I. Course Description:

In this course, we study disciplinary literacy processes, language development, and conventions of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and creating in the content areas. Emphasis will be on instructional and comprehension strategies appropriate for content area literacy instruction and assessment and for working with culturally and linguistically diverse learners to improve communication skills.

Prerequisites: HMS 203, SED 370, Admission to Teacher Education

SED 372 spans 16 weeks. The course contains extensive written content and lectures that include the same information students in a face-to-face lecture course receive, requiring students to engage in online modules for at least three hours a week. Course readings regarding literacy across content areas are woven into each module. Students are required to complete quizzes, posts, assignments, and reflections in each module.

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

This course will provide students with an awareness of the literacy demands of various content areas and with practical strategies for helping their students develop their own awareness of and strategies for meeting literacy demands across the curriculum. During this semester we will investigate the nature of literacy and the ways in which it supports content area learning through an interactive format. Furthermore, we will explore some of the cognitive, social, cultural, linguistic, and political factors that affect how students engage in literacy and what impact these various factors have on the ways in which we frame classroom instruction.

Program Learning Outcomes:

A. Course Objectives- So that students will possess the knowledge base necessary to become a competent practicing professional, by the end of the semester students will be able to:

1. Describe major concepts in disciplinary literacy processes as well as language development.
2. Describe and apply appropriate instructional strategies for literacy instruction and assessment in secondary content classrooms.
3. Describe and apply ways of meeting the content literacy needs of diverse student groups (at-risk/at-promise, special populations, racial/ethnic/cultural differences, language acquisition differences, etc.)
The concepts and skills acquired in SED 372 build upon concepts of learning theory found in SED 370, as well as information about curriculum design found in SED 371, and will be applied to lesson design and instructional strategies as part of the internship in SED 460/450 and Student Teaching.

Student Learning Outcomes:
- Explain and model various vocabulary, questioning, and comprehension strategies used by fluent readers and teach effective study skills strategies.
- Provide instruction and model what, when, and how to use literacy strategies with narrative and expository texts.
- Provide instruction and model what, when, and how to use literacy strategies with non-print-based texts.
- Understand how various factors such as content, purpose, tasks, and setting influence the reading process.
- Recognize the importance of teaching reading as a social practice rather than a discreet series of skills and the importance of embedding reading instruction in a meaningful context for the purpose of accomplishing specific, authentic tasks or for pleasure.
- Employ strategies to encourage and motivate students to pursue and respond to reading and writing for personal growth and fulfillment.

B. State- The content of the course will reflect areas of effective teaching practices addressed by the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities test of the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). The course content will be examined in the context of how it applies to appropriate professional practice as well as its relationship to the competencies (available at www.sbec.state.tx.us). SED 372 will specifically focus upon Competencies 004, 007, and 009:

**Competency 004**: The teacher understands learning processes and factors that impact student learning and demonstrates this knowledge by planning effective, engaging instruction and appropriate assessment.
**Competency 007**: The teacher understands and applies principles for communicating effectively in varied teaching and learning contexts.
**Competency 009**: The teacher incorporates the effective use of technology to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction for all students.

C. Mission of James I. Perkins College of Education

The mission of the James I. Perkins College of Education 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.

University Core Values-In the College of Education at Stephen F. Austin State University, we value and are committed to:

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

These Core Values are reflected in each of the following course assignments and activities.

**D. ESL Standards**

I.1.1 Understands the nature of language and basic concepts of language systems (e.g., phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon, semantics, discourse, pragmatics) and uses this understanding to facilitate student learning the ESL classroom.
I.1.2 Knows the functions and registers of language (e.g., social versus academic language) in English and uses this knowledge to develop and modify instructional materials, deliver instruction, and promote ESL students’ English language proficiency.
I.1.3 Understands the interrelatedness of listening, speaking, reading, and writing and uses this understanding to develop ESL students’ English language.
I.1.4 Knows the structure of the English language (e.g., word formation, grammar, sentence structure) and the patterns and conventions of written and spoken English and uses this knowledge to model and provide instruction in English.
I.2.1 Knows theories, concepts, and research related to L1 and L2 acquisition.
I.2.2 Uses knowledge of theories, concepts, and research related to L1 and L2 acquisition to select effective, appropriate methods and strategies for promoting students’ English language development at various stages.
I.2.3 Knows cognitive processes (e.g., memorization, categorization, generalization, metacognition) involved in synthesizing and internalizing language rules for second-language acquisition.
I.2.4 Analyzes the interrelatedness of first- and second-language acquisition and ways in which L1 may affect development of L2.
II.003.1 Knows applicable Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), especially the English Language Arts and Reading curriculum as it relates to ESL, and knows how to design and implement appropriate instruction to address the TEKS (i.e., listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing/representing).
II.003.5 Applies effective classroom management and teaching strategies for a variety of ESL environments and situations.
II.4.1 4.1 Knows applicable Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), especially the English Language Arts and Reading curriculum as it relates to ESL, and knows how to design and implement appropriate instruction to address TEKS related to the listening and speaking strands.
II.4.2 4.2 Understands the role of the linguistic environment and conversational support in second-language development, and uses this knowledge to provide a rich, comprehensive language environment with supported opportunities for communication in English.
II.004.4 Understands the interrelatedness of listening, speaking, reading, and writing and uses this knowledge to select and use effective strategies for developing students’ oral language proficiency in English.
II.004.5 Applies knowledge of effective strategies for helping ESL students transfer language skills from L1 and L2.
II.5.1 5.1 Knows applicable Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), especially the English Language Arts and Reading curriculum as it relates to ESL, and knows how to design and implement appropriate instruction to address TEKS related to the reading and writing strands.
II.5.2 5.2 Understands the interrelatedness of listening, speaking, reading, and writing and uses this knowledge to select and use effective strategies for developing students’ literacy in English.
II.5.3 5.3 Understands that English is an alphabetic language and applies effective strategies.
for developing ESL students/ phonological knowledge and skills (e.g., phonemic awareness skills, knowledge of English letter-sound associations, knowledge of common English phonograms) and sight-word vocabularies (e.g., phonetically irregular words, high-frequency words).

