

# **EDCI 559 Diversity & Equity in Education COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2020**

## **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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**Communication Response Time:** 24-48 hours

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### **Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings**

**Textbook(s) Required-** Gollnick, D. & Chinn, P. (2012). *Multicultural Education in a Pluralistic Society* (9th edition). Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

**Software Required**

**Optional Texts and/or Materials**

### **Course Description**

**This course focuses on factors of diversity that impact decisions educators must make regarding design and implementation of curriculum, teaching strategies, and materials in order to provide equity and excellence for all learners.**

The goals of EDCI 559 include, but are not limited to providing students the skills necessary to accomplish the course objectives.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Learning outcomes are supported by NCATE [Standard 4: Diversity](#)

The unit designs, implements, and evaluates curriculum and experiences for candidates to acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to help all students learn. These experiences include working with diverse higher education and school faculty, diverse candidates, and diverse students in P-12 schools.

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Moreover, learning outcomes are supported by the Goals and Objectives of The National Association for Multicultural Educators-NAME <http://nameorg.org/names-missio/goals-objectives/>  
There are six points of consensus regarding multicultural education that are central to NAME's philosophy, and serve as NAME's goals:

- To respect and appreciate cultural diversity.
- To promote the understanding of unique cultural and ethnic heritage.
- To promote the development of culturally responsible and responsive curricula.
- To facilitate acquisition of the attitudes, skills, and knowledge to function in various cultures.
- To eliminate racism and discrimination in society.
- To achieve social, political, economic, and educational equity.

During this course, the learner will:

1. Reflect on personal and professional life developments as they relate to your beliefs and practices as a teacher. – Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, stepping outside your comfort zone and discussions.
2. Be familiar with current and classical literature on the effects of diversity on student learning, e.g., socioeconomic status (SES), race, gender, achievement, handicapping conditions, etc. – Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, interview with an ELL and discussion prompts.
3. Become familiar with literature about children in different populations on the topic of diversity and learning. Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, interview with an ELL and essay and discussion prompts.
4. Understand one's own personality (learning styles, intra- and interpersonal characteristics, temperament, child centeredness, etc.) and describe how these traits impact instruction and learning of students in the classroom. Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, discussion prompts, cultural memoir, and stepping outside your comfort zone.
5. Identify and implement instructional and management strategies that are successful among diverse populations. Accomplished by book club and textbook readings and discussion prompts, interview with an ELL and essay, and stepping outside your comfort zone.

During this course, the learner will:

6. Reflect on personal and professional life developments as they relate to your beliefs and practices as a teacher. – Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, stepping outside your comfort zone and discussions.
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8. Become familiar with literature about children in different populations on the topic of diversity and learning. Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, interview with an ELL and essay and discussion prompts.
9. Understand one's own personality (learning styles, intra- and interpersonal characteristics, temperament, child centeredness, etc.) and describe how these traits impact instruction and learning of students in the classroom. Accomplished by book club and textbook readings, discussion prompts, cultural memoir, and stepping outside your comfort zone.

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## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Using the learning management system (D2L Brightspace), using Microsoft Office software, using presentation and graphics programs, using chat programs such as Adobe Connect and Zoom, and using VoiceThread.

### **Instructional Methods**

This course is delivered 100% online. It includes essays, inquiry-based discussions, quizzes, collaborative projects, and individual assignments.

### **Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course**

Success in the course is largely based on keeping up with assignments which requires regularly logging into the course website, and not waiting until the last minute to complete assignments.

## **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

### **Assessments**

Please note that ONE letter grade will be deducted for each day your Cultural Memoir, Stepping Outside your Comfort Zone, and Interview with an ELL and Essay are submitted late. Another letter grade will be deducted for each day the assignment is late thereafter. For example, if your assignment is submitted at 12:00 a.m., instead of 11:59 p.m. on the date the assignment is due, the highest grade you can earn is a "B". If it is turned in two days late, the highest grade you can

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earn is a “C” and so on. Discussions that are posted late will not be evaluated and the student will receive a “zero” for that discussion.

