental processes of oral language, and provide a variety of instructional opportunities for young students to develop listening and speaking skills.
- **Standard II. Phonological and Phonemic Awareness:** Teachers of young students understand the components of phonological and phonemic awareness and utilize a variety of approaches to help young students develop this awareness and its relationship to written language.
- **Standard III. Alphabetic Principle:** Teachers of young students understand the importance of the alphabetic principle to reading English, know the elements of the alphabetic principle, and provide instruction that helps students understand that printed words consist of graphic representations that relate to the sounds of spoken language in conventional and intentional ways.
- **Standard IV. Literacy Development and Practice:** Teachers of young students understand that literacy develops over time and progresses from emergent to proficient stages. Teachers use a variety of contexts to support the development of young students' literacy.
- **Standard VI. Reading Fluency:** Teachers understand the importance of fluency to reading comprehension and provide many opportunities for students to improve reading fluency.
- **Standard VII. Reading Comprehension:** Teachers understand the importance of reading for understanding, know the components of comprehension, and teach young students strategies for improving comprehension.
- **Standard VIII. Development of Written Communication:** Teachers understand that writing to communicate is a developmental process and provide instruction that helps young students develop competence in written communication.
- **Standard IX. Writing Conventions:** Teachers understand how young students use writing conventions and how to help students develop those conventions.
- **Standard X. Assessment and Instruction of Developing Literacy:** Teachers understand the basic principles of assessment and use a variety of literacy assessment practices to plan and implement literacy instruction for young students.
- **Standard XII. Viewing and Representing:** Teachers understand how to interpret, analyze, evaluate, and produce.

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**Attention will also be paid to the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards:**

- **Standard I. The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.**
  - 1.1k the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional developmental characteristics of students in different age groups;
  - 1.2k the implications of students' developmental characteristics for planning appropriate instruction;
  - 1.5k cultural and socioeconomic differences and the significance of these differences for instructional planning; and
  - 1.6k appropriate strategies for instructing English Language Learners
  - 1.8k relevant content of the discipline being taught, including concepts, principle relationships, methods of inquiry, and key issues;
  - 1.10k how lesson content and skills with other disciplines and within the discipline; and
  - 1.16k the use of appropriate materials and resources for preparing instruction, presenting lessons, and assessing learning.
  - 1.17k the importance of knowing when to integrate technology into instruction and assessment;
  - 1.25k the role of assessment in guiding instructional planning;
  - 1.30k the connection between the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS, and instruction; and
  - 1.6s use the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to plan instruction
  - 1.7s exhibit appropriate knowledge of a subject to promote student learning;
  - 1.16s use various types of materials and other resources to aid in preparing and implementing instruction;
  - 1.17s use technological tools to promote learning and expand instructional options; and
  - 1.22s allocate time appropriately within lessons and units, including providing adequate opportunities for students to to engage in reflection and closure; and
  - 1.23s provide students with opportunities to explore content from many perspectives.
- **Standard II. The teacher creates a classroom environment of respect and rapport that fosters a positive climate for learning, equity, and excellence.**
  - 2.1k the importance of creating learning environment in which diversity and individual differences are respected;
  - 2.2k the impact of teacher-student interactions and interactions among students on classroom climate and student learning and development; and
  - 2.3k ways to establish a positive classroom climate that fosters active engagement in learning among students.
  - 2.3s use strategies to ensure that the classroom environment and interactions among individuals and groups within the classroom promote active engagement in learning.
- **Standard III. The teacher promotes student learning by providing responsive instruction that makes use of effective communication**

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**techniques, instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process, and timely, high-quality feedback.**

- 3.3k spoken and written language that is appropriate to students' age, interests, and background; and
- 3.6k how to present content to students in relevant and meaningful ways
- **Standard IV. The teacher fulfills professional roles and responsibilities and adheres to legal and ethical requirements of the profession.**

#### **Dyslexia and other language disorders:**

- Pre-service teachers will be knowledgeable of local, state, and national mandates governing dyslexia and other language disorders.
- Pre-service teachers will develop an understanding for “related disorders” like developmental auditory imperceptions, dysgraphia, specific developmental dyslexia, developmental dysgraphia, and developmental spelling disability.
- Students will understand that characteristics of dyslexia are typically exhibited as a deficit in the phonological components of language and that it is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and educational level. Student Learning Outcomes:

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During the course of RDG 350, participants will be able to:

- Select and plan appropriate comprehension reading strategies for diverse elementary students to include ESL learners.
- Integrate appropriate children's literature into reading comprehension lessons
- Observe and analyze experienced teachers' methods for ensuring comprehension and assess student learning.
- Develop a variety of comprehension strategies to use for a variety of reading difficulties.
- Deliver effective oral presentations in a variety of settings.
- Use multiple formats and technologies to communicate ideas effectively in large and small group settings.
- Provide additional artifacts for their professional portfolio which will indicate growth in the five Teaching Proficiencies.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Professionalism and Active Participation - 100 points**

Class periods are completely interactive. If you miss, it is virtually impossible to make-up planned interactive learning opportunities. Students will attend and be ready to participate in class discussions, with assigned readings, and contribute to group activities. This includes turning in assignments the day they are due in class. Late assignments will result in deductions of 5 points per day.

