



ELED 300.51E Introduction to Teaching

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2020

This syllabus is subject to change, a final version including new tasks for EdTPA will be given the first week of classes.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Preferred Form of Communication: Email

Communication Response Time: *Although I try to answer every email as soon as possible, please allow 24 hours for a response.*

Time: Class is taught Face-to-Face Tues/Thurs. 8:30-9:45

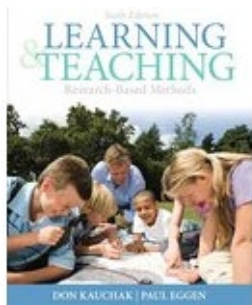
Semester Dates: January 14th- May 8th

Location: Collin County Higher Education Center, room 100

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Materials – Textbook & TK 20



Textbook Required: Kauchak, Don & Eggen, Paul (2012). Learning & Teaching: Research-Based Methods. 6th Ed.

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

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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 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 12th class day will face eventual withdrawal from the course for non-compliance.

Online Resources:

SBEC State standards~

- Content Standards:
<http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/standtest/standards/ec6gen.asp>
- EC-12 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility Standards:
<http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/standtest/standards/allppr.pdf>

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): www.tea.state.tx.us

TExES Preparation Manuals: <http://www.texas.ets.org/texas/prepMaterials/>

Field-Based Teacher Education Program Handbook [revised July 2013].

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/educationHumanServices/educatorCertificationAcademicServices/documents/fieldbased.pdf>

Course Description

Student Learning Outcomes Knowledge and skills concerning the unique needs of all learners, including but not limited to inclusion and English learners, are emphasized in this course. In addition, structure, organization, and management of the American school system, as well as legal and ethical aspects of teaching will receive attention.

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Thirty clock hours of professional field experiences are required. Failure to complete 30 hours of EFE may result in failing the class.

Goals: *Introduction to Teaching* is the initial course in the professional education sequence and is designed to acquaint prospective teachers with

- significant influences on education, and what 21st century teachers and schools are like;
- become knowledgeable of the executive, interactive, and organizational functions of teaching;
- the curriculum of Texas public schools: The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills [TEKS]
- beginning level skills in teaching; i.e., planning, delivering, and evaluating instruction, and
- effective strategies for all learners including but not limited to English learners and special needs learners

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the conclusion of the course, the student will demonstrate the following competencies at the *Knowledge* level (*Application* level proficiency will be attained during residency.):

1. Human developmental processes (TEXES PPR Competency 1)
2. Student diversity and the design of learning experiences and assessments that are responsive to the differences among students and that promote all students' learning. Understanding of design procedures for effective, coherent instruction and assessment based on appropriate learning goals and objectives (PPR 2).
3. Instructional design, delivery, and assessment aligned with the Texas statewide assessment program (PPR 3).
4. Learning processes and factors (i.e., learning theory, developmental stages, higher-order thinking skills, etc.) that impact student learning (PPR 4).
5. A classroom climate that fosters learning, equity, and excellence; a physical and emotional environment that is safe and productive (PPR 5).
6. Strategies for creating an organized and productive learning environment and for managing student behavior (PPR 6).
7. Principles and strategies for communicating effectively in varied teaching and learning contexts (PPR 7).
8. Appropriate instructional techniques and strategies that actively engage students in the learning process (PPR 8).
9. Technology for planning, organizing, delivering, and evaluating instruction for all students (PPR 9).
10. How to monitor student performance and achievement, provide timely, high-quality feedback to students, and flexibly respond in order to promote learning for all students (PPR 10).
11. Professional knowledge and skills (including legal and ethical requirements for educators) gained through effective interactions with others in the educational

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community including parents and through participation in professional activities in university and public school classrooms (PPR 11, 12, and 13).

12. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the interconnectedness of global dynamics (issues, processes, trends, and systems).
13. Students will be able to apply knowledge of the interconnectedness of global dynamics.
14. Students will be able to view themselves as engaged citizens within an interconnected and diverse world.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

The required minimum software skills for this class are TK-20, Microsoft Office (Word and Power Point). TK-20 will be taught in class.

