Department of Elementary Education
READ 3320 – 503 Language & Literacy I
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Prerequisites:
READ 3310 (318) Survey of Reading is required for EC-6 and 4-8 Elem Ed majors

I. Course Description
Language and Literacy 1 is an examination of the conditions, assessments, and instructional practices that foster emergent literacy development. There are no live text (Watermark) assignments in this course. One book recommended for purchase; see section VI. All readings are free online and/or embedded within the course content pages in D2L. READ 3320 “Language & Literacy I” 3 credits) totally online http://d2l.sfasu.edu typically for 15 weeks. During this time, class preparation and participation is expected to demand approximately 9 hours per week of serious investment of time devoted to mastering course content (equivalent to expectations for the typical course on campus delivered 3 hours per week in class with a minimum of 6 hours a week prep time).

This course includes a detailed calendar which will guide you through the content modules you are expected to read, retakeable quizzes to help you master course content, and multiple assignments to give you the opportunity to apply what you are learning to “show you know” how to teach young children to read. Assignments include Research Discussion of SBRR/STR skills, sharing a Flyer/Newsletter informing parents of research-based skills and how to help build fluency in these skill areas, creation of two lesson plans reflecting 1) TEKS / ELPS and Beck’s research-based word-building phonics teaching strategy and 2) guided reading focused on comprehension and prediction skills, assessment of children’s reading and how to improve it, monitoring instruction and what to do when a child falls behind, plus a final exam, part of which is essay format specifically addressing how to teach children to read.

Course overview: This course is an introductory foundational course in early literacy development, assessment, and instruction and is geared toward a general but solid understanding of the early literacy development process. In this online course, you will be learning how young children enter into the exciting world of literacy. You will see that this process begins at birth as infants become aware of the sights and sounds around them. Gradually this information becomes

Listed below are the Program Learning Objectives (PLO) and Student Learning Objectives (SLO) for this course. They align with CAEP standards for educator prep and our PCOE (college) mission of preparing competent professionals. Course alignment is explained in more detail at the end of this syllabus. Accreditation bodies who request this detail help ensure the value of your degree and reciprocity (other state’s recognition of your SFA degree if you move!). In SUM, upon completion of this course, teacher candidates are expected to understand the following:

**PLO 1:** (overall program learning objective) Candidates use their understanding of child growth and development, individual differences, and diverse families, cultures and communities to plan and implement inclusive learning environments that provide each child with equitable access to high quality learning experiences that engage and create learning opportunities for them to meet high standards. They work collaboratively with families to gain a holistic perspective on children’s needs and how to motivate their learning (CAEP 1). Teacher Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to the development of children to construct learning opportunities that support individual students’ development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation (InTASC 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10). In keeping with the PCOE goals for academic excellence, this course carefully guides and supports the prospective teacher candidate through a variety of ways to learn and master reading content in order to begin the journey toward becoming an effective teacher of English Language Arts in the elementary classroom.

**SLO 1.1** (specific course learning objective) TC understand that literacy develops over time and progresses from emergent to proficient stages.

**SLO 1.1.1a** - TC use this understanding of how children grow and develop to plan appropriate and challenging learning experiences based on individual strengths and needs.

**SLO 1.2** - TC understand how oral language develops and is used to communicate with others.

**SLO 1.3** - TC understand receptive and expressive language processing and basic concepts of language systems including phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax, and pragmatics.

**SLO 1.4** - TC understand essential components of phonological/phonemic awareness.

**SLO 1.5** - TC understand the essential components of the alphabetic principle and basic phonics.

**SLO 1.6** - TC understand the essential components of fluency.

**SLO 1.7** - TC understand and can support the development of word identification skills and reading vocabulary.

**SLO 1.8** - TC understand the essential components of comprehension.

**SLO 1.9** - TC know a variety of contexts to support the development of young students’ listening and speaking skills.

**ESL SLO 1.10** - TC understand the importance of English language instruction that builds on the first language through listening, speaking, reading and writing processes.

**ESL SLO 1.11** - TC understand factors that contribute to language development in multilingual learning environments.

**ESL SLO 1.12** - TC understand the importance of developing CALP fluency in all language domains (listening, speaking, reading, writing).