YOU MUST USE HEADINGS IN YOUR Cultural Memoir, Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone and Interview with an ELL Papers/Essays. Please see the example paper in Doc Sharing. If you look at the comments in the right margin, I have labeled the headings and sub-headings.

**DOCTORAL STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS at the bottom of the assignment list IN ADDITION TO ASSIGNMENTS 1-6**

### **1. Discussion Posts and/or Activities See D2L for Due dates (10 points each)**

You will be assigned activities and/or discussion prompts/questions. These will be located under the **discussion** tab in D2L. You are to respond to the **instructor's prompts/questions** by the closing date of the module 11:59 p.m.

Response Posts: Each student must post **ONE** original response **AND** respond to at least **ONE** of their peer's discussion posts for each discussion prompt by the closing date of the module by 11:59 p.m. **(not activities)**. Each response post should insightfully answer the question posed and be grounded in empirical evidence (**meaning you will support your response with evidence from your readings**). Each should show evidence of critical thinking and continue to further the discussion. Stating I agree is not adequate. Please see the Discussion Board Rubric in Doc Sharing so that you know how you will be graded.

### **2. Cultural Memoir Essay Due (100 points)**

You should collect three to four significant objects, photographs, writings, etc. to help you think about your own cultural background. You will write a reflective essay that describes the objects you chose (you may scan these in) and addresses the following questions, as appropriate and in ways that are meaningful to you. You may substitute other questions if you choose. **YOU MUST USE HEADINGS IN YOUR PAPER.**

- What do the objects in your memoir signify to you in terms of cultural values?
- What have you learned from others in your social context about who you are, what is important to you, what values you hold, how you think about education and yourself as a student and a teacher?
- What life experiences (e.g., cross-cultural experiences, travel, friends who are different from you) have helped you make what is invisible, more visible related to your cultural values?
- What are the connections with the things that you learned about yourself during this assignment and the expectations you have for students in your classroom?
- How have your values and perspectives shaped how you think about others? About difference? About social justice in schools and society?

### **3. Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone (100 points)**

Below, I have provided a list of movies or videos available in your local video store for rent, on cable/satellite TV, or some may be found in the TAMU-Commerce media library or your local library. Some of these movies are also available for rent online and you can watch them on

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your computer. If there is a movie you would like to view that is not on the list below, please get permission from your instructor. You are to attend an event or view two movies from the same category that will help you learn about a topic and/or group different from a group to which you belong. The idea is that you will experience people different from those who are a part of your normal daily circle of family and friends. So you can not submit for credit an experience from your own group. More information is available on D2L.

If you are looking for an event to attend, some can be found on [www.dfwinternational.org](http://www.dfwinternational.org). View the movies or attend the presentation or event. Take note of your interaction with people at the presentation or event, write a brief reflection of your experience.

Your reflection should include the following elements: 1) a synopsis or summary description of the movie plot (if you select movies, make this portion VERY brief), presentation topic, or event; 2) what insights, new information, or attitude changes you gained about the particular social issue or group involved; 3) what implications you think your new insights, information, or attitudes have for your behavior as an educator. This should be a large portion in your paper. A big emphasis should be placed on this third element.

#### Movie/Video List for Reflective Essay Assignment

Select **two** of the movies/videos from the SAME category listed below to view and reflect upon.

