



COURSE EDCI, 460, 01W, STEM in Elementary

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Materials: Open Educational Resources (OER)

All materials are embedded within the course or are accessible via the internet or through the Waters Library resource portal.

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Course Description

ECE 460 - Teaching STEM in Elementary

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This course emphasizes an integrated approach to early childhood curriculum development for young children. Relates early childhood pedagogy, research, and content areas of science, mathematics, engineering, technology, and art to STEAM project-based, integrated and inquiry curriculum designs.

Standards and Framework Items Addressed by the course as a whole: Teacher Preparation Standards: 1.E.i-iii; TEKS Standards: 5 & 6; Prekindergarten Guidelines: X.A.1-5 PPR Standards: 1.7k-21k, 1.23k, 1.29k, 1.6s-1.19s, 1.21s-1.23s, 1.25s, 1.27s; Technology Application Standards: 1.1k-1.3k, 1.1s-1.5s, 2.1k-2.4k, 2.1s-2.10s, 3.1k-3.3k, 3.1s-3.7s, 4.1k-

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4.3k, 4.1s-4.12s, 6.4k, 7.1k-7.3k, 7.3s-7.5s, 7.7s, 7.11s, 7.14s; **EC:PK-3 Test Framework:** III.006.A-C; **PPR Test Framework:** I.003.A-H, III.009.A, III.009.D-G

Performance Assessment Description

In groups of 3 or 4, students will collaboratively plan a STEAM project to lead a mutually respectful and collaborative class of actively engaged learners. Each module consists of tasks that scaffold students from planning the Context of Learning through the 3 stages of the UbD (backwards design) planning process to ensure the standards, learning objectives, assessment, and lesson align and implement developmentally appropriate strategies and practices to effectively teach and engage. Groups will work through the tasks in each module utilizing a Planning Google Slide Deck accessed through ETAMU's LMS creating a community of learners. The culminating task is the final presentation in which students choose a technology platform and transfer information from their Planning Google Slide Decks into a final draft to present to peers. Through this process, students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of incorporating context for learning (personal, cultural, and community assets) in planning instruction to build on students' individual interests, primary language, experiences, and prior knowledge. The UDL principles will be incorporated with instructional content presented in multiple ways using a variety of materials and resources and offering multiple ways for students to represent content to respond to students' strengths and needs. Students will create project-based learning that integrates Technology Application standards and utilize technology as both a student and teacher resource.

Curriculum Standard	Test Framework – Domain & Competency	Performance Assessment for Mastery
Teacher Preparation Standards: 1.E.i, 1.E.ii, 1.E.iii TEKS Standards: 5 & 6 Prekindergarten Guidelines: X.A.1, X.A.2, X.A.3, X.A.4, X.A.5 PPR Standards: 1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.10k, 1.11k, 1.12k, 1.13k, 1.14k, 1.15k, 1.16k, 1.17k, 1.18k, 1.19k, 1.20k, 1.21k, 1.23k, 1.29k, 1.21s, 1.22s, 1.23s, 1.25s, 1.27s Technology Application Standards: 1.1k, 1.2k, 1.3k, 1.1s, 1.4s, 1.5s, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k,	EC:PK-3 Test Framework: III.006.A, III.006.B, III.006.C PPR Test Framework: I.003.A, I.003.B, I.003.C, I.003.D, I.003.E, I.003.F, I.003.G, I.003.H, III.009.A, III.009.D, III.009.E, III.009.F, III.009.G	Designing a STEAM Project

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2.1s, 2.2s, 2.3s, 2.4s, 2.5s, 2.6s, 2.7s, 2.8s, 2.9s, 2.10s, 6.4k, 7.1k, 7.3s, 7.4s, 7.7s, 7.11s, 7.14s		
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Student Learning Outcomes

1. **Laying the Foundation:** Students will apply developmentally appropriate strategies and practices to plan effective and coherent instruction that embraces students' assets.
2. **Identifying Desired Results:** Students will construct developmentally appropriate, specific, and relevant learning objectives that measure student mastery of performance standards.
3. **Determining Assessment Evidence:** Students will create various assessment methods and strategies congruent with learning objectives and guide instructional planning.
4. **The Learning Environment:** Students will design an instructional plan that promotes a mutually respectful and collaborative class of actively engaged learners.
5. **Technology Applications:** Students will incorporate the effective use of current technology to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will need reliable computer and internet access for this course. Students must be able to effectively use myLeo email, myLeo Online D2L, and Microsoft Office

Instructional Methods

This course is an online course. To be successful in this course, all content and course modules should be read and reviewed. All assignments must be completed by the due date posted. Late submissions will be accepted in an emergency situation. Late assignments without communication will have a grade reduction of 10% for each day late. **Assignments submitted 4 days late or more will not be accepted. Please contact the instructor by email for any assistance.**

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

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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

PBA	Designing a STEM Project	EDCI 460 PBA
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Module 1: Pedagogy

Activity: Laying the Foundation

- Context for Learning
- STEAM overview

Module 2: Content Knowledge & Expertise

Activity: Identifying Desired Results

- TEKS
- Learning Objective

Module 3: Data-Driven Instruction

Activity: Determining Assessment Evidence

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- Performance Task
- Rubric

Module 4: Learning Environment

Activity: Interactive Read-Aloud

- Interactive Read-Aloud
- CRP Rubric

Module 5: Technology Applications

Activity: Culminating Project

- Digital presentation of STEM project
- Self & Peer Evaluation

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.etamu.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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@etamu.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 campus open computer lab, etc.

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COMMUNICATION AND 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. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

This is an online course; therefore, expect most communication to be online as well. Correspondence will always be through university email (your “myLeo” mail) and announcements in myLeo (D2L). The instructor will make every effort to respond to emails within 24 hours provided the correspondence follows the requirements listed below. Students are encouraged to check university email daily.

All emails from students should include:

- Course name and subject in the subject line (ex. ECE 358 – Module 1)
- Salutation
- Proper email etiquette (no “text” emails – use proper grammar and punctuation)
- Student name and CWID after the body of the email

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

This is an online course – 100% of the class is delivered online

- There are no campus visits or visits to designated sites

In an online course, the student accepts responsibility for learning outcomes.

The instructor’s role is that of a facilitator and guide.

- Rather than face-to-face lectures, the instructor will provide information through online course materials and learning activities that are accessed through the Internet
- Presentation of course materials will vary according to instructor design
- The instructor will provide feedback and evaluation as the student completes weekly class sessions.

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Online learning emphasizes the process. That is, online learning involves more than the accumulation and memorization of information.

- In this online course, students are provided opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary in the 21st century workplace.

The time you should spend on this course per week:

- Fall and Spring Semesters – 9 hours per week
- Summer I and Summer II Semesters – 27 hours per week

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.etamu.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:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

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

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

<http://www.etamu.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](#)
[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

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<http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.etamu.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

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

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

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

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

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all East Texas A&M University campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

ETAMU Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, 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.etamu.edu/counseling-center

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

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