**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 (AMLE 2; InTASC 4). Candidates demonstrate and apply these understandings of major concepts, skills,
and practices, as they interpret disciplinary curricular standards and related expectations within and across literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies (CAEP 2). Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates are expected to understand the following:

**SLO 2.1** – TC understand a variety of reading methods including: read aloud, shared reading, guided reading, interactive writing, and word building (Beck).

**SLO 2.2** – TC understand instructional grouping including flexible small grouping for implementing reading instruction.

**PLO 3:** Candidates assess students, plan instruction and design classroom contexts for learning. Candidates use formative and summative assessment to monitor students’ learning and guide instruction. Candidates plan learning activities to promote a full range of competencies for each student. They differentiate instructional materials and activities to address Learners’ diversity. Candidates foster engagement in learning by establishing and maintaining social norms for classrooms. They build interpersonal relationships with students that generate motivation, and promote students social and emotional development (CAEP 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 (AMLE 2; InTASC 2,3,5,7,8). Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates are expected to understand the following:

**SLO 3.1** – TC understand that writing to communicate is a developmental process and are able to provide instruction that helps young learners develop competence in written communication.

**SLO 3.2** – TC understand essential components of a direct model lesson plan and how to support guided reading and word building lessons incorporating scaffolding, TEKS, and ELP.

**SLO 3.2.3b** – TC use assessment results to improve instruction and monitor learning.

**SLO 3.2.3c** – TC plan instruction including goals, materials, learning activities and assessments.

**SLO 3.2.3d** – TC differentiate instructional plans to meet the needs of diverse students.

**SLO 3.2.3f** – TC explicitly support engagement in learning through diverse evidence-based practices.

**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 (AMLE 4; InTASC 4, 6). Candidates make informed decisions about instruction guided by knowledge of children and assessment of children’s learning that result in the use of a variety of effective instructional practices that employ print, and digital appropriate resources. Instruction is delivered using a cohesive sequence of lessons and employing effective instructional practices. Candidates use explicit instruction and effective feedback as appropriate, and use whole class discussions to support and enhance children’s learning. Candidates use flexible grouping arrangements, including small group and individual instruction to support effective instruction and improved learning for every child (CAEP 4).

Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates are expected to understand the following (SLOs):

**SLO 4.1** TC understand how to use observations such as anecdotal records, checklists, and note taking as informal assessment tools across multiple learning situations supported by TEKS (grade level Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for planning instruction.

**SLO 4.1.4a** TC use a variety of instructional practices that support the learning of every child.

**SLO 4.1.4b** TC teach a cohesive sequence of lessons to ensure sequential and appropriate learning.

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SLO 4.1.4f TC effectively organize and manage small group instruction to provide more focused, intensive instruction and differentiate teaching to meet the learning needs of each child.  

SLO 4.2 – TC understand the basic principles (administration, analysis, and interpretation) of formal (standardized) and informal (non-standardized) assessment (e.g., spelling inventory, DIBELS, Observation Survey, CBM, Running Record, Concepts about print, test of phonological awareness, quick phonics screener, Fry’s Instant Sight Words, & Oral Retell) and are able to use a variety of literacy strategies to plan and implement instruction for young students based on assessment.  

SLO 4.3 - TC know the characteristics of, and are able to support, students with dyslexia.  

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology  

Assignments: Submit in D2L Drop Box area as pdf or word doc (name/section, top of page) unless asked to post in the Discussions section. You will not need access to a real child for any of these assignments. Grading rubrics for assignments (tentative) are located in the beginning content modules in D2L. Instructions are located in the various modules (end of 2 & 7; all other assignments are in module 10). Work ahead, you may submit assignments and take quizzes early. Final exam prep is in module 10. There are 2 parts (m/c exam and essay exam). We are collecting points, not averaging percentages. Follow the calendar & read the actual quiz link for due dates and information about the quiz before attempting it. Late work: Late assignments (not quizzes) are accepted with letter-grade deduction penalty. There are no extra assignments or re-dos.  

25 points – Research Discussion Phonemic Awareness and Alphabetic Principle  
Teachers continue their own professional development beyond certification and for life. You will search for current research articles on phonemic awareness and the alphabetic principle and select one to share with the class in our Discussion Board area of D2L. You will POST your summary in Discussions, read the others, and thoughtfully respond to one other posting that has not yet received comment (optional for summer classes). SLO Standards 1.4, 1.5, 4.3 Instructions, end of Module 2.  

