



ELED 437: Science, Technology, and Math in a Field-Based Setting
ELED 438: Intg Lrn: Soc St FB
ELED 448: GLB/Characteristics ELLs
ELED 443: Classrm Mgt Field Based

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2021

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required

Software Required *On-line TExES Resource – CertifyTeacher (sent instructions in email)*



What is TK20?

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

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. Cost: \$120 from vendor; bookstore a bit more

Optional Texts and/or Materials *Texas TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (291) w/Online Practice Exam* by Luis A Rosado

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Field-Based Teacher Education Program Handbook [revised fall 2016]

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/educationHumanServices/educatorCertificationAcademicServices/Available%20Programs/fieldBased/documents/14-15%20FieldBasedHandbook.pdf>

Course Description

Internship Seminar Course Work: Internship seminar is taught in an integrated manner during seminar sessions by Center Faculty and includes these courses: ELED 437, 438, 443, and RDG 448.

Individual Course Descriptions:

ELED 437: Explores the integrated nature of learning with science, and math as content focus and with technology understanding, usage, and how it can enhance best practices. Seminars are conducted in CPDT centers; field-based applications take place in public schools under the guidance of public school teachers and university personnel that comprise the Instructional Leadership Team.

ELED 438: This course explores the integrated nature of learning with social studies as content focus. Seminars are conducted in CPDT centers; field-based applications take place in public schools under the guidance of public school teachers and university personnel that comprise the Instructional Leadership Team.

ELED 443: A field-based course, normally taught in Centers for Professional Development and Technology, in which prospective teachers develop and improve the skill of managing classroom environments, curriculum, space and time, and student behavior with culturally, economically, and educationally diverse student populations. Candidates acquire knowledge, skill, and ability by observing and working with experienced public school teachers in their elementary and/or middle school classrooms.

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RDG 448: The characteristics and challenges of English language learners will be explored. Attention will be given to the development of reading fluency and written communications in the content areas with second language learners. Language assessments will be studied. This course has been selected as a Global Course tied to the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Texas A&M University-Commerce QEP seeks to prepare students for an interconnected world. This course will examine the rich diversity of cultures and languages present in schools today.

All courses are taught in an integrated manner during seminar by Center Faculty and includes ELED 437, 438, 443, and RDG 448.

Student Learning Outcomes

While engaged in learning and teaching, the intern will show evidence that s/he:

1. uses knowledge and skills of all content areas, as defined by the TEKS, to plan and implement effective curriculum, instruction, assessment, and evaluation;
2. is able to identify, create, and apply a variety of teaching and classroom management strategies in seminar and Field Based setting that meet the individual, developmental, and diverse needs of young children.
3. ensures that instructional goals and objectives, classroom activities, assessments, and other elements of classroom environment convey high expectations for student achievement.
4. uses critical thinking and problem solving to design and implement lessons with real-world application and that include effective classroom management strategies.
5. understands cultures and how they develop and adapt and uses this knowledge to enable students to appreciate and respect cultural diversity in Texas, the United States, and the world;
6. understands the importance of ESL teaching methods and uses this knowledge to plan and implement effective, developmentally appropriate instruction with use of hands-on experiences, as well as content and vocabulary development for English language learners;
7. recognizes and utilizes technology in planning and appropriately implementing learning activities with children in math, science, social studies, and reading, as well as when communicating with parents.
8. identifies, creates, and applies a variety of teaching and classroom management strategies in seminar and Field Based setting that meet the individual, developmental, and diverse needs of young children;
9. utilizes the varied and appropriate assessments and assessment practices to monitor math, science, technology, social studies, and reading content comprehension and learning.
10. applies Early Childhood-Sixth Grade and PPR Standards (TEXES) and ELPS for math, science, technology, social studies, and reading competencies with the course content and Field Based experience.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Required Seminar Courses: ELED 443, ELED 437, ELED 438 and RDG 448

1. *Attendance*— on time—at **all** scheduled university seminars, school-based class sessions, and school-based meetings.
2. Professionalism exemplified by preparation and enthusiasm for all school-based and seminar activities.
3. A weekly *Reflection Journal* of informal observations, reflections, and/or writing-to-learn activities in which teaching strategies, learning strategies, organization/management systems, effective instruction, and the accommodation of diversity are discussed.
4. Six lessons (planned, taught, and evaluated). [3 per rotation] A minimum of one lesson per rotation will be evaluated by the liaison
5. Mid-Term progress report and Final assessments by the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)
6. Weekly seminar activities as assigned in seminar.
7. *Individual Teacher Education Plans* (ITEPs) of planned and completed goals/activities.
8. Teaching Inquiry Project –final project due in residency.
9. Technology requirements will be met by the use of D2L Brightspace/Dropbox as well as utilizing technology to teach lessons in the EC-6 classroom.
10. Register for TExES Certification Exams.
11. Check degree evaluation in Degree Works for accuracy.

