ECH 332: ECH Theory and Practice
Section 501

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Course Time & Location: Online
*Office Hours: M-10:00-11:00
T-10:00-1:00
W-10:00-11:00
Credits: 3 hours

Prerequisites:
Admitted to Teacher Education and enrolled in ECH 350.

I. Course Description:
An investigation of developmentally appropriate practices for planning curriculum that meets the needs of all K-3 learners with a focus on increasing teacher candidates’ content and instructional knowledge of oral communication and inquiry curriculum through exploration and application of theories and best practices.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives:
ECH 332 supports the Perkins College of Education’s Vision, Mission, Goals, and Core Values in that it addresses four of the five core values: academic excellence (through learning content and critical, reflective, and creative thinking), life-long learning (through discussions and application), collaboration (through discussions, emails, and some assignments), openness (to new ideas, theories, and philosophies), and integrity (through demonstration of ethical and professional dispositions). Though this course does not address service, there are courses in the program that do.

This course strives to achieve professional excellence by meeting the National Association for the caring, and enthusiastic professional who are dedicated to continued professional and intellectual development.

This course is aligned with the College of Education vision, “The James I. Perkins College of Education will be the college of choice for students striving to achieve professional excellence through exemplary programs that are recognized at state, national, and international levels” and the mission of the College of Education (COE), which is to prepare, competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals from diverse backgrounds dedicated to responsible service, leadership, social justice, and continued professional and intellectual development in an interconnected global society. We are committed to the following core values:

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

This course is an overview and investigation of theories and best practices for planning instruction in a primary early childhood classroom. Through the course of this semester, students will complete assignments related to understanding and planning instruction appropriate to a primary classroom. While this course does not focus on service there are other courses in the program that do, and this course supports the completion of those courses. All assignments are designed to prepare the teacher for understanding how to develop instructional plans for the core content areas while focusing on the needs of all students.

The Program Learning Objectives are aligned to the Association for Early Childhood International (ACEI) standards, the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards, ISTE, and the TEA EC6 Educator Standards. Content and assignments are aligned to these standards. All content and assignments are aligned to these standards.

PLOs and SLOs

**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, InTASC 4).

SLO 1.1: Candidates will explore current theories related to curriculum and instruction models; demonstrate a clear understanding of the characteristics of each model, and whether the models are developmentally appropriate (EC12 Texas PPR I, II, III).

**SLO 1.1.1 Assessment = Final Exam**

SLO 1.2: Candidates will demonstrate knowledge of influential individuals for the field of inquiry curriculum, including, but not limited to: Piaget, Bruner, Dewey, Kamii, Vygotsky, Rousseau (EC12 Texas PPR I, III).

**SLO 1.2.1 Assessment = Final Exam**

SLO 1.3: Candidates will demonstrate knowledge of influential individuals for the field of communication curriculum, including, but not limited to: Chomsky, Vygotsky, Skinner, Clay (EC12 Texas PPR I, III).

**SLO 1.3.1 Assessment = Final Exam**

SLO 1.4: Candidates apply knowledge of the developmental domains (aesthetic, affective, physical, and social) to explain the effect of the domains on planning instruction in the core content areas of literacy and math (EC12 Texas PPR I).

**SLO 1.4.1 Assessment = Developmental Domains and Learning Paper**

**SLO 1.4.2 Assessment = Final Exam**

SLO 1.5: Candidates demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices in the Primary grades (K-3) (EC12 Texas PPR I).

**SLO 1.5.1 Assessment = Discussion Forum**

**SLO 1.5.2 Assessment = Final Exam**

**PLO 2** Candidates know, understand, and demonstrate a high level of competence in their content in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies (ACEI 2, InTASC 4).

SLO 2.1 = Candidates demonstrates the importance of understanding content standards and cross-curricular connections for the early childhood (K-3) student prior to planning for instruction (EC12 Texas PPR I).
SLO 2.1 Assessment = Cross-curricular Reading/Science Learning Center
SLO 2.2 = Candidates uses knowledge of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to prepare lessons and activities related to literacy, math, science, and social studies content (EC12 Texas PPR I).
  SLO 2.2.1 Assessment = Scaffolding Lesson Plans
  SLO 2.2.2 Assessment = Cross-curricular Reading/Science Learning Center
  SLO 2.2.3 Assessment = Math Box Extra Credit
SLO 2.3: Candidates will utilize knowledge of appropriate literature choices to connect age-appropriate books to Math, Science, and Social Studies standards (EC12 Texas PPR I, III).
  SLO 2.3 Assessment = Content Area Literature Resource