50 points – Parent Fluency Newsletter/Flyer Parent Support to develop fluency with STR skills at home  
You will create a simple flyer informing parents/guardians of a simple activity they may use to engage their child at home to help build language, phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, and/or reading fluency skills. This will be a letter that will go home w the student. After posting in Discussions, you will review others and respond thoughtfully to one who has not yet received comment (optional for summer classes). SLO Standards 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2.1 Instructions, end of Module 7C.  

100 points – Spelling Inventory and Word Study Lesson Plan.  
You will evaluate child’s spelling and develop a direct model word building lesson plan to improve that child’s phonics skills using your Beck book of explicit systematic multisensory activities (TEKS aligned). SLO Standards 1.1.1a, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.2.3b, 3.2.3c, 3.2.3d, 3.2.3f, 4.1, 4.1.4a, 4.1.4b, 4.1.4f, 4.2, 4.3 Instructions, Module 10.  

100 points – Running Record Assessment & Analysis. You will take a running record (assessment) of a child’s audio taped reading and retell, analyze the miscues, assess the results, and recommend instruction to improve reading. Must submit 2 docs—the coded text of the audio taped reading with miscue analysis AND thoughtful & supported responses to 7 questions. SLO Standards 1.1, 1.1.1a, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2, 3.2.3b, 4.1, 4.2 Instructions, Module 10.

25 points – Guided Reading Lesson Plan Comprehension Focus Super Kids. You will write a guided reading lesson plan to support a small group of children’s reading comprehension skills. This plan will be modeled for you step-by-step via video and aligned with TEKS (predict/confirm) and ELPS for ELL students. SLO Standards 1.1, 1.1.1a, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2, 3.2.3b, 3.2.3c, 3.2.3d, 4.1, 4.1.4a, 4.1.4f, 4.2 Instructions, Module 10.

50 points – Curriculum Based Measurement (CBM) Progress Monitoring. An introduction to Curriculum Based Measurement and Monitoring Instruction. Using a scenario format and computer based resources, you will chart, analyze, and reflect on an at-risk child’s reading process. SLO Standards 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2.3b, 4.2, 4.3 Instructions, Module 10.

200 points – Quizzes. You will take RETAKABLE online quizzes in D2L to reinforce content learned in this course. Look at each quiz LINK to determine availability, etc. Quizzes include Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Classroom Fluency & Video Quiz, PAC, ESL Quiz, Dyslexia Quiz, plus an Other Reading Quiz covering Put Reading First, Mr. Green’s First Grade Classroom by Sylvia Read & K. Munger’s Steps to Success. SLO Standards All are covered.

450 points – Final Exam This 2-PART final exam includes a m/c final exam (250 points) that is comprehensive and covers all we have been learning, plus it includes an essay exam (200 points) on “how to teach a child to read” and how to support dyslexic and ESL readers. There is a review in the D2L Content section and a practice quiz to help you do well on this 2-part final exam. All SLO standards are covered in these exams. Prep Pages end of Module 10.

2 points – Bonus Must complete by day 2 to receive points. 1 point each for: Hello post and Pre-Test Survey Quiz

Final grading
You may earn a maximum total of 1000 points (plus 2 bonus) in this course. Earn 900 or more total points by the end of the semester = receive a course grade of A Earn total of 800 – _899 = B; 700 – _799 = C; 600 – _699 = D; <600 = F
Note: No one may earn a course grade of A with an exam grade lower than a C (Refers to both m/c final & essay final exam). This university defines an A as Excellent; B as Good; C, Average; D, Passing; and F, Failing. http://www.sfasu.edu/registrar/185.asp

Grade book To locate your grade book in D2L, look above and click grades. Read feedback in this section. To find total points, click onto the tiny computer icon top of page and scroll to the bottom of the page (total points).

Refer to the CALENDAR in D2L modules for readings & assignment DUE dates. Please ASK when assignment expectations are not clear.

Emergency Situations. Please let me know ASAP when hospitalized or something serious interferes with your ability to progress through this course. For any modifications to be made for extenuating circumstances, official documentation must be submitted to me in D2L.

Partnering on Assignments. You may partner on any assignment if you like; two heads can be better (and more fun) than one. This is optional. If you do partner, please submit only one copy with both names in the top right corner of the assignment and in the document title, and both of you will receive the same grade.

