



## ETEC 596: Eportfolios & Program Evaluation COURSE SYLLABUS – Summer I 2026

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### COURSE INFORMATION

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

In addition to the textbooks listed below, we will explore relevant research readings provided the instructor throughout the semester. In addition, students will conduct research related to areas of focus in this course.

#### *Required Textbooks:*

Richard, R., Church, M., & Morrison, K. (2011). *Making Thinking Visible: How to Promote Engagement, Understanding, and Independence for All Learners*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. ISBN 978-0-470-91551-6

**Course Description:** This course is intended for students in the last semester of the EDTE or ETLs masters degree program. The course will explore eportfolios as a means to support metacognitive reflection (a key to lifelong learning), make thinking visible, assess learning, and evaluate learning programs. Students will also submit their ETEC eportfolios for peer review and revise for final submission for graduation.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### **Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments**

All students must be active participants in all aspects of class activities and within the Online course environment. All interaction must be conducted in a professional and respectful manner and model best practices of netiquette. Course grade is based on participation in a variety of activities, including threaded discussions and applied projects. In order to interact and participate in ongoing and evolving dialogue, post and respond to questions, contribute to the knowledge base, and remain aware of class dynamics, students must login regularly and be active participants in the class.

**Reading Discussions – 30%:** Engaging in dialogue with other students to discover critical issues and questions related to the course topics is a central component of this course. Discussions typically cover content included in the assigned readings, but may also involve finding, posting, and discussing other resources. A typical Reading Discussion requires 4-6 posts: one initial response to the discussion prompt, followed by 3-5

responses to other students' posts and replies. Prompts will be available well in advance of the deadline. Please post early so that others may reply. I offer a blanket, 24-hour grace period on all discussion deadlines in case of technical difficulties or unforeseen circumstances. This grace period means that posts made 24 hours after a deadline won't be counted late. However, if you habitually wait until the grace period to make your posts, you will risk missing a post due to technical difficulties. **Be advised:** *There's no grace on the grace period.*

**Base Group Participation – 20%:** Students will be assigned to base groups during the first week of the semester and will participate in activities with this group throughout the term. The function of base groups is to provide support and feedback to members of the group, particularly on their eportfolios and assessment plans. The grade for Base Group participation will be based on timeliness, frequency, and quality of interactions within the base group.

**Learning/Technology Assessment Plan – 30%:** Each student will develop an assessment/evaluation plan for a learning program or technology initiative. The assessment plan will include a mission or vision for a learning/technology initiative, priority goals/objectives, and measures of performance.

**ETEC Eportfolio – 20%:** Student will participate in peer review of their ETEC Eportfolios (a requirement for graduation), and complete the final submission of their eportfolios.

**Timely submission of assignments:** Assignments **MUST** be completed and submitted by the designated due dates, in the designated location. Full credit cannot be earned by late or incomplete assignments. Assignments involving peer participation or review, such as threaded discussions, **cannot be made up** after the participation period has ended and the rest of the class has moved on.

## Grading

Reading Discussions	30%	A 90-100%
Base Group Activities	20%	B 80-89%
Learning/Technology Assessment Plan	30%	C 70-79%
Ed Tech Eportfolio	20%	D 60-69%
		F 59% or less

Grade of "X" (Incomplete) - In accordance with the Academic Procedures stated in the TAMU-C Catalog, "students, who because of circumstances beyond their control, are unable to attend classes during finals week or the preceding three weeks will, upon approval of their instructor, receive a mark of 'X' (incomplete) in all courses in which they were maintaining passing grades." The mark of "X" will only be considered in strict compliance with University Policy upon submission of complete medical or other relevant documentation.

## EPORTFOLIO for MS/MEd in Educational Technology

Students pursuing the MS/MEd degree in Educational Technology (EDTE) program **and** the MS/MEd degree in Educational Technology Library Science (ETLS) are required to submit an electronic portfolio prior to graduation. Students will submit their Eportfolios in this class.