##### **Immigration, Assimilation and Acculturation**

The Butler  
El Norte  
Rabbit Proof Fence  
Lost Boys of Sudan  
When East meets East (East is East)  
Abandoned: The Betrayal of America's Immigrants  
Ellis Island  
Farmingville  
The Gatekeeper  
Split Decision  
Banana split  
Real Women Have Curves

##### **Issues of Race and Ethnicity**

The Butler  
4 Little Girls  
Do the Right Thing  
Mi Familia  
Cesar Chavez  
Smoke Signals  
Beloved  
In America  
Joy Luck Club  
Rosewood  
The Help  
American History X  
White Identity Theory: Origins and Prospect  
Real Women Have Curves

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**Institutionalized Prejudice**

The Butler  
Amazing Grace  
Cesar Chavez  
Sounder  
Lone Star  
Amistad  
Skin  
Come See the Paradise  
Das Experiment  
The Help  
Held in Trust: The Story of Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper  
Violence: An American Tradition  
Black Like Me  
The House We Live In

**Issues of Sexual Orientation**

Song Catcher  
Straight from the Heart  
It's Elementary  
Flag Wars  
Different for Girls  
One Nation under God  
This Way Out  
The Brandon Teena Story  
Southern Comfort  
A Boy Named Sue  
The Celluloid Closet  
Brokeback Mountain  
Boys Don't Cry

**Issues of Social Class**

The Butler  
Cesar Chavez  
Norma Rae  
Silkwood  
Roger & Me  
The Big One  
Milagro Beanfield War  
Matewan  
Brassed Off  
Maria Full of Grace  
Life & Debt  
Flag Wars  
People Like Us  
The Last Graduation: The Movement for College Programs in New York State Prisons After Attica  
The Farmer's Wife  
North Country  
The Corporation

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### **Issues of Gender**

Welcome to the Doll House

Whale Rider

Maria Full of Grace

Sexual stereotypes in Media: Superman and the Bride

The Color of Fear: A Film

The Young and the Damned: Los Olvidados

Gender Issues

“In My Country”; An International Perspective on Gender

Lives Together, Worlds Apart: Men and Women in a Time of Change

Boys Don't Cry

North Country

Maria Full of Grace

### **Issues of Social Justice**

The Butler

Bowling for Columbine

Dead Man Walking

Cesar Chavez

Fahrenheit 9/11

The Control Room

In Whose Honor?

The Jaundiced Eye

Supporting Youth: Their Education an Survival

Democratic Promise: Saul Alinsky and His Legacy

Who Killed Vincent Chin?

Brubaker

Mississippi Burning

When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts

### **4. The Interview with an ELL and Essay (100 points)**

Interview an adult or teenager whose first language is not English. The interview should focus on that individual's experiences learning the English language. In particular, focus the interview on: 1) the method by which the person learned or is learning English; 2) what does/did the person find most frustrating or difficult about the experience; 3) what aspects of U. S. society and culture does the person find difficult to understand; why did the person decide to come to the U. S. You are not limited to these questions; however, at a minimum, these questions must be addressed. Write an essay in which you present your interview findings. Discuss what implications you see in your interviewee's response for you as a teacher of children whose first language is not English as well as those whose first language is English.

### **5. Book Club Discussions (20 points each)**

Review the document in Doc Sharing that includes the Book Club Book Summaries. Please select a first and second choice from the books. Go to the Student Lounge tab in Course Home. There you will find a place to indicate your first and second choice. The deadline to select your book is Sunday, @11:59 p.m. If you do not indicate a choice by the deadline, I will select a Book Club Book for you. I will create groups and let you know the Book Club Book you will be reading ASAP. Please Order your Book Club Book after I have let you know the book you will be reading.

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•Book Club Group readings and discussions do not occur until Module 4. Your group will collaboratively decide due dates for reading chapters in the book. Module 4 includes the discussion format and you will have discussion due dates.

## 6. Student Information Sheet (10 points) Due by the end of the Introduction Module.

### **DOCTORAL STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS IN ADDITION TO ASSIGNMENTS 1-6**

#### **Doctoral Student Assignment 1. Milestones in Education (50 points) Due by the end of Module 2**

You will be assigned TWO milestones in Education that are worth a total of 75 points. Find two historical articles. Two that support and two that negate your milestone. Next, find two current (last 5 years) articles that supports and two that negate your milestone. (This should be approximately 1-2 double spaced pages). You will need to include all of the following information *You will need to make sure you explain and include the following:*

1. Background or context of the milestone.
2. Significance of the milestone.
3. Relevance of the milestone to diversity in education.

