



**ECE 358 GLB Language Acquisition and Development in Early Childhood  
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<b>Course Information</b>
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**Course Description**

This course surveys the literature on language in relation to children's linguistic development. Special emphasis will be given to such topics as the nature and function of language, theories of language acquisition, language and cognition, and developmental stage of language and learning to read

**Course Objectives**

1. To understand the rationale for ECE language arts
2. To explore language acquisition theories
3. To trace language development in young children
4. To examine the research related to language and education
5. To assess techniques for integrating the language skills
6. To identify the process of oracy and literacy development
7. To develop a knowledge base of children's literature
8. To demonstrate various materials and methodology for presentation of an integrated language program.

## Course Requirements

1. Complete two exams over course content. (50% each)
2. Prepare and present two phonological awareness activities (10%)
3. Prepare and present two storytelling activities (10%)
4. Prepare and present two storytelling activities with props (10%)
5. Prepare and present two reading demonstrations (10%)
6. Professionalism. Read all assigned chapters before they are due, complete any outside assignments, attend class, participate in discussion both in small group and large group, be on time, stay the entire time, turn in work on time, and exhibit all other aspects of professionalism required by the EC profession (10%).

## Grading Scale

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A = 90 – 100%	
B = 80 - 89%	
C = 70 - 79%	
D = 60 - 69%	
F = below 60%	

## COURSE POLICIES

### Attendance & Participation:

Class attendance and participation is one of the most important, yet underrated elements of a student's education. There are numerous elements that go into class participation:

1. Good attendance (According to University rules, students may be dropped from the class for excessive unexcused absences. For this class that will be considered 3 unexcused absences.) Absence over two will result in a 10% grade reduction.
2. Arrive on time and stay until class is dismissed.
3. Frequent and relevant contributions to class discussion.
4. Reading assigned work and course material.
5. Polite and civil interactions with all members of the class \*"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)].
6. **Turn off all electric devices, specifically cell phones. Students who fail to do so may be asked to leave the class or receive a course grade reduction.**

### Participation Evaluation Scale:

- 100% = full participation in small and large group
- 75% = partial participation in small and large group
- 50% = prompt attendance only or tardy with full participation
- 25% = tardy and some participation
- 0% = tardy no participation or no attendance

### **Late Assignments**

Assignments are due on specific dates, as assigned. Assignments will be accepted after the due date, however a **30 point deduction** will be applied to the grade. For example, if an assignment is due by 12:00 PM on Sunday in the drop box of eCollege and is not placed in the drop box until 1:00 AM, there will be a 30 point deduction.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

Every student has the right to drop the course without penalty until the drop-date. Students dropping the course during this period will be given a DP (drop while passing). A grade of DP is GPA neutral, but a grade of DF counts as an F on your transcript.

If you choose to stop attending class, you may be dropped from the course due to excessive absences. If you are not satisfied with your grade in the course and wish you to drop, it is YOUR responsibility to drop the course. Once a grade of DP or DF has been submitted, it cannot be changed.

A student may drop a course by logging into their myLEO account and clicking on the hyperlink labeled 'Drop a class' from among the choices found under the myLEO section of the Web page.

<b>Technology Requirements</b>
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The following information has been provided to assist you in preparing to use technology in your web enhanced course. The following technology is required to be successful in this course.

- Internet connection – high speed recommended (not dial-up)
- Word Processor (Microsoft Office Word – 2003 or 2007)
- Access to University Library site
- Access to an Email

Additionally, the following hardware and software are necessary to use eCollege:

- Our campus is optimized to work in a Microsoft Windows environment. This means our courses work best if you are using a Windows operating system (XP or newer) and a recent version of Microsoft Internet Explorer (6.0, 7.0, or 8.0).
- Courses will also work with Macintosh OS X along with a recent version of Safari 2.0 or better. Along with Internet Explorer and Safari, eCollege also supports the Firefox browser (3.0) on both Windows and Mac operating systems.

- It is strongly recommended that you perform a “Browser Test” prior to the start of your course. To launch a browser test, login in to eCollege, click on the “myCourses” tab, and then select the “Browser Test” link under Support Services.

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

### Access and Log in Information

This course will be utilizing eCollege to enhance the learning experience.

- eCollege is the Learning Management System used by Texas A&M University-Commerce. To get started with the course, go to: <https://leo.tamuc.edu/login.aspx>.
- You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu)

## Communication and Support

### Technical Support:

Texas A&M University-Commerce provides students technical support in the use of eCollege. The student help desk may be reached by the following means 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you experience issues while taking your exams or at any other point, feel free to contact the support desk.

- Chat Support: Click on 'Live Support' on the tool bar within your course to chat with an eCollege Representative.
- Phone: 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- Email: [helpdesk@online.tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@online.tamuc.edu) to initiate a support request with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- Help: Click on the 'Help' button on the toolbar for information regarding working with eCollege (i.e. How to submit to dropbox, How to post to discussions etc...).

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## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly work free from fraud and deception and is an educational objective of this institution. Texas A&M University - Commerce has explicit rules and regulations governing academic dishonesty and academic misconduct. As the University states, “All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.”

These policies are stated in detail in the Student's Guide Handbook. Each student is expected to read this document and abide by the contained policies. These university policies will be followed in this class. The minimum penalty for an act of academic dishonesty will be the assignment grade of 0 on the examination or homework assignment. The maximum penalty is expulsion from the University.

Texas A&M University-Commerce further 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. If you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it. Visit the following websites:

- <http://www.plagiarism.org/>
- <http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/plagiarism.html>
- <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

<b>University Policies</b>
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### Requests for Special Accommodations

Requests from students with disabilities for reasonable accommodations must go through the Academic Support Committee. An individual instructor cannot decide to make accommodations for you without that Committee's approval.

### University Specific Procedures: 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 162  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148

## Student Conduct

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).

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.

### TEXAS SENATE BILL

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.