Elementary Education Department  
ECH 328.Section 001  
Foundations of Early Childhood  
Spring 2018

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Prerequisites: HMS 241, HMS 241 L; taken concurrently with ECH 328P.

I. Course Description: (brief paragraph)

A study of psycho-social development in young children with an emphasis on discipline strategies, interaction and communication strategies, classroom management, stages of play, humane education, and Bloom’s Taxonomy.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):

This course is aligned with the mission of the College of Education (COE), which is to prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development. The COE theme is “preparing professional educators who positively impact learning for all students.” In the COE at Stephen F. Austin State University, we are committed to the following core values:

• Academic excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking
• Life-long learning
• Collaboration and shared decision-making
• Openness to new ideas, to culturally diverse people, and to innovation and change
• Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior, and
• Service that enriches the community.

The Program Learning Objectives and Student Learning Objectives in this course align with the mission of preparing competent professionals and values of academic excellence, life-long learning, collaboration, openness, integrity, and service as you learn to instruct middle level learners. The Program Learning Objectives are aligned to the Association for Early Childhood International (ACEI)
and the TExES PPR and EC6 Content Standards. All content and assignments are aligned to these standards; this was assured as faculty aligned the curriculum during 2012-2014.

Program Learning Outcomes and Student Learning Outcomes:

**PLO 1** Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children and young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students’ development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation (ACEI 1; InTACS 1).

  - SLO 1.1.1 Assessment – F2F/OL Theory/theorist assignment
  - SLO 1.1.2 Assessment – History and Educational Models quiz

- SLO 1.2 Candidates explore Principals, Periods and Theories of Child Development including Arnold Gesell and Maturational theory, Jean Piaget and Constructivist Theory, Laurence Kohlberg and Moral Development, Urie Bronfenbrenner and Ecological Theory, Howard Gardner and Multiple Intelligences, Erik Erikson and Psychosocial Theory, Lev Vygotsky and Socialcultural Theory, Abraham Maslow and Self-Actualization, Generation M² Kaiser Foundation Study (ISTE ST I)
  - SLO 1.2.1 Assessment – F2F/OL Theory/theorist exam (APA citations & references)
  - SLO 1.2.2 Assessment – Child Development Quiz
  - SLO 1.2.3 Assessment – Generation M² Foundation Study Assignment

- SLO 1.3 Candidates investigate goals for guidance, positive communication strategies, classroom management, and difficult behaviors and synthesize the value of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation examining theories from B.F. Skinner, Behaviorism and Alfie Kohn.
  - SLO 1.3.1 Assessment –Theory/theorist Assignment (APA citations & references)
  - SLO 1.3.2 Assessment – Relationship and Guidance quiz

- SLO 1.4 Candidates analyze the role and stages of play for young children.
  - SLO 1.4.1 Assessment – What is Play? (F2F classroom activity, OL dropbox)

- SLO 1.5 Candidates examine effective strategies for communicating effectively with young children, with an emphasis on language that stimulates thinking, and values the child. (Power of our Words)
  - SLO 1.5.1 Assessment – F2F/OL The Power of Our Words quiz
  - SLO 1.5.2 Assessment – F2F/OL The Power of Our Words assignment (F2F Classroom Activity, OL Discussion board)

PLO 3 Candidates use their knowledge of students, learning, curriculum, environment, diversity, communication, and community to plan and implement collaborative engaging, thought provoking, inquiry-based instruction to meet the needs of all learners (ACEI 3; InTASC 2, 3, 5, 7, 8)

- SLO 3.1 Candidates probe curriculum components including physical development, language and literacy, creative arts, thinking (Bloom’s Taxonomy), and inquiry based components of math, science, and social studies.
  - SLO 3.1.1 Assessment – Curriculum quiz PPR1.19k; PPR1.23s
  - SLO 3.1.2 Assessment – Curriculum Planning quiz PPR 1.2k;1.24k;3.5k;3.6k;3.8k;3.8s;TS2Cii
  - SLO 3.1.3 Assessment – Curriculum map (F2F classroom activity, OL dropbox) PPR1.2k;1.24k;3.5k;3.6k;3.8k;3.8s;TS2Cii Technology 2.3s, ISTE 4c; 6.14s; ISTE 2c

- SLO 3.2 Candidates examine planning components of lesson designs (instructional alignment to district/state) and actions required for the writing of developmentally appropriate lesson plans.
  - SLO 3.2.1 Assessment – Three Lessons to Modify Including Diverse Learners assignment (F2F classroom activity, OL dropbox) PPR 1.3k; TS2Ci