Pictorial Presentation-You will create a pictorial presentation of your Milestone in Education. Please see D2L for more specifics.

#### **Doctoral Student Assignment 2. Diversity Book Review (100 points) Due by the end of Module 4**

You will select a book from the list found in Doc Sharing and write a book review. Include the following in your review:

1. Information about the author
2. The main themes in the book
3. Analysis of the books strengths and weaknesses and examples of each
4. Conclusion

More specifics about the book review can be found in D2L.

#### **Doctoral Student Assignment 3. Education Policy Revision (50 points)**

You will select two education (in regard to diversity and equity) policies that don't support effective instruction. These can be policies at the campus, district, state or national level. Your task is to rewrite the policy so that it does support effective instruction. Your rewritten policy should include the following: the original policy, research that supports your belief that the policy is not appropriate, your rewritten policy, and why you chose this policy. You must include in your education policy revisions and references.

## **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

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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 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**

<b>Browser</b>	<b>Supported Browser Version(s)</b>	<b>Maintenance Browser Version(s)</b>
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

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## 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 <b>point</b> release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or <b>point</b> 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.

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Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.

JavaScript is enabled.

Cookies are enabled.

- 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 \(version 17 or later\)](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/) <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](mailto: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.

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## 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.

## 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.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### Course Specific Procedures/Policies

You are expected to participate in all classes and activities. This is an online course so participation is up to you this includes readings, discussions, and assignments.

Research: Research is part of TAMU-C requirements. All faculty members that work at the university must research and publish their research. As action research helps an instructor to determine the worth of the class assignment they develop, I like to do research on assignments and/or activities used in our class. Therefore, any reflective responses to the planned class activities may be used to fulfill my research requirement. However, all responses used in research articles will be anonymous. That is, no names or any identification about specific students will be used anywhere in my research. If you disagree to this, please let me know and I will give you a paper to fill out and I will not use any response I know is from you.

#### Policies:

- 1) The publication manual for the American Psychological Association (APA), 6<sup>th</sup> ed., should be used for citations, references, and manuscript style for all written work.
- 2) Written work should be turned in according to the class schedule. Assignments are due by 11:59 p.m on the day indicated, unless otherwise indicated. No late discussion postings and/or assignments will be accepted or receive any credit. No exceptions will be made. Plan ahead and try to complete assignments well in advance to avoid last-minute problems. Computer difficulties will not be accepted as an excuse for late submission. Students are encouraged to check with different browsers, security levels; and, if settings on home computers are not compatible, they are encouraged to use libraries or computer labs on campus or local/private cyber cafes. It is a good idea to allow plenty of time for eleventh-hour adversities.
- 3) All assignments should be the student's own work. Please read the student handbook for information regarding the penalty for plagiarism. All documented cases of plagiarism will result in an automatic zero (0) on that assignment and may be forwarded to the Office of Student Life for disciplinary action. Remember that even copying one sentence without proper citation/quotations constitutes plagiarism!
- 4) Please note that points will be deducted for incomplete assignments and for those that are not of graduate level high quality.

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### Plagiarism Policy:

Professionals are careful to include appropriate citations of all sources. Without citations, you are presenting ideas or words as your own. Paraphrasing another's work calls for a citation to give credit to the author. Even when you cite accurately, you need to use your own words; use direct quotes very sparingly. It is imperative that you create your own work and use your original words. Cutting and pasting from another source is not acceptable.

### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY STATEMENT:

Academic integrity is the foundation of the academic community. Because each student has the primary responsibility for being academically honest, students are advised to read and understand all sections in this handbook relating to standards of conduct and academic life.