## 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

### 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.

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

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

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

The instructor is available via a variety of avenues. If you have a general question about the syllabus, class content, or anything that you would typically ask aloud in a traditional classroom environment, please do so in the Q&A Forum so that others might benefit from and participate in the exchange. If it's not something of general interest to others in the course, or involves personal concerns (i.e. grades, progress, etc.), send me via private e-mail. I check my TAMUC email daily during the week; emails sent via D2L go to this address. If you have a pressing concern on the weekend and I haven't responded to you, please trust that I will work with you to resolve your issue without penalty for my missing your message.

#### **Other Questions/Concerns**

Contact the appropriate TAMU-C department relating to your questions/concern. If you are unable to reach the appropriate department with questions regarding your course enrollment, billing, advising, or financial aid, please call 903-886-5511 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

## **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>

## **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:

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

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

## **AI (Artificial Intelligence) Use in Course**

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty  
13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

### **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/)

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### **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.

### **Course Specific Procedures**

*Scholarly Expectations*

Work submitted at the graduate level is expected to demonstrate critical and creative thinking skills and be of significantly higher quality than work produced at the undergraduate level. To achieve this expectation, students are also expected to resolve technical issues, be active problem solvers, and embrace challenges as positive learning opportunities. Additionally, educational technology professionals must be able to work cooperatively and collaboratively with others—skills which students are expected to practice in this course. Students are expected to ask for help when they need it and offer help when they notice someone in need.

### *Timeliness*

Because a 5-week term goes by quickly, assignments must be submitted by the designated due dates. Full credit cannot be earned by late or incomplete assignments. Assignments may lose up to 10% of their possible value each day late if submitted after the posted due date/time. (e.g. Assignments can lose all of their value at 10 days past due.) Many assignments involve peer review, which involves posting the assignment prior to or by the submission date. Please plan ahead to complete assignments--especially those for which your peers rely on you.

### *Time Commitment*

In a graduate level course, it is a reasonable and accepted expectation that a student will spend between three and four hours outside of class for each hour spent in class that lasts 15 weeks. The activities in this course are based on a 5-week instruction schedule, which cuts the number of weeks by 2/3s, thereby tripling the weekly time expectation. This should help you gauge how much time you will need to devote to the course.

## COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Because this course runs on a compressed, 5-week schedule, we'll be completing the full-semester equivalent of 3 weeks of work each week.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Due Dates</b>
<b>1</b> 6/1-6/7	<b>Introductions</b>	Post by Tues.
	<b>Discussion 1</b>	Initial post by Wed; replies to 3-5 classmates' posts by Sat.
	<b>Base Group Activity 1</b>	Post assignment by Fri; provide feedback to group members by Sun.
<b>2</b> 6/8-6/14	<b>Discussion 2</b>	Initial post by Wed; replies to 3-5 classmates' posts by Sat.
	<b>Base Group Activity 2</b>	Post assignment by Fri. Provide feedback to group members by Sun. Modify and repost by Mon.
<b>3</b> 6/15-6/21	<b>Technology Assessment Plan</b>	Begin work on Tech Assessment Plan; due in Week 5.
	<b>Discussion 3</b>	Initial post by Wed; replies to 3-5 classmates' posts by Sat.
	<b>Base Group Activity 3</b>	Post assignment by Fri. Provide feedback to group members by Sun. Modify and repost by Mon.
<b>4</b> 6/22-6/28	<b>Discussion 4</b>	Initial post by Wed; replies to 3-5 classmates' posts by Sat.
	<b>Eportfolio</b>	Submit completed Eportfolio to Assignment folder by Wed.
	<b>Base Group Activity 4</b>	Post assignment by Sat.
<b>5</b> 6/29-7/2	<b>Discussion 5</b>	Initial post by Tues; replies to 3-5 classmates' posts by Wed.
	<b>Base Group Activity 4 (continued)</b>	Provide feedback to group members by Mon.
	<b>Technology Assessment Plan</b>	Submit final Tech Assessment Plan to Assignment Folder by Wed.