Instructional Methods

This course utilizes a practicum approach such as observations, small group/whole group instruction, co-teaching, and full-time teaching in the field. Seminars will be held weekly and uses an integrated approach to connect learning and experiences.

The purpose of the (**internship**) within the field-based program is twofold: (1) to demonstrate knowledge about content, pedagogy, technology, classroom management, assessment and evaluation, and the teaching and learning process; and (2) to demonstrate the ability to work with and manage students, plan lessons, and teach students using relevant and meaningful learning experiences in a professional manner. Thus, the assessment and evaluation of interns is also twofold as it addresses performance in both field based and seminar settings.

The primary force in the CPDT is the **instructional leadership team** that is coordinated by the mentor teachers and university liaisons with input from the interns, residents, and principals. Most decisions about the activities and experiences each intern or resident will have are determined by the *ILT* through discussion and consensus. The ILTs are usually composed of at least two mentor teachers, usually from different grade levels or content areas, an intern, and/or a resident, and university liaison.

The field-based teacher education program has been designed to provide each student with opportunities to learn about students, learning, and teaching in the best possible

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environment--the real public school classroom and apply the knowledge gained from the intern semester in the internship semester. Therefore, the intern's responsibilities should include:

1. understand the physical and cultural environment of the school, faculty, and staff, and students;
2. learn the students' names and their cultural diversity as soon as possible;
3. demonstrate the ability to respond appropriately to diverse group of learners;
4. understand the mentor teacher's yearly curricular and instructional goals;
5. become familiar with the content objectives, essential elements, and curriculum in order to utilize them for planning and instruction;
6. demonstrate a rich knowledge of content areas;
7. demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills orally and in writing with professionals and students;
8. display the highest standards of professionalism and a commitment to improve the learning environment and the teaching profession;
9. observe the planning process and attend all available planning meetings;
10. assist the mentor teacher in planning, developing, and preparing materials;
11. become familiar with the classroom instructional and discipline management plan;
12. assist the teacher in supervising student performance and working with individual students;
13. observe and reflect upon curricular and instructional practices and research alternate learner-centered methods of instruction;
14. demonstrate a rich knowledge of pedagogy including effective teaching practices and relevant and meaningful learning experiences for students;
15. demonstrate knowledge and use of effective assessment and evaluation strategies to promote student learning;
16. explore and demonstrate knowledge in the use of the technology to enhance instruction and classroom management;
17. exhibit a commitment to teaching, learning, and excellence in the profession;
18. assume other responsibilities based upon ILT recommendations;
19. enhance instructional environment for public school students.

Book Study:

Student Learning Outcomes: 1-10

Assessment Method: (Discussion based Participation)

The interns will be grouped across districts and will meet to discuss a text (TBD) analyzing research based methods and making connections with current experience and planning for your own classroom. Your book study group will meet several times throughout the semester and will be responsible for providing a short professional development session to the other interns. Details will be provided in seminar.

Professionalism:

Student Learning Outcomes: 1-10 (see Student Learning Outcomes)

Assessment Method: Determined by the Instructional Leadership Team, weekly ITEPS/Journals, Professionalism, self-assessment, and lesson evaluations

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- Attendance and being on time at **ALL** university seminars, assigned campus days, school/university meetings, and field based staff development. You will be required to attend all seminar days; field based assigned days, staff development, etc. You are **required** to contact your liaison and mentor teacher if you will be missing your assigned campus day or seminar. Your grade will be lowered if you are absent or tardy (see professionalism rubric).
- Professionalism at the highest level to be demonstrated at all school and university functions. An educator demonstrates his/her professionalism in ways such as being on time, participating in, and contributing to class activities, accepting responsibility, and consistently demonstrating professionalism during seminar, on assignments, and in the field. See professionalism rubric for details.