### Definitions

Academic dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism, falsifying academic records and other acts intentionally designed to provide unfair advantage to the student or the attempt to commit such acts. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, intentionally giving or receiving unauthorized aid or notes on examinations, papers, or class assignments intended to be individually completed. Cheating also includes the unauthorized copying of tests or any other deceit or fraud related to the student's academic conduct. Plagiarism occurs when a student obtains someone else's work and presents those ideas or words as her or his own academic work. Falsifying academic records includes, but is not limited to, altering grades or other academic records.

Honesty in completing assignments is essential to the mission of the university and to the development of the personal integrity of the student. Cheating, plagiarism, or other kinds of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate sanctions that may include failing an assignment, failing the class, or being suspended or expelled. Suspected cases in this course will be reported. The specific disciplinary process for academic dishonesty is found in the TAMU-C Student Handbook.

Please see the Student Handbook for additional information on academic dishonesty.

### Professionalism Component

You are expected to demonstrate a professional attitude at all times. This includes respecting the thoughts of your peers as well as your instructor. Also included is the following: participating in small and large group discussions, being on time, staying the entire time, accepting constructive criticism, listening, turning in high quality work, and understanding that this is a growth experience. Students who come into class expecting an A need to rethink their reason for being here. If you want an A, then you must work to earn the A. The Professional Behavioral Standards Evaluation Form will be used at such a time as it is warranted due to non-compliance with these expectations. "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).

### Online Discussions and Chat rooms

You will be expected to participate in online discussions and some chats. Post to discussion boards answer the questions thoroughly. There is no, "I agree with her" and that's it. You must respond in a professional manner. The discussions, please see rubric. No late discussion postings will be accepted or receive any credit. No exceptions will be made.

### ONLINE CLASS EXPECTATIONS

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Online courses are a lot of work, more so than a face to face meeting. You have to be disciplined to be successful. If you are not, this may not be the course for you. Do not get behind in this course. If you do, you will not succeed. **Your readings and assignments are critical to your success in this course.** Students are expected to spend approximately 6-7 hours per week on course work excluding readings. The points you earn for discussion boards and activities will help ensure that you are keeping up with your assignments. You also need to have computer equipment that works. I understand storms cause power outages. However, you are still responsible for completing all assignments by the due date. If you are having technical difficulties, you need to get it corrected a.s.a.p. I do not suggest waiting until the last minute to complete your assignments.

All students are expected to maintain high standards of quality of work and integrity. All written assignments are to be word processed, double-spaced and in 12 pt. font. All students are expected to maintain high standards of integrity; any use of the writing of others, must be quoted and cited.

Final Grade: Your final grade is a percentage of total possible points. You can figure your grade at any time by knowing the total possible points to date and computing the percentage. You have the right to appeal your final grade.

### **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>

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<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

## **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](mailto: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.

*The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.*

## 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 GRADING SYSTEM

A "A" will be given for 90%-100% of the total points earned or work that is exceptional quality  
A "B" will be given for 80%-89% of the total points earned or work that is above average quality  
A "C" will be given for 70%-79% of the total points earned or work that is average quality.  
A "D" will be given for 60%-69% of the total points earned or work that is below average quality.  
A "F" will be given for 59% or less of the total points earned or work that is poor quality.

NOTE: The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus, including course assignments, grading system and due dates as circumstances may warrant.

The final course grade will be based upon the chart listed below:

### Assignments

Item:	Maximum Points
Cultural Memoir – Module 2	100 pts.
Discussion Boards, Responses, and /or Assignments –All Modules	10 pts. Each
Book Club Discussions – Module 4	20 pts. Each
Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone – Module 3	100 pts.
Interview and Essay with an ELL – Module 4	100 pts.
Doctoral Student Assignment 1. Milestones in Education	50 pts
Doctoral Student Assignment 2. Diversity Book Review	100 pts.
Doctoral Student Assignment 3. Education Policy Revision	50 pts.

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE BY 11:59 P.M**

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