Late assignments While most assignments permit you to submit late (with a reduced letter grade), please try to work ahead and complete assignments before their due date; this gives you wiggle room for any life’s unanticipated surprises and ensures you will have sufficient time to complete all readings and assignments in a timely manner. If you submit something late, you must email to let me know to look for it as there will be no obvious notification on my end. Late work will be reduced in point value (more as time goes by) and may be graded later than others and in a more general cursory fashion (A,B,C,D…) with no feedback.

Quizzes / exams may not be late

Look at the quiz link to learn more about each quiz and the dates/times available. Click onto the link to see more detail but do not click start quiz until you are ready to begin taking it. Once you begin a quiz, you must finish it in one sitting. You must also save your work as you go and move your mouse regularly, so the quiz will not shut down. Plan ahead; certain weather conditions can prevent last minute test taking. If a quiz appears not to be functioning properly, let me know ASAP so I may check and perhaps reset it before it is due.

Email. To email me or a classmate, look above in D2L course pages, and click Communication Tools, then click Class List. Please put your name and section in the subject area or it may be returned. Examples: 320.501-TomJones-SpellingAssignmt or 320.506-SueSmith-Emergency or 320.001-SallyThomas-FeedbackRequest

Get Organized and Do Your Best Work. Create a calendar for yourself on day one and highlight due dates for other courses in this one calendar, as well. Work ahead of time and if uncertain about any assignment, please ask. As mentioned, feel free to email an assignment for quick feedback a week before it is due but be sure it is a final copy and not a draft or sloppy copy. There are no re-dos once work is submitted and graded.

Technology Use, Support, Videos. A support page is included at the beginning of the D2L course modules. But it is expected that you have sufficient computer access and skills to view videos, complete online quizzes, and participate fully and independently in our D2L online course. Let me know the first week of class if any of this is a problem for you. SFA Online http://www.sfaonline.info/ Tech Support, browser settings, & free software. Last resort, 936-468-4357 or 1919 Please test your video capability NOW so that you will be ready to begin on day Davidson, Carolyn A. (2020). READ 3320 Language & Literacy I [Syllabus]. Nacogdoches, TX: Education Studies, Stephen F. Austin State University.
Video Link Problem. Did you cut/paste it into a new browser? Did you try to download it to open and view it? Send me the actual link and tell me where you found it (page name) so I may check quickly and get back to you.

Technology and Texas Teachers. Texas teachers are expected to be able to use, model, and teach technology skills (TA TEKS) to their students
http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=6230&menu_id=2147483665

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading)
Assignments are listed with point value and described in section III above.
The calendar lists assignment DUE dates; see section V below.
Grading rubrics (tentative) are provided at the beginning of the D2L course content modules.
Special needs – email requests / reminders / concerns using D2L email (click class list)
More, see p. 11 below.

Professor Judgment. There are intangibles to learning that cannot always be captured objectively. Professional educators, given their education and experience, come to recognize that individual students may understand more or less than "objective criteria" reveal. In this course, your grade may improve if, for example, informal talks outside of class, or perceptive questions and creative answers during class or on exams or assignments, indicate a significantly greater competence and understanding of the material than objectively demonstrated for that particular overall final grade of B, C, D, or F.

Drop Box Area. You will submit all assignments in the DROP BOX area unless directed to submit in DISCUSSIONS or other. Please remember to save all documents submitted as doc, docx, jpg, or pdf. If using a cell photo, please be sure it is large and detailed enough for your professor to read easily.

Plan ahead and Save Copies. Technology is unreliable and so is life; plan and complete work ahead of time. Keep copies of all work submitted & graded. Teachers are organized.

Mid-Semester Grades. Midterm grades will not be posted for RDG 320 (University Policy A-54 only requires this for 100-200 level courses). Because many of the (flexible number of) points you will earn during the first half of the semester are based on readings and retakable quizzes designed to help you learn course material, the number of points you have acquired by mid semester may not accurately predict your grade at the end of the course, particularly because of the assignments and heavily weighted comprehensive final exam given at the end of the term intended to demonstrate mastery of course content learned over the entire semester.

Attendance Policy. University and department policies require evidence of attendance and participation of all students in all courses. Your completed assignments and foot print in the modules during the first weeks of class will be used in part to determine this (check calendar below). NOTE: Students must be attending and participating in all courses to qualify for and to receive financial aid.
Students reported for non-attendance or non-participation in their courses when census day course rosters are submitted could have their financial aid withdrawn. This includes ONLINE courses.

