

## EDUC 3301 TEACHING DIVERSE LEARNERS Spring 2019

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**Description of Course Content:** A survey course that focuses on effective differentiated instruction, assessment, and management strategies for working with diverse learners to build capacity for constructing a culturally responsive learning environment. Designed to provide increased self-awareness and insight into issues of diversity. Additionally, students will examine education law and models related to diverse learners as well as strategies for working with parents and families of diverse learners. Students will evaluate multicultural context, demographics, and practices at a local school. This course requires students to spend a minimum of 20 hours a semester in a K-12 classroom.

## Student Learning Outcomes: The learner will:

- study the research on race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, gender, language, religion, exceptionality, age, individual difference/ability and analyze related instructional connections
- demonstrate knowledge of the diversity present in the community, school, and nation, noting demographic shifts
- profile and analyze local school and classroom demographics noting issues related to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, gender, language, religion, exceptionality, age, individual difference/ability
- identify terms and concepts related to diversity in educational settings
- demonstrate knowledge of issues and trends in curriculum and instruction related to the accommodation and modification of environment and instruction for diverse populations
- demonstrate knowledge of legal issues and school responsibilities in relation to differing ability levels and exceptional populations (gifted and talented, learning disabled, speech/vision/hearing impaired, physical/emotional disability), inclusion, language diversity (bilingual education and English as a Second Language), gender issues (i.e., Title IX), religion in the schools (school prayer, tuition tax credits, censorship), and instructional responsibility in relation to special language needs of students
- *identify verbal and nonverbal communication behaviors that might vary across different language/cultural groups and discuss how these can lead to communication difficulties in the classroom;*
- *demonstrate the ability to modify and accommodate instruction, assessment, and curricular materials to meet the needs of diverse populations in classrooms*
- increase awareness and appreciation of the diversity in society with a particular emphasis on diversity of students, classrooms, and school environments
- research and discuss diversity from the perspective of a classroom teacher through immersion into a school environment and work with diverse student populations

## **Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

Gollnick, D. M., & Chinn, P. C. (2002). *Multicultural education in a pluralistic society (10<sup>th</sup> Edition)*. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Merrill (eText with Loose-Leaf Version/Access Card Package)

## **Course Readings:**

- (1) Ladson-Billings, G. (1995). But that's just good teaching! The case for culturally relevant pedagogy. *Theory Into Practice*, *34*(3), 159-165.
- (2) Judge, S., Puckette, K., and Bell, S.M. (2006). Closing the digital divide: Update from the early childhood longitudinal study. *The Journal of Education Research*, 100(1), 52-60. <u>http://abrill.wiki.usfca.edu/file/view/Closing%20DD%20(elementary).pdf</u>
- (3) Scieszka, J. (1995). The true story of the three little pigs. New York, NY: Viking Press.
- (4) McIntosh, P. (1989), White privilege: unpacking the invisible knapsack. Peace and Freedom, 49, 10-12.
- (5) Aksu, B. (2005, April). Barbie against Superman, Retrieved from http://dergipark.ulakbim.gov.tr/jlls/article/viewFile/5000084126/5000078226
- (6) Pollock, M. (2006). Everyday Antiracism in Education, Retrieved from http://www.understandingrace.org/resources/pdf/rethinking/pollock.pdf

## Videos:

- (1) "The Danger of The Single Story" TED Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\_adichie\_the\_danger\_of\_a\_single\_story
- (2) The Freedom Writers http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcvsWXrS2PI
- (3) "I have a dream" speech: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UV1fs8lAbg</u>
- (4) (3) It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzrznSpf8V4&list=PL26179B5217BD52B9 (parts 1-5)
- (5) Gender gaps in STEM Education Section 1-- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW49eH9yg7E and Section 2 -- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHBffQCUMSk
- (6) Skin Color Experiment: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcAuO0PNnrs
- (7) "Race: The Power of Illusion" Clip 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8MS6zubIaQ
- (8) Clip 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyuKJAG11Cw
- (9) How Racist Are You? Jane Elliot's Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Exercise: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nqv9k3jbtYU

## Differentiated Instruction Assignment (See Appendix E)

• For this assignment, you will create a differentiated lesson plan that demonstrates your knowledge for differentiating instruction to improve student learning, including making accommodations and modifications for students with exceptionalities (i.e., learning disabilities, English Learners, and other). Instructions will be provided in class.