### **2. Literacy History – 100 points**

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You will write an essay recalling your school memories of the kinds of teachers you had and how you learned to read. We will follow the writing process in completing this project. We will begin with a pre-write activity to help you in the process of remembering. Revise and edit will be done in peer group settings in class before your published paper is due. Please see the section on written assignments for the format to follow when turning in your paper. (ELAR Standards 1,8) (PPR Standards 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.3s)

### **3. 3 to 5 RDG 350 course activities – 100 points**

We will complete several informal course related activities in class based on course interactions. The course activities will reinforce course learnings. These activities cannot be made up if you miss the class. These activities will be assigned based on class needs. (ELAR Standards 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8) (PPR Standards 1.1k, 1.1s, 1.2k, 1.5k, 1.6k, 1.8k, 1.22k, 1.6k, 1.17k, 1.17s)

### **4. Literacy strategy notebook – 100 points**

We will share with each other a notebook of literacy strategies. You will need to collect **three strategies** for each of these **five** sections – teaching phonics, writing, word work, comprehension, and fluency. You can collect these strategies from various places, instructional magazines, the internet, sharing with friends, or asking your mentor teachers. I will give you examples and we will look at a strategy notebook before we share in class. You will be expected to complete **one** of your strategies that the class will participate in on the night that the notebooks are due. (ELAR Standards 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8) (PPR Standards 1.6k, 1.16s, 1.17k, 1.17s)

### **5. Book List- 50 points**

You will compile a book list for three months with two or three books per month organized around a theme per month. Then you will find an activity or lesson that relates to your books and theme. We will discuss how to choose a theme in class and find a lesson or activity that relates to your theme. (ELAR 7.8) (PPR Standards 1.1K, 1.1s, 1.2k, 1.5k, 1.10k, 1.22s, 2.2k, 2.3k)

### **6. Literature Circles – 100 points**

We will discuss articles that I pass out and one or two outside books during the course of the semester. You will be responsible for reading each book and preparing for discussion questions. Each one will have a specific assignment that relates to a different type of literature circle. (ELAR Standards 7,8 PPR Standards 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k)

### **7. Observation Reflection-**

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This course includes a 15 –hour observation requirement that will acquaint you with public school reading instruction. **If this is not complete you will not pass this course.** Documentation and a reflection paper will be turned in for credit. Please see the Tk20 information also. **Without Tk20 you could be dropped from the class.**

### **8. Tests- 400 points**

We will have four in-class tests from which your comprehensive final will be created. ( ELAR Standards 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) (PPR Standards 1.1k, 1.1s, 1.2k, 1.5k, 1,6k)

### **9. Comprehensive Final – 200 points**

Created from your four in-class tests (ELAR Standards 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) (PPR Standards 1.1k, 1.1s, 1.2k, 1.5k, 1,6k)

## **TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

Access the Texas Education Association information on the Essential Knowledge and Skills requirements for English Language Arts and Reading.

## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

Interaction with Instructor Statement:

You may email or text for outside of class contact. Students are encouraged to inform the instructor of concerns or questions they may have pertaining to the course.

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

### **Course Specific Procedures:**

#### **Field Experience:**

Fifteen hours of observation in public school classrooms are required during the semester. Remember, when you begin your field placement, **dress and act professionally.** If the district has a dress code for their faculty, dress accordingly. You are representing the university and yourself during this time, so please meet your commitment and **be on time.** You may want to work for this district and you do not want to show them that you are not serious or professional, as they will remember. As you observe, *watch for connections with our Reading 350 class, text, and literacy procedures and strategies.* **There are no exceptions so make sure that you take care of this in a timely manner. You cannot pass Reading 350 without fulfilling this requirement!**

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**What is TK20?**

Tk20 is an online data collection assessment tool that houses information/documents/assessments/etc. for our teacher education students.

**Who needs to purchase TK20?**

Student enrolled in the following courses:

- ELED 200/SED 200
- ELED 300/SED 300
- RDG 350
- SED 330/331/332

**Where can I buy TK20?**

You can purchase TK20 either through the campus bookstore or directly from the vendor. For pricing contact the bookstore or visit the TK20 vendor link. If you plan to purchase TK20 directly from the vendor visit [www.tamuc.edu/teacher](http://www.tamuc.edu/teacher) and then click on the Tk20 link.

Otherwise, purchase it at our local campus bookstore. You can reach the bookstore at 903-886-5830.

**Will I really use TK20?**

Yes, at first you will use TK20 to turn in the admissions applications, the EFE, and other documents to the Teacher Certification Office. You will then use TK20 to submit information throughout your time at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**What are the consequences for not purchasing TK20?**

Students who do not purchase TK20 by the 12<sup>th</sup> class day will face eventual withdrawal from the course for non-compliance.