- SLO 3.3 Candidates compare diverse learner needs including special education, gifted and talented, low socio-economics and English Learners and analyze strategies for working with young children.
  - SLO 3.3.1 Assessment – Including All Children quiz PPR 2.22k;2.20s;TS4Bii;TS2Aii
  - SLO 3.3.2 Assessment – Jack Pal Reflections PPR 2.22k;2.20s;TS4Bii;TS2Aii Technology 2.1k, ISTE 2a, 4d, 5a, 6d, 7c 2.2k; ISTE 2c

- SLO 3.4 Candidates discover components necessary in creating learning environments for infants, toddlers, preschool and primary age children including time, space, schedules, room arrangement, safety, physical accessibility, equipment, and materials.
  - SLO 3.4.1 Assessment – Learning Environment quiz PPR2.1k;2.2k;2.6k;2.8k;2.19k;2.20k;2.3s;2.18s;4.12k;TS4Ai;TS4Aii;TS4Bi;TS1Di;TS4Bii;TS6Ai
  - SLO 3.4.2 Assessment – Learning Environment activity (F2F classroom activity, OL dropbox) PPR2.1k;2.2k;2.6k;2.8k;2.19k;2.20k;2.3s;2.18s;4.12k;TS4Ai;TS4Aii;TS4Bi;TS1Di;TS4Bii;TS6Ai

PLO 4 Candidates know understand and use formal and informal assessment strategies to plan, evaluate, and strengthen instruction to promote continuous intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of all children (ACEI 4; InTASC 6).

- SLO 4.1 Candidates explore assessment roles, purposes, characteristics, and data analysis while examining authentic and standardized assessment tools.
  - SLO 4.1.1 Assessment - Observing, Documenting, and Assessing Children quiz PPR1.27k; TS5Aii
PLO 5 Candidates know, implement, evaluate, and reflect upon research-based teaching, professional ethics, and professional learning resources to establish and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with families, colleagues, professional organizations, and community agencies to promote the intellectual, social, emotional, physical growth, and well-being of all children (ACEI 5; InTASC 9, 10).

• SLO 5.1 Candidates investigate humane education.
  o SLO 5.1.1 Assessment – Human Education Discussion Board
• SLO 5.2 Candidates evaluate the complexities of communicating with and building partnerships with families as well as legal and ethical responsibilities.
  o SLO 5.2.1 Assessment – Partnerships with Families quiz PPR4.1k;4.2k;4.2s
• SLO 5.3 Candidates examine qualities and characteristics of a professional early childhood educator.
  o SLO 5.3.1 Assessment – Interview a Teacher Assignment (F2F-classroom activity; OL- Discussion Board)
  o SLO 5.3.2 Assessment – Professional Development Activity PPR4.9k;4.12s;TS6Aiii; Technology 3.3k, ISTE 3b; 3.3s, ISTE 3b; 6.5s; ISTE 2c, 5b
• SLO 5.4 Candidates explore creating safe and healthy places for young children while investigating components impacting health including obesity, poisoning, and detrimental practices (EC12 Texas PPR ST II).
  o SLO 5.4.1 Assessment – Health, Safety, and Well-Being Quiz PPR 2.21k;2.19s
  o SLO 5.4.2 Assessment – School Lunch activity (F2F-classroom activity; OL- Discussion Board)

ECH 328 is the first early childhood (ECH) course in the sequence and provides a foundation for future courses. Upon completion of the course you will be able to
1. Behave in a professional manner when in the Early Childhood Research Center
2. Discuss a child’s growth and development until the age of eight, particularly as related to social and emotional development
3. Recognize appropriate interaction strategies and techniques that demonstrate positive communication and demonstrate an understanding of effective guidelines for positive discipline strategies.
4. Discuss environmental, experiential, and educational influences which shape a young child’s mathematic skills
5. Recognize hidden rules of generational poverty and middle class
6. Explore the relationship between animal abuse and human interpersonal violence and ways to foster humane treatment of animals
7. Discuss the benefits of volunteering in a community. You can expect to be a competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professional who is dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development.

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:
ECH 328 is web-enhanced. You will turn in all assignments on or before the due date shown on our Timeline. Assignments submitted through D2L are due by midnight of the stated due date. Classroom Activities take place throughout the semester and class attendance is mandatory in order to participate and possibly receive up to 25 points for the day. Failure to complete and submit ALL assignments by the stated due date significantly influences your course grade and can result in a failing grade.

ECH 328 lecture is designed to help you interact with young children. Portions of our lecture will be incorporated into your ECH 328 lab assignments. Please note that your ECH 328 lecture and lab grades are separate. You will earn one grade for lecture and another for lab.

Assignments
Assignments in this course are deadline driven. Meeting deadlines is an integral part of being a successful teacher. Assignments are submitted and returned through the assignments link in D2L unless otherwise noted. Always keep a copy of your work. If the web is down, send it through email to me right away – and then submit in D2L once it is available. Do not wait until the last minute to submit assignments to avoid late submissions.