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 uses knowledge of the diverse needs of students to prepare developmentally appropriate lessons (EC12 Texas PPR I, III).
  SLO 3.1.1 Assessment = Scaffolding Lesson Plans
  SLO 3.1.2 Assessment = Differentiation Preplanning
SLO 3.2 = Candidates develops instructional goals and objectives that reflect students’ age, developmental level, prior skills and knowledge as noted in standards such as the TEKS (EC12 Texas PPR I).
  SLO 3.2.1 Assessment = Scaffolding Lesson Plans
SLO 3.3 = Candidates plans instruction that provides opportunities for student-to-teacher and peer interaction through the use of direct instruction, guided instruction, and independent exploration (EC12 Texas PPR I, III).
  SLO 3.3.1 Assessment = Scaffolding Lesson Plans
SLO 3.4 = Candidates uses communication effectively to provide directions, explanations, and questioning to engage students and promote understanding (EC12 Texas PPR III).
  SLO 3.4.1 Assessment = Scaffolding Lesson Plans
SLO 3.5 = Candidates will demonstrate an understanding of integrating literacy into other content areas (EC12 Texas PPR I).
  SLO 3.5.1 Assessment = Cross-curricular Reading/Science Learning Center
SLO 3.6: Candidates use their knowledge of the diverse needs of students to plan for differentiated instruction (EC12 Texas PPR I).
  SLO 3.6.1 Assessment = Differentiation Pre-planning
  SLO 3.6.2 Assessment = Multiple Intelligence Test and Reflection
SLO 3.7: Candidates will examine the importance of teacher relationships with children of poverty, middle class, and upper-class and begin to develop an understanding of how to individualize instruction for children from each group with an emphasis on poverty (EC12 Texas PPR II, III).
  SLO 3.7.1 Assessment = Poverty Discussion
SLO 3.18: Candidates will demonstrate their ability to find and create music and movement activities for all ages, to use in the classroom to enhance language and literacy development as well as all subject areas (EC12 Texas PPR I, III).
  SLO 3.8.1 Assessment = Song Cards and Energizers PowerPoint
SLO 3.9: Candidates will explore Morning Meeting activities to enhance and create a strong classroom community while teaching important concepts related to TEKS (EC12 Texas PPR II).
  SLO 3.9.1 Assessment = Morning Meeting Cards Extra Credit
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 designs assessments that are appropriate for evaluating student understanding and assist the teacher with planning for small group or individual student interventions (EC12 Texas PPR I).
  SLO 4.1.1 Assessment = Scaffolding Lesson Plans

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 reflects on best practices and exhibits professionalism through interactions with professor and peers (EC12 Texas PPR IV).
  SLO 5.1 Assessment = To Be an Excellent Teacher Discussion
  SLO 5.1.2 Assessment = Poverty Discussion
  SLO 5.1.3 Assessment = Multiple Intelligence Test and Reflection

III. Course Assignments

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<td><strong>Total Points</strong></td>
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IV. Summary of LiveText Assignments:

There is NOT a Live Text assignment for this course; however, you will need Live Text for courses you take the same time as ECH 332.

V. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

Grading Scale:

- >90% = A
- 89-80% = B
- 79-70% = C
- 69-60% = D *
- 69% and below = F
<60% = F

*A grade of C or better is required in this course as it is a prerequisite for Field Experience II.

**VI. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:**

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<td>Module 6 PART Three – A Community of Learners Focus on Student Readiness/Interest A Responsive Classroom</td>
<td>Chapter 4 pages 40–42, 48-70, 75-76</td>
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**VII. Required Text and Other Required Materials:**

**Required Textbook**


**Recommended Textbook**

Optional TEXTBOOK (for deeper understanding, self-teaching):


**VIII. Class Attendance and Work Policies:**

**Attendance:** Teacher candidates must follow all policies and procedures as outlined in the syllabus. Regular class attendance and participation is required of all students. Online students attend class by logging on to the course daily. Students must attend and participate in all courses to qualify for financial aid. Students reported for non-attendance or non-participation in their courses could have their financial aid withdrawn.

**Interpersonal Communication:** Teacher candidates must demonstrate collaborative efforts with other teacher candidates, and instructors/professors. Candidates in ECH 332 are expected to respond professionally to peers and faculty.

**Late Work Policy:** No late work is accepted!

**Written Work:** All written work is expected to be scholarly. As future teachers, you will be representing yourselves as professional educators and as a collective group of career professionals to your students, your students’ families, your co-workers, your employers, and our national community! Additionally, you will be responsible for the foundational instruction of young children! Therefore, correct spelling and grammar is expected. It is recommended that you have your written work reviewed by an outside source (the professor will not review assignments prior to turn in for mechanical errors, but consulting with a peer/tutor is acceptable).

**VII. Course Evaluations:**

Near the conclusion 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;
3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

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In the COE, 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:**

Professionalism:
Candidates are expected to be professional at all times. Behaving unprofessionally will adversely affect the candidate’s grade. Each teacher candidate is expected to:

- read course outline/syllabus and follow directions for assignments;
- complete ALL ASSIGNMENTS independently unless otherwise stated by the instructor;
- complete ALL ASSIGNMENTS on or before the due date;
- submit ALL WORK in order to complete this course;
- participate intelligently in all class discussions;
- communicate professionally in verbal and written communication (including electronic communication);
- complete the end-of-course online evaluation;
- exhibit professional demeanor and attitude, and maintain confidentiality at all times;
- become familiar with the SFA Policies and Procedures Manual regarding cheating and plagiarism. Please visit http://www.sfasu.edu/ppolicies/academic_integrity.asp

### Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (Policy 6.1/6.6):

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/disabilityservices/.

### Academic Integrity:

Abiding by university policy 4.1 on academic integrity is a responsibility for all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

### 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 that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit.

**Penalties for academic dishonesty** 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 decision related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in the policy, Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

### Withheld Grades Semester Grades (Policy 5.5):

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, except as allowed through policy (i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)). 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.

**Acceptable Student Behavior:**

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 (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). 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 Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

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

**IX. Other Relevant Course Information**

**Course References:**


**Admission to Teacher Education** requires a 2.5 GPA. Students must maintain the 2.5 GPA during the remainder of their course work. If the GPA falls below 2.5 during the Field Experience 1 courses or student teaching, students will be dropped from professional education courses. **NOTE:** Those students who entered SFA in fall 2013 and beyond must have and maintain a GPA of 2.75.