II.005.5 Applies knowledge of effective strategies for helping students transfer literacy knowledge and skills from L1 and L2.

III. Required Texts:

1. You do not need to purchase a textbook for this course. Readings will be assigned throughout the term. These will be provided by the instructor and posted as a file in each module on our D2L course homepage.

2. Access to a printed copy of TEKS in a content area and ELPS. Available: TEKS and ELPS

3. **LiveText Statement**: This course uses the LiveText/Watermark data management system to collect critical assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) or majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education. Students who do not have an existing LiveText/Watermark 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/Watermark account, and you will be notified how to do this via email. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning LiveText/Watermark registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails.

   If you have questions about obtaining or registering your LiveText/Watermark account or any technical questions, call 936-468-7050 or e-mail LiveText@sfasu.edu. Failure to activate the account and/or submit the required assignment(s) within the LiveText/Watermark system may result in course failure.

IV. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:

**Course Assignments**:

1. **Module Quizzes**: (4@25 each) Students complete course reading outside of class (Preparation) and then complete a quiz via D2L.

2. **Strategy Workshops-Teaching (two lessons)** (2@100 each) The purpose of the strategy workshops is to learn to implement the teaching strategies and processes from the modules. Candidates will employ a literacy method learned in the module in a five-minute lesson segment recorded utilizing screencasts.

3. **Module Assignments** (3@25 each) Students will complete additional assignments in three of the five modules.

4. **Field Experience/Service Learning Hours (Ten hours)** (400) Each candidate is expected to complete field experience during SED 372. Candidates will complete 10 total hours of ELL/Disciplinary Literacy observations and/or tutoring. It is the candidate’s responsibility to complete and log these hours. In addition a reflection of the observation hours will be submitted for a final assignment.

5. **Module Reflections**: (5@25 each) In each module students will complete reflections on their readings and module content.

6. **Discussion Posts**: (4@25 each) In each module students will post an original discussion response. In addition, to receive full credit students must respond to two classmates. No late work taken on discussion posts.

**Quality of Assignments**

- High professional standards are expected of all assignments.
- All written and/or group assignments are to be submitted in a timely, professional manner.
- All assignments are due on the assigned date. Late assignments will not be accepted unless a deadline extension is negotiated before the work is due.
VI. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information

**Attendance:** SED 372.501 is a fully online course. It will be intense and require a considerable amount of reading and application towards your own future classroom. You will need to be focused and self-motivated to be successful. The time you would normally spend in the classroom and commuting to campus must be used to complete your readings and assignments. I will be more than happy to work with you on any issues dealing with course content. If there is anyone who doesn't 'log in' for a period of 4 days, I will contact you via email.

Remember: you are developing professional dispositions that will define you for the course of your career. Missed quizzes/exams/assignments may only be rescheduled in cases of documented personal illness or family emergency.

**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, 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.

**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 to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class;
- the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise;
- 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:

- submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work when it is at least partly the work of another person
- submitting work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper 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. Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

Failure Clause
You can immediately earn an F in this course due to the following reasons:

You have more than 3 missed log-in periods  
You have violated school policy  
You have violated university policy  
You have violated the Texas Code of Ethics  
You have violated any state or federal law  
Failure to complete field hours  
Any other egregious acts of non-professional behavior

Students 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: 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.

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 (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 iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at iCare or call the office at 936-468-2703

Additional Information:

To complete a certification requirement related to public education in Texas 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. YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas.
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.
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; 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:

Attendance

Given the important role whole class discussions and activities will play in this course, your presence in class is expected. Simply put, attendance is mandatory.

On the second unexcused absence, course grade will be dropped a letter grade. Each subsequent absence will result in an additional letter-grade reduction. Tardies or early departures count as one-half an absence, so two such unexcused occurrences will count as one absence. I will take attendance daily. Please note that point awarded for in class activities may not be made-up.

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.

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All assignments will be turned in via D2L and will be checked for plagiarism using TurnItIn. Don’t cheat. Don’t plagiarize. You are planning on being a teacher. Teachers are held to a higher ethic than other professions. Also, your academic dishonesty makes life difficult for both of us. Do the work and grow as a professional. I take the time to give meaningful assignments. Take advantage of it and become an amazing teacher.

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For further information concerning this matter, contact Katie Snyder 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

Mobile technology:

Please turn mobile phones and other mobile technology to silent prior to the beginning of class. REFRAIN from non-instructional use of mobile technology during class. As adult learners, I trust any use of mobile technology—taking pictures of notes, looking up definitions, engaging in formative assessment apps, etc. is on task and I expect you not to take advantage of my professional trust.