Department of Elementary Education
MLG 403P.412 Integrating Middle Grades Learning
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Prerequisites: Admission into Educator Certification. Enrolled in Field Experience II.

I. Course Description:
Integrating Middle Grades Learning - Two semester hours for practicum. Middle Grades curriculum, instruction, and assessment designed to meet the needs of students in content area classes. The professional roles and responsibilities of teaching are also emphasized.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):
The mission of this course is to prepare competent, successful, careful, caring, and enthusiastic professional educators dedicated to responsible service, leadership and continued professional and intellectual development. The dispositions of service, openness to diversity, collaboration, integrity, academic excellence, and lifelong learning will be emphasized. It provides coherence for our curriculum, clinical experiences, and assessments. It is linked to the University vision and values, and describes how those values translate into knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the College of Education. It is this philosophy and vision that helps to distinguish our graduates from those of other institutions.

MLG Program Learning Outcomes and Student Learning Objectives:
PLO2: The teacher candidates will understand and use the central concepts, tools of inquiry, standards, research and structures of content to plan and implement curriculum that develops all young adolescents’ competence in subject matter. (AMLE 2; PPR Standard 1; INTASC 4.9s,6.12s,6.19s, 6.26s)
  Element A: Subject Matter Content
  Element B: Interdisciplinary Nature of Knowledge and
  Element C: Middle Level Student Standards
  SLO 2.1 The teacher candidates will design and teach a minimum of three lessons in their Practicum II classrooms. (TS 1A (i), 1A(ii), 1A(iii), 1B(i), 1B(ii), 1B(iii), 1C(i), 1C(iii), 1D(i), 1D(ii), 1D(iii), 1E(i), 1E(ii), 1E(iii), 1F(i), 1F(ii), 1F(iii), 2A(i), 2A(ii), 2A(iii), 2B(i), 3B(i), 3B(ii), 3B(iii), 4A(i), 4B(i), 4B(ii), 4C(ii), 4C(iii), 4D(i), 4D(ii), 4D(iii), 5B(i), 5B(ii), 5D(i)); (PPR 1.12k, 1.13k, 1.14k, 1.19k, 1.26k, 1.1s, 1.3s, 1.4s, 1.5s, 1.6s, 1.7s, 1.8s, 1.9s, 1.10s, 1.11s, 1.12s, 1.13s, 1.14s, 1.15s, 1.16s, 1.17s, 1.19s, 1.20s, 1.21s, 1.22s, 1.24s, 1.25s, 1.26s, 1.27s, 1.29s, 2.4k, 2.1s, 2.2s, 2.3s, 2.4s, 2.5s, 2.6s, 2.7s, 2.8s, 2.9s, 2.10s, 2.14s, 2.15s, 2.16s, 2.17s, 2.18s, 2.19s, 2.20s, 2.21s, 3.1k, 3.2k, 3.3k, 3.4k, 3.6k, 3.7k, 3.8k, 3.9k, 3.10k, 3.11k, 3.12k, 3.1s, 3.2s, 3.3s, 3.4s, 3.5s, 3.6s, 3.7s, 3.8s, 3.9s, 3.10s,
PLO 3: The teacher candidates will understand the major concepts, principles, theories, and research underlying the philosophical foundations of developmentally responsive middle level programs and schools, and they work successfully within these organizational components. (AMLE 3; INTASC 4.9s, 6.12s, 6.19s, 6.26s)

Element A: Middle Level Philosophical Foundation

Element B: Middle Level Organization and Best Practices

SLO 3.2 The teacher candidates will reflect over what is happening in their Practicum II classroom and respond in a journal reflection weekly. Some topics will be specific, while some topics will be more general. (TS 1C(i), 1C(ii), 2B(iii), 2C(iii), SA(i), SC(i), SC(ii)); (PPR 1.6k, 1.2s, 3.5k)