Instructional Methods

This course is made up of a series of assignments and assessments to assist you in achieving the learner outcomes. Much of our work will occur within cooperative groups of six or less. Please consider the following points:

- This course [and learning to teach] is not best done solely as a lecture.
- Your preparation for class is crucial to meaningful participation and to being accountable to members of the class.
- Small Group Rationale:
 1. Small group work gives everyone more opportunity to talk about what they have studied for the day. It is the best way for members to get to know one another.
 2. Small group work reduces the possibility that one or two persons will dominate the discussion.
 3. Small group work sends the message that daily preparation is expected and essential for fruitful study and discussion. Everyone wins when all are prepared; everyone loses when any individual is not prepared.
 4. Small group work keeps everyone involved and lessens the tendency to think preparation is not necessary because others will do the talking.
 5. Small group work guards against the class becoming teacher dominated. You have the responsibility not to put your teacher in that position.
 6. You will strengthen your own understanding through preparation and participation.

The assignments, points allocated for each, and their contribution to your final grade are specified in the following section.

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Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

1. **Attend classes.** Report on time and participate in all class activities. **Any student with 3 absences will be dropped from the course.**
2. Participate in a school practicum, maintain the agreed-upon schedule, **complete a minimum of 30 clock hours** of documented time observing instruction in the assigned school, and be evaluated on your work experiences by the assigned mentor teacher in the school. Grade will reflect performance in the school.
MANDATORY - Participate in school practicum by observing 30 hours in an assigned district in order to a) observe lesson planning, delivery, and evaluation by the classroom teacher; b) identify various classroom management strategies used by the teacher; c) assist the classroom teacher in daily routines; and d) complete assignments to increase preparation for teaching. You should maintain the agreed on time frame for observing instruction in the assigned school, and will be evaluated on your work experiences by the assigned mentor teacher in the school.
Note: It is your responsibility to give the *original* of the completed evaluation form and the field experience log for this course to the instructor. You must also complete the reflection questions online. Failure to do this may result in a failing grade and you will be required to repeat the course. You may give copies to instructors for other courses where field experience documentation is required.
3. Take objective exams as well as other assessments. Read all required assignments as the basis for tests.
4. Participate in a group presentation—a microteach—utilizing various teaching models.
5. Compile a Learning to Teach E-Portfolio.
6. Work on Admission to Teacher Education.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below or did not complete 30 hours of EFE

Assessments

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Product	Percentage of Your Grade	Learning Outcomes
Exams & Quizzes	30%	Exams and Quizzes help prepare for the state TExES PPR
Résumé	10%	Professionalism PPR 11, 12, 13
Online Portfolio	10%	Professionalism PPR 11, 12, 13
Preparation and Participation Attendance, Preparedness, Professionalism, Leadership, Enthusiasm = APPLE	10%	PPR 5
TK 20 Registration Deadline	5%	PPR 10
TK 20 Reflection Deadline	5%	PPR 10
Micro-teaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Assessment • Instructor's Assessment 	10% 20%	PPR 2,3,4
30 Hours of Field Experience Must be completed to Pass ELED 300	Pass/Fail	University Requirement PPR 1-13

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Browser support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive

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support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version) and the previous major version

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Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
			of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2L supports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
 - 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
 - Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
 - Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- You must have a:
 - Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
 - Speakers or headphones.
 - *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: [JAVA web site http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp](http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp)
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.

Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.
Pop-ups are allowed.
JavaScript is enabled.
Cookies are enabled.

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- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
 - [Adobe Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader/) <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - [Adobe Flash Player](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/) (version 17 or later) <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
 - [Adobe Shockwave Player](https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/) <https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/>
 - [Apple Quick Time](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/) <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>
- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Brightspace Support

Need Help?

Student Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words “[click here](#)” to submit an issue via email.



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System Maintenance

Please note that on the 4th Sunday of each month there will be System Maintenance which means the system will not be available 12 pm-6 am CST.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

I am available before and after class on Tue and Thurs. I am also available by email, please allow 24-48 hours for a response.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Course Specific Procedures: Information about class preparation, attendance, and participation may be found under *Course Requirements* on page 2 of this document.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx).
<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)
<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx).
<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>
<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

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Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities

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- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-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.

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Campus Concealed Carry Statement

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 the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

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.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Course deadlines given by C&I department during the first week.

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