WEB CLASS = online any time – You are on your own much of the time in an online class. Students are expected to check in minimally several times per week. Progress and visits are tracked and monitored closely. Candidates, who fall behind and complete much of the coursework late, may see their overall grade lowered. Flexibility in this course is not an invitation to cram learning. Please work ahead to avoid problems and to maximize your potential for learning in this class. More below in section V and you may read the SFA policy in section VIII.

V. Tentative Course Timeline/Calendar
* The timeline, schedule, or assignments is subject to change. If they do, the instructor will provide a formal notice through email and D2L with the updated content.

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<td>AUG 23-29</td>
<td>In D2L, * Read Modules: Page One, Syllabus, Tech Support, Grading, Course Summary * Copy &amp; follow Calendar * Read Learning Modules 1+2 * Work on Assignment, end of module 2 (Research Post)</td>
<td>By day 2 (AUG 26): 2 Optional bonus points * Post hello in discussions (introduce yourself) = 1 pt * Take Pretest Quiz This is mostly for me but will give you some idea of what we will be studying = 1 pt</td>
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<td>WEEK1 Day One is MON AUG 24</td>
<td>Work on quizzes: Phonemic Awareness &amp; Phonics Note: click onto quiz link to learn more about each quiz</td>
<td>DUE SEP 5 – Research Post in Discussions</td>
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<td>AUG 30-SEP 5 WEEK2</td>
<td>Read Module 3+4+5 When you find the time, begin reading your Beck book (a little each day)</td>
<td>DUE SEP 12 - Quiz on Phonemic Awareness</td>
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<td>SEP 6-12 WEEK3</td>
<td>Read Modules 6A +6B +6C Work on PAC quiz</td>
<td>DUE SEP 19 - Quiz on Phonics</td>
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<td>SEP13-19 WEEK4</td>
<td>Work on Phonics, module 7A Read Module 7B – Focus on Fluency</td>
<td>DUE SEP 26 - PAC quiz Quick word id + vocabulary → comprehension</td>
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<td>SEP20-26 WEEK5</td>
<td>Module 7C – Fluency Building Strategies</td>
<td>DUE OCT 3 - Complete Fluency Video Quiz</td>
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<td>View Sheila Owen’s classroom video</td>
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<td>Work on Parent News/flyer assignment, end of Mod.</td>
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<td>Strategies for building fluency</td>
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<td>OCT11-17</td>
<td>Read Module 8+9</td>
<td>DUE OCT 10 – Parent News/flyer Post in Discussions Parents can help build fluency with SBRR skills</td>
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<td>OCT18-24</td>
<td>Work on learn-as-you-go quizzes: Dyslexia Quiz Also try the ESL Quiz</td>
<td>DUE OCT 17 - Dyslexia Quiz Identifying and supporting strugglers</td>
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<td>WEEK 9</td>
<td>Finish Beck Phonics Word Book on Word Study. Make sure you fully understand how to use your Beck book to plan and teach these interactive explicit &amp; systematic hands-on phonics lessons</td>
<td>DUE OCT 24 - ESL Quiz Supporting ELLs</td>
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<td>OCT25-31</td>
<td>Read and complete spelling l. plan assignment, module 10 Also work on CBM assignment, Module 10</td>
<td>DUE OCT 31 – Spelling Lesson Plan Turn in one doc; the spelling lesson plan</td>
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<td>NOV1-7</td>
<td>Begin Running Record Assignment / take your time with this one! I am happy to offer free feedback on a draft before you submit for a grade.</td>
<td>DUE NOV 7 – CBM Assignment Turn in one doc; responses to questions</td>
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<td>NOV8-14</td>
<td>Keep working on R Record assignment and ask if questions. Review Beck book, chap 6 and 9. Read module “Into the Classroom”</td>
<td>DUE NOV 14 - Running Record Assignment Instructions, Module 10 (turn in 2 docs)</td>
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<td>NOV15-21</td>
<td>Complete GR comprehension Lesson Plan using Super Kids Assignment</td>
<td>DUE NOV 21 – GR Super Kids Lesson Plan Complete the lesson plan of the videos viewed</td>
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<td>NOV22-28</td>
<td>WEEK14</td>
<td>Plan ahead and work on quizzes early if you are taking a vacation. Early in the week work on “other readings” Quiz which covers the free online Munger readings, Put Reading First, and the last module, Into the Classroom. THANKSGIVING BREAK this week.</td>
<td>DUE NOV 28 – Other Readings Quiz</td>
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<td>NOV29-DEC5</td>
<td>WEEK15</td>
<td>Prepare for FINAL exams /Read FINAL + ESSAY EXAM PREP closely. Final Exam and Essay Exam open soon. Check exam LINKs to learn specific dates available and do not wait until the last minute to take them (weather, illness, power outages, etc).</td>
<td>Practice Final exam – no grade Available NOV 29 – DEC 5 Purely optional DUE DEC 5 – quizzes shut down DUE DEC 5 - Last day to accept late assignments</td>
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<td>DEC6-12</td>
<td>WEEK16</td>
<td>Read final + essay exam prep Module</td>
<td>SOON - Complete Course Evaluations for all classes Instructions in SFA Jacks email or go to MySFA ESSAY exam – available DEC 6 - 8 M/C FINAL exam available DEC 7 –9</td>
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<td>Course pages close very soon. Make personal copies of class notes and course summaries in module 10 for state exam review later</td>
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D2L Course Content Modules
Module 1 Building Blocks; Reading skills develop the day we are born
Module 2 Specific Skills for Reading include the “Big 5” plus writing, assessment, spelling & language
Module 3 Approaches to Teaching Reading
A research base, balance, experience, & continued professional development are key
Module 4 Levels and Stages all people go through when learning to read
Module 5 Writing supports reading acquisition in a reciprocal way
Module 6A Quick Word Identification
Module 6B Vocabulary. Primary Area of Concern (PAC) and Comprehension
Module 6C Book types for beginning readers
Module 7A How to teach phonics
Module 7B Building Fluency, the Bridge to Comprehension
Module 7C Teaching strategies & personalizing instruction; parents can help
Module 8 Assessment and monitoring progress
Module 9 Diversity and differentiating instruction / Dyslexia & ELL
Module 10 Assignments to demonstrate understanding
Into the Classroom: *Putting it all together* by Sylvia Read
Final & Essay Exam Review – includes a 57-page reading course summary