SLO Assessment 3: Journal Reflections over Best Practices

SLO Assessment 5: Language Observation, Performance and Reflection Summaries. (TS 1C(i), 1C(ii), 2B(iii), 2C(iii), SA(i), SC(i), SC(ii)); (PPR 1.6k, 1.2s, 3.5k)

PLO 4: The teacher candidates will understand, use, and reflect upon the major concepts, principles, theories and research related to data–informed instruction and assessment, and they will employ a variety of strategies for a developmentally appropriate climate to meet the varying abilities and learning styles of all young adolescents. (AMLE 4; INTASC 4.9s, 6.12s, 6.19s, 6.26s)

Element A: Content Pedagogy

Element B: Middle Level Instructional Strategies

Element C: Middle Level Assessment and Data-formed Instruction

SLO 4.3 The teacher candidates will complete a Work Sample in which they reflect in detail over lesson design, assessment, delivery, and their own personal strengths and weaknesses as a teacher. This lesson will be videoed on-site and analyzed in depth. (TS 6A(ii), 6B(i), 6D(iii)); (PPR 1.28s, 4.14s, 4.18s)
Benchmark Assessment II: Work Sample – This assessment will be submitted in LiveText. (TS 6A(ii), 6B(i), 6D(iii)); (PPR 1.28s, 4.14s, 4.18s)

PLO 5: The teacher candidates will understand the complexity of teaching young adolescents and they engage in practices and behaviors that develop their competence as professionals. (AMLE 5; INTASC 4.9s, 6.12s, 6.19s, 6.26s)
   - Element A: Professional Roles of Middle Level Teachers
   - Element B: Dispositions and Professional Behaviors
     - SLO 5.4 The teacher candidates will conduct themselves as professionals while engaging in the public schools during Practicum II. (TS 4D(v)); (PPR 4.3s, 4.7s, 4.8s)

SLO Assessment 4: Professionalism Grade (TS 4D(v)); PPR 4.3s, 4.7s, 4.8s)

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, Use of Technology:

*Work Sample: (Benchmark Assessment II) 200 points.*
Teacher candidates will video tape one lesson during lab and use it to complete their Benchmark Work Sample. They will design a pre/post assessment to evaluate the lesson they are teaching. Students will be expected to reflect on and evaluate their lesson as well as one of a peer. **This assignment will be submitted in Live Text** and a hard copy will be submitted in class.

**Lesson Plans (SLO Assessment 1)** 150 points.
Teacher Candidates will complete three lesson plans for lessons to be observed during this Field Experience. These lesson plans will be submitted prior to teaching each lesson. Each lesson plan will be worth 40 pts.

**Lesson Observations (SLO Assessment 2)** 300 points.
Teacher Candidates will be observed teaching three lessons during this Field Experience. Each lesson observation will be worth 100 points

**Language Observation, Performance & Reflections (SLO Assessment 5)** 240 points

**Journal Entries (SLO Assessment 3B)** 240 points
Teacher candidates will complete eight journal entries based on their observation and reflections on best teaching practices. Each journal entry will be worth 30 points.

**Mentor Teacher Evaluations** 50 points.
Mentor Teachers will complete a mid-term and final evaluation for each Teacher Candidate. Evaluations will be worth 25 points each.

**Final Exam** 40 points.
Teacher candidates will complete a reflective online exam.

**Professionalism** 50 points.
Professionalism grade will be a compilation of points including: class attendance, participation in class discussions, completion of on-line course evaluation and the exhibition of professional behavior in class and in the practicum setting.

*Scoring guides may be found in Course Handbook

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

A = 1143 – 1270 points  
B = 1015-1142 points  
C = 887-1014 points  
F = Below 887 points

Students’ must submit Live Text Assignments into Live Text. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of one letter grade in the course for each assignment not submitted.

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

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*These assignments are related to accountability and accreditation and are submitted into LiveText


**Required: LiveText FEM Add-On Instructions for Students**
In this course you must purchase and activate the LiveText add-on, Field Experience Module (FEM), PRIOR to your first day of field experience. Failure to purchase and activate the account and/or submit the required assignments within the FEM system may result in course failure. FEM must be purchased from www.livetext.com for a fee of $18.00.

