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## **EDCI-517-01W READING & LEARNING IN K-12 CONTENT AREAS**

**COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2024**

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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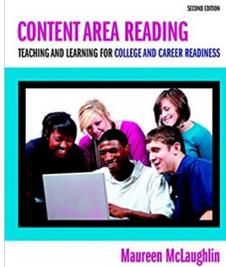
**Preferred Form of Communication:** email or text Communication Response Time: 24-48 hours

**Office Hours:** This is a virtual class, so my office hours are Monday-Friday, through email. Email questions directly (Melanie.Loewenstein@tamuc.edu). Allow 24-48 hours for response time. If you want me to call you, email me your phone number and I will call you (please let me know a good time). We can also zoom if you wish to communicate face-to-face or use video through phone.

**Need Help because this is your First Online Class?** We use Bright Spaces. Go to myleo and sign in. In the Welcome bar at the top of the page, you will click on the word "APPS" which will take you to the apps page. Scroll down to find the DL2 Bright Spaces app. There you should find your courses. If not, use the course selector tool at the top of the page to find the correct courses. If you are lost, please contact me immediately. Please do not become frustrated.

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Textbook(s) Required



ISBN-13: 978-0133830958

ISBN-10: 0133830950

## **Course Description**

This course is designed for graduate students in the alternative certification program seeking initial teacher certification. The focus is on reading comprehension, conceptual development, and strategies for interacting with expository text and medias . The role of the teacher, the structure of text , text analysis methods, and content area reading strategies are examined in relation to the student and the learning process. Research-based reading strategies are discussed as appropriate for all elementary and secondary grade levels

## **Student Learning**

### **Outcomes**

1. The learner will analyze curriculum and instruction by using varied resources to enable all students to become successful readers and writers;
2. The learner will demonstrate how to assist students with acquiring the knowledge,skills, and ability to comprehend expository text, and to interact with and use teacher directed and reader-based content reading strategies;
3. The learner will employ techniques to encourage the development and use of higher order thinking skills in all students;
4. The learner will develop effective instructional strategies through the integration of teaching and technology; and
5. The learner will design reading and literacy instruction in the content areas that will enable all students to reach educational goals and achievements.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

This course occurs in a digital learning environment designed with a module format. Students must be able to access this format. Students will also need to use Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, and access Google Drive.

### **Instructional Methods**

This course occurs in a digital learning environment designed with a module format. Modules will be open for 2-3 weeks. Module activities and assessments can be

completed using collaborative or partner grouping. Discussions and reflection will also be used.

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

**Time Management** In each module, you will be expected to read assigned material, participate in discussions and group tasks, reflect on your knowledge growth, and

complete all assigned tasks/projects by the due date. Therefore, you need to demonstrate a level of time management that allows you to meet due dates as posted.

**Read the required textbook** The student will be expected to read the required text and any supplemental materials. This is an online course that presents written information as an alternate mode of lecture. Do not take this lightly; you are expected to read/reflect for meaning. Reflections: The student may be asked to consider ideas presented in articles and threaded discussions. Some of the reflections will be assigned and graded.

**Written tasks** Completion of all written discussions/reflections and projects should exhibit professionalism in appearance and content at an acceptable level of scholarship. Projects are to be completed and turned in according to the due dates posted in Brightspaces for each module. Contact the instructor when extra time is needed to complete an assignment (BEFORE THE ASSIGNMENT IS DUE)..

## **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**

1. **Discussions and Quizzes** After reading the required chapters for each module, students are asked to join discussion threads and take quizzes.

Students must provide substantive responses that indicate that they fully understand the topic. Students are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives related to each topic. The quizzes indicate some understanding of the content from the reading, Powerpoints, and videos. SLOs: 1,5,6

2. **Performance Project/Task (PPs)** Each module includes PPs that show understanding of the course topics. PPs include projects like writing literacy histories, instruction strategies to use to cover content, and analyzing textbooks. SLOs: 1, 2, 3, 4
3. **Content Area Resource Anthology (CARA)** The final performance project is a content area resource anthology compiling what has been learned during the semester. Students will select a topic important to their teaching, then research the information. Evidence of both online and print resources must show the knowledge gained in the explored topic.  
SLOs: 1, 2, 5

## **Course Policies and Expectations**

### **Participation:**

I consider class participation to be one of the most important, yet it is considered an underrated element of a student's education. There are numerous elements that go into class participation:

- a. You need to have somewhat frequent and preferably intelligent, contributions to class discussion.
- b. Online discussion helps you to engage in self-evaluation, critical thinking, reflective learning, and metacognition. It also helps you learn to give good feedback, as most teachers need practice with this.
- c. You need to have polite and civil interactions with all members of the class ["All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment." (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct)].
- d. Failure to prepare and participate effectively will negatively impact the learning processes devised for the class and will impact not only your understanding but your grade for this course. "All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment" (Student Guidebook, pp. 67-73).  
When engaging in online discussions, please remember the- **Core**