VI. Readings

Required - pages from this book are included in D2L during Covid-19 semesters.
A few will be kept on reserve in our SFA Resource room in the ECRC; room use only.

Required - free online:
• *Steps to Success: Crossing the Bridge between Literacy Research and Practice* By Kristen A. Munger ED. (2016) Published by Open SUNY Textbooks, Milne Library. ISBN 978-1-942341-22-2 Retrieved: https://milnepublishing.genesee.edu/steps-to-success/ NOTE: INFO from the following chapters have been integrated into the D2L modules for your convenience: Chap 1 (intro to Literacy); Chap 2 (Evaluating Scientifically Based Approaches); Chap 3 (Quick Word ID); Chap 4 (Word Meaning and Language Development); Chap 6 (writing instruction). However, Chap 5 (Assessment), Chap 7 (digital literacy), and Chap 8 (ELL support) are optional and recommended reading.

OPTIONAL & RECOMMENDED You will NOT need the following to pass this course as some if the following information is embedded within the course modules, but some day you may want them in your library.


You may order books at the SFA online book store or through Amazon.com or other: http://sfasu.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/TBWizardView?catalogId=10001&langId=-1&storeId=19555


Recommended Resources / some included in course modules:

TEKS http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=6148
TA TEKS http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter126/index.html

TEKS Standards Resource Link http://www.teksresourcesystem.net/module/standards/Tools/Browse?standardId=102899

TPRI https://www.tpri.org/about/what-is-the-tpri.html

PREL, A Focus on Fluency http://www.eric.ed.gov/PDFS/ED481962.pdf

SEDL, Reading Research Evidence https://www.sedl.org/reading/framework/research.html


Scientifically-Based Reading Research http://reading.uoregon.edu/big_ideas/

Recommended FREE online:

Optional ordering for FREE:


Early Beginnings: Summary of the National Early Literacy Panel Report – _p. 6

Report of the National Reading Panel: Teaching Children to Read - 33 pp (read 3 pages: findings / building blocks)


ILA http://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us/our-story

DIBELS Data System - https://dibels.uoregon.edu/


NAEYC Code of Ethics Scenarios www.naeyc.org/ecp/resources/ethics

Literacy Updates & Position Statements https://literacyworldwide.org/get-resources/position-statements