This course uses the LiveText data management system to collect critical assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) and majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education. Students who do not have an existing LiveText account will receive an access code via the SFA email system within the first week of class. You will be required to register your LiveText account, and you will be notified how to do this via email. If you forward your SFA email to another account and do not receive an email concerning LiveText registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these emails.
If you have a question about obtaining or registering your LiveText account, call ext. 1267 or email SFALiveText@jacks.sfasu.edu. Once LiveText is activated, if you have technical questions, call ext. 7050 or email livetext@jacks.sfasu.edu. Failure to do so may result in course failure.

VII. Course Evaluations:
“Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: 1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation; 2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and 3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

In the Perkins College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information: Policy 6.7
Attendance: Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which you are registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004/468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilitieservices/.

Student Academic Integrity: Policy 4.1
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members must promote the components of academic integrity in their instruction, and course syllabi are required to provide information about penalties for cheating and plagiarism, as well as the appeal process.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better
grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work, when it is at least partly the work of another person; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper or presentation without giving the author due credit.

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, resubmission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

Student Appeals
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3)

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy 5.5
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program. Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at [https://www.sfasu.judicial/earlyalert.asp](https://www.sfasu.judicial/earlyalert.asp) or call the office at 936-468-2703.

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IX. Other Relevant Course Information:
Expectations:
1. Future teachers are held accountable for correct spelling and grammar usage. Spelling and correct grammar are expected at all times, on all assignments. Points will be deducted for incorrect spelling and poor grammar. If you are experiencing difficulty with standard English and the conventions of speaking and writing, you should seek assistance at the campus Academic Resource Center. Call 468-4108. You may also visit the following website for assistance in writing: www.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/strunk
2. All submitted work must be typed unless the instructor provides a template (i.e. in-class assignments). Handwritten work will not be accepted.
3. In order to pass this course ALL WORK must be completed and submitted to the instructor.
4. All work should be completed by the due date. The grade for all work turned in within 1 week of the due date will be penalized by 10%. The grade for all work turned in within 2 weeks of the due date will be penalized by 20%. After two weeks, work must be completed and turned in, but will receive a grade of 0. Any exceptions must be approved ahead of time by the professor.
5. Students are expected to read all assignments BEFORE coming to class and be prepared to participate in all class discussions. Participation will be noted according to the depth and comprehension of your responses during class discussions. Participation will contribute to your final professionalism grade (8 points max).

Professionalism:
Enthusiastic completion of the course activities is of utmost importance in demonstrating commitment to becoming a responsible teacher. Mastery and professional products reflect quality work and reflect on the work you will produce as a teacher. Attitude and confidentiality are essential in determining the teacher’s potential as a successful educator. Gossiping reflects negativism, lack of maturity, and integrity. If problems occur, go to your university professor: you will find that others’ attitudes are easily influenced through negativity.

Cell phones should be turned off during class. Texting during class is not a professional behavior. Violations of this policy will result in a reduction of your professionalism grade (Conduct in class).

Certification/Licensing Requirements
To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education, you will be required to:
1. Undergo criminal background checks for field or clinical experiences on public
school campuses; the public- school campuses are responsible for the criminal background check; YOU are responsible for completing the information form requesting the criminal background check; the completed information form is due at the beginning of the semester. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may not be allowed to complete field or clinical experiences on public school campuses. At that point, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, driver’s license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at www.texes.ets.org/registrationBulletin/<http://www.texes.ets.org/registrationBulletin/>). YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

3. Successfully complete a state mandated fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

For Spring 2018 Student Teaching, the following dates have been established:

1. Currently – On-line application available
2. September 15, 2017 – Deadline for submitting on-line application
3. January 15, 2018 - Passing scores on the content area certification exam must be received in the Educator Certification Office.