## School Profile Assignment (See Appendices C & D) – (NOTE: This is a TK20 Assignment)

• This major assignment will require you to observe actions of administrators, faculty, and students to understand diversity in todays' schools. Your analysis will be large scale (e.g., school) and small scale (e.g., classroom). Based on what you have learned during class this semester and what you observed at your field placement, you will analyze your findings, provide recommendations, and share your reflections. More details will be provided in class.

**Tk20:** You will be using Tk20, a comprehensive data management system, and you must purchase it. The College of Education has adopted Tk20 to provide us with powerful tools to manage our growth and streamline our processes to enable us to meet your needs more efficiently and effectively. The set of Tk20 tools that is required as a course text is called Tk20 HigherEd. We understand that textbooks and materials can be expensive, and we strive to not create an unnecessary financial burden when we select textbooks for courses. Tk20 is a purchase that you will use throughout your program, but you purchase it once. The following listing provides key details about the use of Tk20 in your program of study.

- Tk20 will be the place where you submit key performance artifacts and build your academic performance portfolio.
- Tk20 also serves as the centralized location for submitting program forms and field placement documents.
- Tk20 will help ensure continuous quality of programs and preparation, which will result in a better experience for you and increase the value of the degrees and certifications you complete here.

- For designated key assessment assignments, you must submit your work in both Tk20 and in Blackboard to receive credit.
- It is best to purchase Tk20 during the initial weeks of your first course so that you have access to Tk20 for submitting work on time.
- You will not be penalized for any Tk20 technical problems that cannot be avoided, but you must have access to TK20 so that you can submit work once any technical delays are addressed.
- On-line tutorials and training materials have been organized to orient you to the Tk20 system, and information is
  provided to address questions you have and how to purchase Tk20:
  <a href="https://www.uta.edu/coed/academics/tk20/index.php">https://www.uta.edu/coed/academics/tk20/index.php</a>.

**Professional Dispositions:** Each student/candidate in the College of Education at UTA will be evaluated on Professional Dispositions by the faculty and staff in each professional education course per semester. These dispositions are identified as essential for a highly-qualified professional. Instructors and program directors will work with students/candidates rated as "unacceptable" in one or more stated criteria. The student/candidate will have an opportunity to develop a plan to remediate any digressions. If digression(s) are not, or cannot be successfully remediated as in the case of an egregious digression, a determination will be made by Committee on continuation or dismissal from the College of Education. https://www.uta.edu/coed/ downloads/Policy and Guidelines for Professional Dispositions Approved 2-7-2017.pdf

**The College of Education Conceptual Framework** serves as a guide for our professional education programs. It highlights our commitment to excellence across courses and clinical experiences and reflects current research and alignment to professional standards. This document describes how we are dedicated to the development of highly skilled and ethical education professionals who are also intellectual and educational leaders. The UTA College of Education Conceptual Framework may be found at this link: <a href="http://www.uta.edu/coed/about/conceptual-framework.php">http://www.uta.edu/coed/about/conceptual-framework.php</a>

Attendance: At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section. While UTA does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients "begin attendance in a course." UTA instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients. As the instructor of this course, attendance is mandatory and attendance will be taken each time class meets. Excessive absences could reduce your grade by one letter grade, unless you can produce a valid excuse for the absences.

## Grading:

	Pts	%	
course Assignments, Reflections, and Readings 80		25%	
Peer Collaboration, Class Activities, and Attendance	70	23%	
Quizzes	60	10%	
Midterm Exam	90	250/	
Final Exam	120	) 35%	
School Profile Assignment	90	15%	
Differentiated Lesson Assignment	70	150/	
Differentiated Lesson Presentation	20	20 15%	
Total	600	100%	

Make-up Exams: At the discretion of the instructor.

**Expectations for Out-of-Class Study**: Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional <u>3</u> hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

Grade Grievances: Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current University Catalog. Every school or college must create his/her/its own grade

grievance policy. For undergraduate courses, see <u>http://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/grades/#undergraduatetext;</u> for graduate courses, see <u>http://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/grades/#graduatetext</u>. For student complaints, see <u>http://www.uta.edu/deanofstudents/student-complaints/index.php</u>.

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<u>http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/)</u>.