Dr. Moats on the Research base for reading instruction and using LETRS (p.2-3) on the “b_i_g_5” plus 4 https://www.voyagersopris.com/docs/default-source/professional-

VII. Course Evaluations

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education (PCOE) 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. The PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement and your response is critical. Faculty are not able to see these evaluation marks until after the course is finished and grades are turned in. Faculty are never able to associate a student’s name with Faculty any of these evaluation marks; it is kept strictly confidential. Instructions: Find it in Jacks email or log onto MySFA, click Academics, scroll down to course evaluations and surveys section.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information

See http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/ http://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/policies.asp

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7
Please also see section IV above for specifics for this ONLINE course. SFA policy reads: Regular, punctual attendance and documented participation are expected (even in web courses). 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 (attendance & participation are both tracked in D2L).

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 each semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids you wish 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/. Please note: ods does not reveal your disability to professors (confidentiality issue) so it might be prudent to discuss your particular needs with your professor to receive the best accommodations possible. Equally, if at some point during the semester, you feel your needs are not being met, it is up to YOU to let the professor know via email ASAP so some solution may be made. Also note: This course gives as much time as possible for taking exams, and quizzes are retakable so no special provision is needed or offered for quizzes/exams for this course.

Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of 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 (please let me know if any of this is not clear). NOTE: Turnitin may be used to detect plagiarism on submitted work for this course http://turnitin.com/

**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, 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).

If you have trouble completing an assignment in any course or fall behind, I want to help. Sometimes simply discussing how to go about writing papers or where to go for help can set you on the right track. I believe for the most part that students will not cheat if they know how to do what is asked of them. Please do not jeopardize your future; let’s talk.

**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. 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 Davidson, Carolyn A. (2020). *READ 3320 Language & Literacy I* [Syllabus]. Nacogdoches, TX: Education Studies, Stephen F. Austin State University.
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 or call the office at 936-468-2703. This program provides students with recommendations for resources and other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

**Code of Ethics for the Texas Educator:**
The Texas educator shall comply with standard practices and ethical conduct toward students, professional colleagues, school officials, parents, and members of the community and shall safeguard academic freedom. The Texas educator, in maintaining the dignity of the profession, shall respect and obey the law, demonstrate personal integrity, and exemplify honesty and good moral character. The Texas educator, in exemplifying ethical relations with colleagues, shall extend just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession. The Texas educator, in accepting a position of public trust, shall measure success by the progress of each student toward realization of his or her potential as an effective citizen. The Texas educator, in fulfilling responsibilities in the community, shall cooperate with parents and others to improve the public schools of the community. This chapter shall apply to educators and candidates for certification.

Begin NOW; teachers are held to a higher standard.


**To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings:**
Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching and prior to employment as an educator. The public school campuses are responsible for completing the criminal background check. A person who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a State Board for Educator Certification-approved educator preparation program or planning to take a certification examination may request a preliminary criminal history evaluation letter regarding the person's potential ineligibility for certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

A Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation is a non-mandatory, non-binding evaluation of an individual’s self-reported criminal history. In addition, the agency obtains your name-based Texas criminal history information. The service is provided to the requestor for a non-refundable fee. The requestor will receive an evaluation letter by email from agency staff advising of potential ineligibility for educator certification.

You are eligible to request a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation if:

- You enrolled or planning to enroll in an educator preparation program or
- You are planning to take a certification exam for initial educator certification, and
- You have reason to believe that you may be ineligible for educator certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

You are not eligible for a preliminary evaluation of your criminal history if you do not have a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

In addition, you must complete the fingerprinting process when you apply for certification. Participation in the evaluation does not preclude you from submitting to a national criminal history review at the time you apply for your educator certification. Your criminal history will be reviewed and you may be subject to an investigation based on that criminal history, including any information you failed to submit for evaluation.

Additional information can be found at https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/.

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 TEExES exams (additional information available at http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html. 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. 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.

For further information, contact Katie Snyder 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu or the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 936-468-1282 or edprep@sfasu.edu.