**Attendance:**

This is required and is essential to your success in this class. Participants are expected to be on time and to participate actively and constructively. Contact the instructor (via email) to explain the situation if you anticipate an absence or are absent for any reason. This is a common courtesy that is expected by all teachers. **If you miss more than 3 classes, you may/will fail the course. Remember: Class activities and group discussions cannot be made up.**

When you are in class please be sure that you have **documented your attendance** by signing the attendance booklet.

**Missed Class:**

Select a buddy and exchange telephone numbers and e-mail with him/her. By exchanging information, your buddy agrees to collect all handouts for you and to explain any class materials/assignments/notes; however, it is your responsibility to contact your buddy for this information.

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Name of Peer	Phone Number	E-mail Address

### **Disruptions by Electronic Media:**

Cell phones/ laptops/ tablets/ any other electronics: These items must be turned off during class time. If you are expecting an emergency call let the professor and your group know. Also, the phone must be on vibrate and set on the table. If the phone vibrates, pick it

up and leave the room. **It is important to keep your phone put away, as it disrupts your learning and the learning of those around you.**

If you feel the need to take notes on your electronic media, then you must be sitting toward the front, typing when we are talking and those around you may not be looking at your screen.

Electronic media may never be out during testing.

### **Written Assignments:**

All written assignments are expected to exhibit professional quality. You should demonstrate mastery of organizing, structuring, and editing in your writing.

Letters/materials written by you as a professional and sent to parents/administrators must be as perfect as possible. Begin that practice now! Therefore, if you need extra help, the Writing Center can assist you. See

<http://web.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/artsSciences/departments/literatureLanguages/>

a. Written Assignments should be:

- \*double spaced
- \*1" top and left side margins, 1" bottom and right side margins
- \*12 point font size
- \*revised for clarity and meaning
- \*edited for accuracy in grammar and mechanics
- \*saved on computer disk or copied on paper for your records

b. Academic Integrity/Honest Statement:

This course demands a high level of scholarly behavior and academic honesty on the part of students. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: (1) turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or instructor without obtaining permission from this instructor in advance; (2) turning in another person's work, in part or in whole, as your own; (3) copying from professional works without citing them; and (4) **any form of cheating on exams**. Violations of academic integrity/honesty while carrying out academic assignments may, at the discretion of the instructor, receive a zero on the particular work in question, receive an *F* in the course, or will be brought before a higher level of governance for possible dismissal from the university.



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## **PROFESSIONALISM:**

### *Respect*

- We are not always going to agree or see everything the same way; each person has a right to and responsibility for his/her own feelings, thoughts and beliefs.
- When speaking of an occurrence or relaying one's experience outside the class, refrain from disclosing identities of those involved.

### *Comfort*

- Students and professor should work together to make a safe, respectful and comfortable atmosphere for associating.
- I will not ask you to take any risks in class (such as sharing your own experiences) that I am not willing to make myself. We are all in this together!
- No question is stupid! We all learn at different paces and by asking questions.

### *Honesty*

- You could possibly pass this class by cheating, however if you cheat then that means you have not learned the material from this reading class which is a foundation for the two other reading classes and much of your internship and residency so you would go into those classes unprepared. Even worse you would go into a classroom of students unprepared. Reading is a necessity for all learning. Please talk to me if you feel the need to cheat. We will work on a learning program together that ensures you learn the necessary material. It goes without saying that if I catch you cheating there are serious consequences.
- You should feel comfortable and respected in the academic environment so that you speak honestly about your thoughts, ideas and opinions.

Please look at the professional rubric as this will be used for your professionalism grade.

**MyLeo:** As a student, your email account is through MyLeo. Please check the status of your accounts as this is the only way the university has on contacting you and informing you of important information. It is available to you 24/7 at <https://leo.tamu-commerce.edu/login.aspx>.

**Remember: You need to come prepared to class.** For every 3 credit hour course you take, you are expected to spend 2 to 3 hours on homework each week. So, if you are taking 12-15 credit hours, you will be spending 12 to 15 hours on homework. Thus, you need to plan according.

**Department Statement:**

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The Department of Curriculum and Instruction believes that students with dyslexia and other language disorders deserve the right to proper identification and educational intervention. These students should have access to evidenced-based instruction that meets their educational needs. To that end, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction prepares teachers to identify, assess, and provide multisensory instruction for students with these difficulties. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) and Texas Law (38.003 Screening and Treatment for Dyslexia and Related Disorders, §74.28. Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders) the Department of Curriculum and Instruction supports the learning and teaching of instruction that assists all students including those with dyslexia and other language disorders.

**University Specific Procedures:**

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

*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**  
**Gee Library 132**  
**Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835**  
**Fax (903) 468-8148**

[StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu](mailto:StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu)  
[Student Disability Resources & Services](#)

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).

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*Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*). **If you display disruptive behavior, you may be asked to leave class and/or drop the class.**

**Financial Aid Support:** You will be dropped from class if you have not paid the balance due on their accounts. If you need assistance to pay your balance, please contact the Loan Office (903-886-5051). There are also **forgivable loans**. You may want to check in to this by contacting the Bursar's Office for more details.

**Campus Carry Policy:**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.