### **Rules of Netiquette :**

**Rule 1:** Remember we are all Human

**Rule 2:** Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you follow in real life

- Rule 3:** Know where you are in cyberspace
- Rule 4:** Respect other people's time and bandwidth
- Rule 5:** Make yourself look good online
- Rule 6:** Share expert knowledge
- Rule 7:** Help keep flame wars under control
- Rule 8:** Respect other people's privacy
- Rule 9:** Don't abuse your power
- Rule 10:** Be forgiving of other people's mistakes

**Late work:** Everything should be turned in a timely manner. Develop a routine, so you do not fall behind. communication is key - so email/text/call me if you have issues.

**Scholarly Expectations:** All works submitted for credit must be original works created by the scholar uniquely for the class. It is considered inappropriate and unethical, particularly at the graduate level, to make duplicate submissions of a single work for credit in multiple classes, unless specifically requested by the instructor. Work submitted at the graduate level is expected to demonstrate critical thinking skills and be of significantly higher quality than work produced at the undergraduate level. In addition, all assignments turned in should have gone through the editing process. In addition, all work should go through the writing/editing process.

4. **Plagiarism is a BIG DEAL. Plagiarism of writings and/or other materials in any form will result in a grade of "F" for the course and WILL result in your dismissal from the program. Please cite your references carefully and consistently!**

*Plagiarism:* Plagiarism **WILL NOT** be tolerated and will result in an automatic **F** in the course. Various versions of your work and final papers will be run through Turnitin software - this is not meant to "catch" you in the act, but rather assist you in seeing possible areas that may be unintentionally plagiarized and allow for editing your work.

## 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.

### 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
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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.

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:
  - o [Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/](https://get.adobe.com/reader/)
  - o [Adobe Flash Player \(version 17 or later\) https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/)
  - o [Adobe Shockwave Player https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/](https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/) o [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.

### 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 will respond to inquiries within 24 hours. If an immediate response is required send a direct email to [juan.araujo@tamuc.edu](mailto:juan.araujo@tamuc.edu).

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### Course Specific Procedures/Policies

#### *Attendance*

Attendance online is expected; regular, consistent participation is important. We do important things every week of class – don't miss it. Excessive absences (less than 6 hours a week logged in to eCollege, or 5 days without logging into eCollege) may prompt an administrative withdrawal.

#### *Academic Honesty Policy*

Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate **plagiarism** and other forms of academic **dishonesty**. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. "Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.

We suggest these web resources to students for reference regarding what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it: <http://www.plagiarism.org/> or <http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/plagiarism.html> or <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

Disciplinary action for these offenses may include any combination of the following:

1. Point deduction on an assignment.
2. Failure for an assignment.
3. A grade of zero for an assignment.
4. Failure for the course.

5. Referral to the Academic Integrity Committee or department head for further action.
6. Referral to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services as appropriate.
7. Referral to the University Discipline Committee.
8. Communication of student's behavior to the Teacher Certification Office and/or Dean of the College of Education as constituting a reason to bar student from entering into or continuing in a teacher certification program. Procedures, A 13.04, 13.12, 13.31, and 13.32

*Drop a Course* <http://www.tamuc.edu/home/registrar/dropadd.asp>

Students who wish to drop a course are responsible for initiating this action. Students may drop a class with a full refund (if remaining enrolled) until the census day of the particular term. Census date is the 12th University class day of Fall or Spring, 4th university class day of summer or 2nd university class day of a mini term. After census date, eligible students may use their MyLeo to process drops online. The student must obtain approval from the department/instructor to drop after census date.

*Administrative Withdrawal* <http://www.tamuc.edu/home/registrar/dropadd.asp>

It is the prerogative of the faculty to drop students from courses in which they have accrued excessive absences as defined in the course syllabus. In such cases, faculty recommend through the department head to the appropriate college dean that a student be dropped from a class. The faculty member will document absences and will make a reasonable effort to communicate with the student prior to recommending the drop. If approved, the college dean will forward the recommendation to the Registrar's Office.

### **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>

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/rulesProcedure s/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/rulesProcedure s/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>  
[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedure s/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.

## **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.

**The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)**

## **COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR**

**Spring 2024: Module topics/dates are tentative and subject to change.**

Module 1 - 21st Century Literacy

Module 2 – Tools for Learning and Knowing

Module 3 – Creativity and Cultural Diversity

Module 4 – Diagnostic Teaching

Module 5 – Content Area Resource Anthology