The Reflective Teacher:

Learning Outcomes: 1-10 (see Student Learning Outcomes)

Assessment Method: Instructional Leadership Team

- Complete ITEPs as directed by the ILT (Instructional Leadership Team). ITEPs detail your goals/activities in the field based setting. During this sharing time modifications can be made as agreed by the ILT. Have your mentor sign your ITEP and submit to your liaison as determined by the ILT.
- Journal writing in a Reflective Journal while in your placements and in seminar which will include reflections on teaching and learning strategies, organizational/management systems, effective instruction, and diverse learners. Reflection is essential to learning and addressing what you are seeing and areas that you need to address. Be sure to include routines, timing, children's responses to different situations, etc. This journal will be an invaluable reference, especially when you are a teacher of record. Submission of journal entries to your liaison will be determined by your ILT.

Lesson Plans and Evaluation:

Learning Outcomes: 1-10 (see Student Learning Outcomes)

Assessment Method: Documentation through lesson plans, evaluations, observations (Mentor/Liaison)

- Six (6) formal evaluations must be completed this semester from different content areas. During each placement, your mentor teacher(s) will evaluate two lessons and your liaison will evaluate one lesson. Prior to the lessons your liaison will evaluate, you will provide your liaison with the lesson plan at least 48 hours in advance. Your liaison will review your lesson plan and provide feedback. At each evaluation you **MUST** have prepared for the

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evaluator the following items: your final lesson plan, a seating chart, and all handouts to be used during your lesson. Your university liaison will expect it to be ready and in the location where you would like her/him to sit during your lesson.

- Midterm Evaluation covering experiences from first placement as completed by the ILT.
- **Final** Evaluation covering experiences in the field and seminar as completed by the ILT. See attached grading rubric.

Field-Based Investigative Report:

Student Learning Outcomes: (ELA/Reading Standards 1-12; PPR Standards 1.1k-1.6k, 1.25k; TEC §38.003 Screening and Treatment for Dyslexia and Related Disorders; TAC §74.28. Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders)

Assessment Method: Narrative Report or other format as determined by Center Faculty

Each intern will conduct a field-based investigation on their assigned campus of the procedures used for identifying, assessing and serving ELL and non-ELL students with dyslexia or a related disorder. The investigation includes detecting the array of instructional support services available to identified students and the resources available to teachers. Findings will be compiled in a narrative report or another format determined by Center Faculty and will be presented in seminar where the different campus processes will be compared and contrasted.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

You are now a professional! These assignments are given to you as a professional, not a student. Be responsible, be precise, be a professional in everything that you do. You are modeling to your children, to your colleagues and to your mentors. We are expecting from you what your future employer will expect from you. How do you want others to perceive you and your performance?

GRADING

Grading will reflect a combination of seminar and field work. ***Field focus: prior preparation, strength and delivery of lessons, knowledge of subject matter, utilization of lesson design, and assessment of student progress.***

The following holistic scoring will be utilized:

A (90 – 100%) = Commendable. Well above average in initiative, thought, organization, reflection, and implementing professional choices. Evidences extensive control of own decision-making and learning processes. Monitors, adjusts, and manages independently. Excellent attitude, attendance, participation and completion of assignments by due date

B (80 – 89%) = Developing. Functional, but in need of instruction regarding initiative, thought, organization, reflection, and implementing professional choices. Evidences some control of own

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decision-making and learning processes. Monitors, adjusts, and manages--but requires intervention. Good attitude, attendance, participation and completion of assignments by due date
C (70 – 79%) = Needs Improvement. Some lack of initiative, thought, organization, reflection, and responsibility. Evidences little to no control of own decision-making and learning processes. Does not adequately monitor, adjust, and manage. Sometimes exhibits poor attitude, attendance, participation and completion of assignments by due date.
D (less than 70%) = Not recommended for teacher certification

Grading (Determined by criteria shared below)