**Disability Accommodations:** UTA is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UTA are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) <u>www.uta.edu/caps/</u> or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit <u>uta.edu/eos</u>.

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington ("University") is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit* www.uta.edu/titleIX or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or jmhood@uta.edu.

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled all UTA courses are expected to adhere to the UTA Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UTA's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UTA faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <u>https://www.uta.edu/conduct/</u>. More information, including tutorials related to plagiarism can be found at the following links: http://libguides.uta.edu/copyright/plagiarism and <u>http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/</u>.

**Electronic Communication:** UTA has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades,

graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <u>http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php</u>.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/">http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/</a>

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as "lecture," "seminar," or "laboratory" are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students' anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UTA's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <u>http://www.uta.edu/sfs</u>.

**Final Review Week:** for semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located [insert a description of the nearest exit/emergency exit]. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Evacuation plans may be found at <u>http://www.uta.edu/campus-ops/ehs/fire/Evac\_Maps\_Buildings.php</u>. In the case that you are unable to ascertain this information in time for your syllabus, you must be sure to explain to your students on day one how best to exit the building. Inclusion of this verbiage as well as a brief discussion on the matter with your students at the beginning of the term is mandated by UTA Procedure 7-6: Emergency/Fire Evacuation Procedures (<u>http://www.uta.edu/police/Evacuation Procedures.pdf</u>). Please subscribe to the MavAlert system at <u>https://mavalert.uta.edu/ or https://mavalert.uta.edu/register.php</u>. The University of Texas at Arlington has prepared a tutorial about what to do in the case of an active threat on the UTA campus. This tutorial can be found at <u>http://police.uta.edu/activeshooter</u>.

**Student Support Services**: UTA provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include <u>tutoring</u>, <u>major-based learning centers</u>, developmental education, <u>advising and mentoring</u>, personal counseling, and <u>federally funded programs</u>. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to <u>resources@uta.edu</u>, or view the information at <u>http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php</u>.

**University Tutorial & Supplemental Instruction** (Ransom Hall 205): UTSI offers a variety of academic support services for undergraduate students, including: 60 minute one-on-one <u>tutoring</u> sessions, <u>Start Strong</u> Freshman tutoring program, and <u>Supplemental Instruction</u>. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. For more information visit <u>www.uta.edu/utsi</u> or call 817-272-2617.

**The IDEAS Center** (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Central Library) offers **FREE** tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UTA. Students can drop in, or check the schedule of available peer tutors at www.uta.edu/IDEAS, or call (817) 272-6593.

**The English Writing Center (411LIBR)**: The Writing Center offers **FREE** tutoring in 15-, 30-, 45-, and 60-minute face-to-face and online sessions to all UTA students on any phase of their UTA coursework. Register and make appointments

online at https://uta.mywconline.com. Classroom visits, workshops, and specialized services for graduate students and faculty are also available. Please see <u>www.uta.edu/owl</u> for detailed information on all our programs and services.

The Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Academic Plaza offers students a central hub of support services, including IDEAS Center, University Advising Services, Transfer UTA and various college/school advising hours. Services are available during the library's hours of operation. <u>http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza</u>

**Emergency Phone Numbers:** In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UTA Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381

Faculty members should feel free to incorporate any of the following information into your course syllabus or other course materials.

## LIBRARY library.uta.edu

## **RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

## **Research or General Library Help**

Academic Plaza Consultation Services library.uta.edu/academic-plaza Ask Us ask.uta.edu/ Library Tutorials library.uta.edu/how-to Subject and Course Research Guides <u>libguides.uta.edu</u> Librarians by Subject library.uta.edu/subject-librarians Research Coaches <u>http://libguides.uta.edu/researchcoach</u>

## Resources

A to Z List of Library Databases libguides.uta.edu/az.php Course Reserves pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do FabLab fablab.uta.edu/ Scholarly Communications (info about digital humanities, data management, data visualization, copyright, open educational resources, open access publishing, and more) <u>http://library.uta.edu/scholcomm</u> Special Collections library.uta.edu/special-collections Study Room Reservations openroom.uta.edu/

#### **Teaching & Learning Services for Faculty**

Copyright Consultation <u>library-sc@listserv.uta.edu</u> Course Research Guide Development, Andy Herzog amherzog@uta.edu or your subject librarian Data Visualization Instruction, Peace Ossom-Williamson peace@uta.edu Digital Humanities Instruction, Rafia Mirza <u>rafia@uta.edu</u> Graduate Student Research Skills Instruction, Andy Herzog <u>amherzog@uta.edu</u> or your subject librarian Project or Problem-Based Instruction, Gretchen Trkay gtrkay@uta.edu Undergraduate Research Skills Instruction, Gretchen Trkay gtrkay@uta.edu or your subject librarian.