Major Assignments:
1. **Theorists and Theories final exam** – The exam assesses candidates knowledge, understanding, and application of the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children and young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students’ development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation (PLO 1; SLO.1.1.1, 1.2.1, 1.3.1.).

2. **Jack Pals Activity** – The activity provides candidates the opportunity to increase and apply their knowledge of students, learning, curriculum, environment, diversity, communication, and community to plan and implement collaborative engaging, thought provoking, inquiry-based instruction to meet the needs of all learners. (PLO 3; SLO 3.3.2)

3. **Professional Development Activity** – The activity provides candidates the opportunity to know, implement, evaluate, and reflect upon research-based teaching, professional ethics, and professional learning resources to establish and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with families, colleagues, professional organizations, and community agencies to promote the intellectual, social, emotional, physical growth, and well-being of all children (PLO 5; SLO 5.3.2).

4. **Quizzes** – Quizzes assess candidates knowledge, understanding of the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children, student learning, curriculum, environment, diversity, communication, assessment,
professional ethics, and collaborative relationships with families (PLO 1, 3, 4, 5; SLO 1.1.2, 1.2.2, 1.3.2, 1.5.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.3.1, 4.1.1, 5.2.1, 5.4.1).

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

As a professional, it is your responsibility to keep up with your grades, calculate your grades, and make sure EACH grade is correctly recorded. When an assignment is graded, immediately look at it and any comments. If you have a question about a grade or feel it is incorrect, bring this to my attention with ONE WEEK of me posting grades. **DO NOT wait until dead week OR AFTER final grades are posted to become concerned about your grades. At that point, it is TOO LATE.** To calculate your grade, add the total number of points you earned and divide by the total number of points you could have earned. This gives you a percentage grade that corresponds to the following grading scale:

- 90 to 100% = A
- 80 to 89% = B
- 70 to 79% = C
- < 69% = F

Assessments are scheduled to be completed prior to the class period. **The cut off is at midnight of due date documented.** When you come to class it will be TOO LATE to get credit for the quiz and chapter contents that we are covering. Missing assessments will quickly impact your grade. ECH 328 is instrumental in preparing you for your career choice. When you miss an assignment or an assessment, it sends a strong message about you and your commitment to education and children. If you miss assignments and do not put forth your best effort, it not only hurts you, it hurts children you will teach.

Grade calculations are based on the percentage of total points you earn. You are responsible for keeping records of graded work and quiz scores. These will be available through D2L. Assignments in ECH 328 are listed in the following:

- Quizzes Power of our Words 20 points
- Quizzes others from Who Am I in the Lives of Children 130 points
- Classroom Activities requiring active participation 225 points
- Professional Development 20 points
- Jack Pals sign in and out 50 points
- Jack Pals work log 50 points
- Jack Pals discussion board 50 points
- Jack Pals presentation 25 points
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| Week 1          | Welcome to Class – Explain and go over Syllabus – Go over expectations – Explain Jack Pals | Begin Reading Syllabus & Attend First Class Meeting  
Read Module 1  
Take Denton Power of our Words Quiz (Jan 21) |
| Jan 15-Jan 21   |                                                                        |                                                                             |
| MLK Holiday     |                                                                        |                                                                             |
| Jan 15          | Classes Begin                                                         |                                                                             |
| Jan 16          |                                                                        |                                                                             |
| Week 2          | Module 1 The Power of our Words (Introduction & Chapter 1) -introduces the appropriate language used in the classroom to guide behaviors | Participate in Classroom Activity One  (In Class 2\textsuperscript{nd} Class Day)  
Read Module 2  
Take The Teacher Quiz (Jan 28) |
| Jan 22-Jan 28   |                                                                        |                                                                             |
| Week 3          | Module 2 The Teacher-introduces the teachers’ roles and responsibilities | Participate in Classroom Activity Two  (In Class 2\textsuperscript{nd} Class Day)  
Read Module 3  
Take Relationships and Guidance Quiz (Feb 4) |
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<th>Module 3 Relationships and Guidance-positive classroom guidance based on relationship between the teacher and children, to build a community-like classroom environment to maximize children’s development</th>
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<td><strong>The exploration of the theorists and theories starts!</strong> Gather Notes on B. F. Skinner; Alfie Kohn; Behaviorism <strong>Jack Pals starts!! Go to Jack Pals (Visit 1) Complete Jack Pals Discussion by the End of the Week!</strong> Participate in Jack Pals Discussion Board (Feb 11) Read Module 4 Take The Field of Early Childhood Education Quiz (Feb 11)</td>
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<td>Module 4 The Field of Early Childhood Education-overview of early childhood education program, policy and standards movement</td>
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<td>Gather Notes on Erik Erikson; Abraham Maslow; Charles Darwin; Ivan Pavlov Read Module 5 Take History and Educational Models Quiz (Feb 18)</td>
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<td>Module 5 History and Educational Models-historical figures who made contributions to early childhood education, different early childhood education models</td>
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<td><strong>Go to Jack Pals (Visit 2) Complete Jack Pals Discussion by the End of the Week!</strong> Participate in Jack Pals Discussion Board (Feb 25) Read Module 6 Take Child Development Quiz (Feb 25)</td>
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<td>Feb 26-March 4</td>
<td>Module 6 Child Development-child development theories and their application</td>
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<td>Gather Notes on Jean Piaget; Lev Vygotsky; Friedrich Froebel; Jerome Bruner; Constructism Read Module 7 Take Observing, Documenting, and Assessing Children Quiz (March 4)</td>
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<td>Module 7 Observing, Documenting, and Assessing Children-introduce the appropriate ways to observe, document and assess young children</td>
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<td>Gather Notes on Edward Thorndike; John Watson; Maria Montessori</td>
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<td><strong>Go to Jack Pals (Visit 3)</strong> Complete Jack Pals Discussion by the End of the Week!</td>
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<td><strong>(SPRING BREAK-MARCH 10-MARCH 18)</strong> Take Health, Safety, and Well-Being Quiz (March 9)</td>
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<td>Module 8 Health Safety and Well-Being-the ways to create a healthy and safe environment for children’s sound growth</td>
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<td>Participate in Classroom Activity Three</td>
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<td>Module 9 The Learning Environment-discuss about appropriate learning environment for infant-toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary children</td>
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<td>Participate in Classroom Activity Four (To create a map for indoor and outdoor settings)</td>
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<td><strong>Go to Jack Pals (Visit 4)</strong> <em>Assignment Alternatives to be discussed in class due to Holiday. Complete Jack Pals Discussion by the NEXT MONDAY-April 2!</em></td>
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<td>Take Understanding and Supporting Play Quiz (March 28)</td>
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| Week 11 | Module 10 Understanding and Supporting Play—understand the importance of plan, discuss types of play, play theories to facilitate young children’s development | Participate in Classroom Activity Five  
Read Modules 11&12  
Take The Curriculum Quiz (April 8)  
Take the Curriculum and Planning Quiz (April 8) |
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| Week 12 | Module 11 The Curriculum  
Module 12 Curriculum and Planning—introduce early childhood curriculum and planning for developmentally appropriate practices | Participate in Classroom Activity Six in Discussion  
**Turn in Professional Development Number Two (April 15)**  
**Go to Jack Pals (Visit 5) Complete Jack Pals Discussion by the End of the Week!**  
Read Module 13  
Take Including All Children Quiz (April 15) |
| April 9-April 15 | | |
| Week 13 | Module 13 Including All Children - be aware of different learning styles and learning difficulties among young children, practice differentiated instructions in lesson plan modifications | Participate in Classroom Activity Seven  
Participate in Jack Pals Discussion Board  
Read Module 14  
Take Partnerships and Families Quiz (April 22) |
| April 16-April 22 | | |
| Week 14 | Module 14 Partnerships and Families—to discuss ways to make positive connection to families  
Generation M2: Media in the Lives of 8- to 18-Year-Olds  
Module 15 Humane Education—discuss the issues in community which related to animals, environment, and social justices, to create appropriate education curriculum to involve community service | Participate in Classroom Activity Eight  
Participate in Classroom Activity Nine in Discussion  
Read Module 15  
**Turn in Jack Pals Reflection (April 29)** |
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<td><strong>Participate in Presentation of Jack Pals (in class)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Final Exam on 16 theorist and 3 theories worth 100 points (Based on University Final Exam Schedule)</strong></td>
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VI. **Required readings (including texts, websites, articles, etc.):**

1. Denton, P. (2012). The Power of Our Words: Teacher Language that Helps Children Learn. ISBN-9781892989185. The purpose of reading portions of this book is to begin building appropriate language skills in talking with young children. The introduction and chapter 1 lay the foundation for a successful lab experience. KEEP THIS BOOK YOU WILL USE IT IN FUTURE CLASSES. DO NOT RENT IT OR YOU WILL BE DOING THAT 3 MORE TIMES!!!


VII. **Course Evaluations:**

Near the **final week** of each semester, students in the College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the COE. 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 COE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical! In the 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: Found at https://www.sfasu.edu/policies

A. Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is 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 or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

B. Academic Accommodation for 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, 936-468-3004 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/disabilityservices/.

C. Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- 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 one's own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty**
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, makeup 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).

**D. Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5**
At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, 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, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**E. 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 policy 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.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp](https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp) or call the office at 936-468-2703.
Additional Information:

To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, 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. 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.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/ <http://www.texas.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 state mandated a fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

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