| Internship Assessment Rubric | | | | | |
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| Professional Criteria | Highly Professional (6) | Professional (4) | Needs Improvement (2) | Unprofessional (0) | Concerns |
| Attendance | Always arrives on time and stays for the entire seminar meeting; always on time and stays per required hours in the field setting. | Late, left early or absent to seminar/field assignment once or twice; contacted liaison, mentor, ISD; provided written excuse; made up absence promptly. | Late, left early, or absent to seminar/field assignment more than twice; did not contact liaison, mentor, ISD; did not provide any written excuse; absence made up in an unacceptable time frame. | Late, left early, or absent regularly; did not contact liaison, mentor, ISD; did not provide any written excuse; no plan to make up absence. | |
| Respect | Exhibits behavior that is respectful towards others (avoiding: over-socializing, sleeping, working on unrelated material or wearing inappropriate attire) in seminar and/or field; never uses approved electronic devices at inappropriate times in seminar and/or field; is respectful towards peers, faculty/staff in seminar/field, students, and the learning environment. | Exhibits behavior that distracts others once or twice during seminar and/or field; rarely uses electronic devices inappropriately in seminar and/or field; is almost always respectful towards peers, faculty/staff in seminar/field, students, and the learning environment; upon recognition and reflection the behavior is changed promptly. | Recurring behavior that distracts others once or twice during seminar and/or field; rarely uses electronic devices inappropriately in seminar and/or field; is not consistently respectful towards peers, faculty/staff in seminar/field, students, and the learning environment; upon recognition no reflection occurs; behavior is slow to improve. | Asked to leave and/or multiple conversations with Center Coordinator, liaison, staff, and/or faculty in seminar and/or field due to behavior that distracts others once or twice during seminar and/or field; rarely uses electronic devices inappropriately in seminar and/or field; disrespectful towards peers, faculty/staff in seminar/field, students, and the learning environment; upon recognition no reflection occurs; behavior is not changing. | |
| Self-Awareness | Maintain a high level of self-awareness (self-reflection, self-talk to access thoughts, feelings | Almost always maintain a high level of self-awareness (self-reflection, self-talk to access | Occasionally exhibits self-awareness about the impact of verbal and non-verbal | Rarely exhibits self-awareness about the impact of verbal and non-verbal communication in | |

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| | and emotions) about the impact of verbal and non-verbal communication in seminar/field; with faculty/staff, peers, and/or students. | thoughts, feelings and emotions) about the impact of verbal and non-verbal communication in seminar/field; with faculty/staff, peers, and/or students. | communication in seminar/field; with faculty/staff, peers, and/or students. | seminar/field; with faculty/staff, peers, and/or students. | |
| Awareness and Responsiveness to Diversity | Seminar/field interactions always reflect and appreciate the diverse opinions, experiences, and/or people. | Seminar/field interactions almost always reflect and appreciate the diverse opinions, experiences, and/or people; upon recognition and reflection behavior is adjusted. | Seminar/field interactions do not consistently reflect and appreciate the diverse opinions, experiences, and/or people; upon recognition and reflection behavior is slow to adjust. | Seminar/field interactions rarely reflect and appreciate the diverse opinions, experiences, and/or people; upon recognition no reflection; behavior does not change. | |
| Collegiality and Collaboration | Always work collaboratively with all team members (peers, mentors, faculty/staff); relating easily and positively | Almost always works collaboratively with all team members (peers, mentors, faculty/staff); relating easily and positively; behavior is adjusted upon recognition. | Reluctant to work collaboratively with others (peers, mentors, faculty/staff); struggles to maintain positive relationships; recognition; behavior slow to adjust. | Does not demonstrate skills to work collaboratively with others (peers, mentors, faculty/staff); relationships have been affected in seminar/field. | |
| Oral and Written Expression | Always articulate ideas/concepts clearly without error both oral and written expression in seminar/ field; appropriate citation in writing when appropriate. | Almost always ideas/concepts clearly with few errors both oral and written expression in seminar/field; appropriate citation in writing when appropriate. | Challenging for others to understand ideas/concepts in either or both oral and written expression in seminar/field; no citation | Consistently receives feedback from faculty/staff, peers, and mentors that oral and/or written expression in seminar/field is unacceptable. | |
| Initiative, Reliability and Dependability | Always take initiative in the field/seminar (do not wait to be asked); initiative in planning and completing work in a timely manner seminar/field; prepared for all seminar/field learning. | Almost always take initiative in the field/seminar (do not wait to be asked); initiative in planning and completing work in a timely manner seminar/field; somewhat prepared for all seminar/field learning. | Occasionally take initiative in the field/seminar (do not wait to be asked); occasional initiative in planning and completing work in a timely manner seminar/field; not consistent in preparation for all seminar/field learning. | Lack of demonstration of taking initiative in the field/seminar (wait to be asked); no evidence of initiative in planning and completing work in a timely manner seminar/field; not prepared for all seminar/field learning. | |
| Motivation for Improvement and Response to Feedback | Always receptive to and seeks out suggestion and feedback (faculty/staff, peers, mentors, others); consistently self reflects; adjust performance accordingly in seminar/ field. | Almost always receptive to and seeks out suggestion and feedback (faculty/staff, peers, mentors, others); self- reflection is evident; adjust performance accordingly in seminar/field; upon | Usually receptive to and occasionally seeks out suggestion and feedback (faculty/staff, peers, mentors, others); occasional self-reflection; no adjust performance accordingly in seminar/field; upon recognition some | Lack of demonstration of reception to or seeking out suggestion and feedback (faculty/staff, peers, mentors, others); no self-reflection; no effort to adjust performance accordingly in | |