### **OTHER RESOURCES**

Environmental Health & Safety (http://www.uta.edu/ehsafety)

## Assignment Calendar

Week	Торіс	Readings	Assignments
Week 1 Jan 14, 2019	Introduction Foundations of Multicultural Education	Ch. 1 Foundations of Multicultural Education Sign up for TK20 Video: The Danger of the Single Story (TED Talk) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie 1. What is your positionality? 2. Are you woke?	Read Ch. 1 Pre-Reflection (Blackboard)
Week 2 Jan 21, 2019	Foundations of Multicultural Education Race and Ethnicity Assign School Profile Project	Ch. 2 Race and Ethnicity Watch: Freedom Rider video <i>Other Readings as assigned</i> Article: Navigating STEM-worlds: Applying a lens of intersectionality to the career identity development of underrepresented female students of color." <u>https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/JME-12- 2015-0049</u>	QuizChapters 1 Assign School Profile Project Read Ch. 2
Week 3 Jan 28, 2019	Race/Ethnicity Cultural Responsiveness Understanding Cultural Background	Ch. 11 Education That is Multicultural Readings: Cultural Responsiveness Video: MLK "I have a dream" Speech Write cultural background before class; post <i>Other Readings as assigned</i>	Reading Assignment Ch. 2 Quiz Read Ch. 3
Week 4 Feb 4, 2019	Class & Socioeconomic Status	Chapter 3: Class and Socioeconomic Status Article: Closing the Digital Divide Other Readings as assigned	QuizChapter 3 Reminder: Collect School Profile Data Read Ch. 4-5
Week 5 Feb 11, 2019	Gender & Sexual Orientation	Chapter 4: Gender Chapter 5: Sexual Orientation	Watched Assigned Videos
Week 6 Feb 18, 2019	Religion & Language Progress on School Profile	Chapter 8: Religion	Quiz Ch. 4-5 Reminder: Collect & Analyze School Profile Data
Week 7 Feb 25, 2019	Applying What We've Learned: Cultural Responsiveness & Review	Ch. 11 Education That is Multicultural (Discuss Only)	Read Ch. 8 Quiz Ch. 8 Review for Mid-Term
Week 8 Mar 4, 2019	Mid-Term Exams		Mid-Term Exams
Week 9 Mar 11, 2019	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	No class
Week 10 Mar 18, 2019	Geography & The Youth Culture	Chapter 9: Geography Chapter 10: The Youth Culture	Read Ch. 9-10
Week 11 Mar 25, 2019	Language	Chapter 7 Language Strategies for teaching English Language Learners (ELL)	Quiz-Chapters 9-10 Read Chapter 7
Week 12 April 1, 2019	Exceptionality School Profile Draft In class editing Data Driven Decisions Assistive technology and other tools for exceptionalities	Chapter 6: Exceptionality	Read Ch. 6 Directions: Differentiated Instruction Assignment
Week 13 April 8, 2019	Differentiation Special Education Laws 504 v. IEP	Other Readings as assigned. Tiered Instruction Response to Intervention (RTI)Behavior & Emotional Disorders English Learners	<b>SCHOOL PROFILE DUE</b> (Turn in to Blackboard and TK20)

Week	Торіс	Readings	Assignments
Week 14 April 15, 2019	Learning Disabilities and Dyslexia Inclusion	Other Readings as assigned	Work on Differentiated Instruction Assignment
Week 15 April 22, 2015	Crafting Instruction to Meet Students' Needs Class Presentations	Other Readings as assigned	Differentiated Instruction Assignment Due
Week 16 April 29, 2019	Course Wrap Up	Review for Final Exams	Class Presentations – Differentiated Instruction Assignment
			Post-Reflection (Blackboard)
Week 17 May 6, 2019	Semester Exams	Time and Data TBA	Semester Exams

# As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course. – Dr. David Sparks