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| | | recognition adjusts behavior. | adjustment to behavior. | seminar/field; upon recognition no effort to adjust behavior. | |
| Physical Presence | Understand and can explain the connection between style of dress, overall appearance, and social mannerisms and the professional impression; reflect seriousness of a professional educator. | Somewhat understand and can explain the connection between style of dress, overall appearance, and social mannerisms and the professional impression; reflect seriousness of a professional educator; adjust when recognized. | Unclear and unable to explain the connection between style of dress, overall appearance, and social mannerisms and the professional impression; somewhat reflects seriousness of a professional educator; some adjustment when recognized. | Lack of understanding and unable to explain the connection between style of dress, overall appearance, and social mannerisms and the professional impression; does not reflect seriousness of a professional educator; no adjustment when recognized. | |
| Technology Presence | Understand and can explain the importance of a professional online presence; appropriate social media use; reflect the seriousness of a professional educator. | Somewhat understand and can explain the importance of a professional online presence; appropriate social media use; reflect the seriousness of a professional educator; adjusts when recognized. | Unclear and unable explain the importance of a professional online presence; inappropriate social media use; does not reflect the seriousness of a professional educator; adjusts when recognized. | Lack of understanding and unable explain the importance of a professional online presence; inappropriate social media use; does not reflect the seriousness of a professional educator; no adjustments when recognized. | |
| Educator Code of Ethics and Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Standards | Consistently demonstrates knowledge, leadership, and respect in discussions and understanding of ethical issues and EPP Standards. | Almost always demonstrates knowledge, leadership, and respect in discussions and understanding of ethical issues and EPP Standards; adjusts when recognized. | Occasionally demonstrates knowledge, leadership, and respect in discussions and understanding of ethical issues and EPP Standards; adjusts when recognized. | Lack of demonstration of knowledge, leadership, and respect in discussions and understanding of ethical issues and EPP Standards; no adjustments when recognized. | |

| Academic Criteria | Highly Professional (6) | Professional (4) | Needs Improvement (2) | Unprofessional (0) | Concerns |
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| Academic STEM class | Completes all assignments with high level of competency | Completes all assignments with adequate level of competency (can be work redone to meet this level) | Has 1 incomplete assignment or has low level of competency (did not choose to make up low level of competency work with feedback) | Has more than 1 incomplete assignment and has not attempted to redo work that was low level of competency. | |
| Academic READING class | Completes all assignments with high level of competency | Completes all assignments with adequate level of competency (can be work redone to meet this level) | Has 1 incomplete assignment or has low level of competency (did not choose to make up low level of competency work with feedback) | Has more than 1 incomplete assignment and has not attempted to redo work that was low level of competency. | |
| Academic Social Studies | Completes all assignments with | Completes all assignments with adequate level of | Has 1 incomplete assignment or has low level of | Has more than 1 incomplete assignment and has | |

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| | high level of competency | competency (can be work redone to meet this level) | competency (did not choose to make up low level of competency work with feedback) | not attempted to redo work that was low level of competency. | |
| Academic Classroom Management | Completes all assignments with high level of competency | Completes all assignments with adequate level of competency (can be work redone to meet this level) | Has 1 incomplete assignment or has low level of competency (did not choose to make up low level of competency work with feedback) | Has more than 1 incomplete assignment and has not attempted to redo work that was low level of competency. | |

Final assessed grade will then be translated into courses for internship:

ELED 437: Science, Technology, and Math in a Field-Based Setting
 ELED 438. Integrated Learning: Social Studies in Field-Based Settings
 ELED 443: Classroom Management in a Field-Based Setting
 RDG 448: Content Reading Methods for Teacher Candidates

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 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.

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Desktop Support

| Browser | Supported Browser Version(s) | Maintenance Browser Version(s) |
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| 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) |
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| 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 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. |

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- 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.

- 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

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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.



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

The instructor's communication response time and feedback on assessments are stated clearly.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Attendance/Lateness, Late Work, Missed Exams and Quizzes and Extra Credit

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.

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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>

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>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

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

A&M-Commerce requires the use of face-coverings in all instructional and research classrooms/laboratories. Exceptions may be made by faculty where warranted. Faculty have management over their classrooms. Students not using face-coverings can be required to leave class. Repetitive refusal to comply can be reported to the Office of Students' Rights and Responsibilities as a violation of the student Code of Conduct.

Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.

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](#)

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<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.

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.

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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

Seminar and Field-based calendar will be provided by your Center Coordinator.

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