Other Information

Looking Ahead
Undergraduate Teacher Certification. The Undergraduate Initial Teacher Certification Handbook” contains all policies and procedures related to undergraduate teacher certification. Teacher education candidates are responsible to know and understand these policies and procedures http://www.sfasu.edu/73.asp http://www.sfasu.edu/coeadvising/266.asp http://www.sfasu.edu/785.asp

Elementary Ed Majors – Admission to Teacher Education / Teacher Certification. Requires 2.75 GPA at this point, but keep in mind that requirements continue to rise across the nation because research shows us that a quality teacher can make a big difference (ask your advisor for the latest requirement sheet for your group) http://www.sfasu.edu/coeadvising/ Students must maintain this GPA during the remainder of the course work. If the GPA falls below the required GPA during the intern courses or student teaching, students will be dropped from professional education courses. Teacher Quality http://hanushek.stanford.edu/publications/valuing-teachers-how-much-good-teacher-worth

Just prior to graduation:
To become a certified teacher in the state of Texas, all candidates must pass 2 state certification exams (one on content of which nearly a third of this course is evaluated and one on pedagogy). This also can change. Ask your advisor for the latest information. You may read about these exams and how to prepare for them http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_PreparationMaterials.html For example: EC-6 majors take test #191 (for their content). 4-8 “generalist” majors take #111 (content for their area) and Math 4-8 majors take test # 115 (math content). Notice for the EC-6 majors, that nearly a third of that test involves what is being taught in this course so make this course a priority and save your notes! All education majors must take the pedagogy test (PPR/pedagogy) which is test #160. Note: both the PPR and content exams must be passed before SFA teacher candidates are permitted to student teach. Because SFA infuses ESL information into all courses, you may also


**Beginning 2021, TX teachers will have to pass a stand-alone reading test #293 on the “Science of Teaching Reading” in addition to the usual two (core content & the new EdTPA pedagogy) all teachers must pass before certified and able to teach in the classroom https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/tx293_final_framework_3.2020.pdf

Lucky you! The information you will learn in this course will be very useful not only in the classroom but for this test! https://a-step.org/tea-updates/ So save your notes. Teaching children to read is the most important task teachers undertake. Over the past 60 years, scientists from many fields have worked to determine how people learn to read and why some struggle. This science of reading has led to breakthroughs that can dramatically reduce the number of children destined to become functionally illiterate or barely literate adults, identifying five components of effective instruction – _the big 5 http://reading.uoregon.edu/ In fact, most reading failure can be avoided by routinely applying the lessons learned from the scientific findings in the classroom. Estimates indicate that the current failure rate of 20 to 30 percent could be reduced to 2 to 10 percent.[1]

https://www.nctq.org/dmsView/NCTQ_2020_Teacher_Prep_Review_Program_Performance_in_Early_Reading_Instruction

What are we looking for? https://www.nctq.org/blog/The-Science-of-Teaching-Reading Teachers need to know and practice how to provide explicit, systematic instruction in all five essential components of early reading instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension). By explicit and systematic instruction, we mean that teachers need to be shown how to use each strategy in the proper way. Our spelling lesson plan assignment, for instance, will show you how to teach phonics using the well-researched direct explicit sequential and systematic engaging multisensory word-building activity by Dr. Beck.

The field of teaching is moving ahead and if you want to be paid well and highly respected, you need to hop on the informed accountable “super teacher ” band wagon! Our nation’s children depend on you to become literate (Hiebert) in order to participate fully in society. In fact, if you have read this far, you have earned a bonus point for this course; simply email using D2L to let me know you found it. http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teaching_now/2020/03/ fewer than half the states require new teachers to pass test on science of reading.html

**IX. Resources**

**SFA Links, Policies, deadlines, SFA Calendar.** http://www.sfasu.edu/registrar/194.asp http://www.sfasu.edu/52.asp http://www.sfasu.edu/297.asp This includes registration/withdraw dates, SFA calendar, financial aid, testing info, campus map, course info, student services, book store, student employment, etc.
Billing; Financial Aid; Register / Drop Classes http://degree.sfasu.edu/faqs.aspx. If you are late to purchase your books due to limited financial resources or other obstacles, consider using the (few) book samples reserved in the Resource Room, 2nd floor ECRC if you can come to the SFA campus. Financial Aid – _Q+A, Rules & Regs http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions-and-aid#section=financial-aid

AARC – _Student Support_. If you are experiencing difficulty in your courses or with “Academic English” and/or conventions of writing http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZsGFnoeQ-U you may seek assistance at our award-winning campus Academic Assistance and Resource Center (AARC) online at 936-468-4108 http://library.sfasu.edu/aarc Take every opportunity to use these online supports and/or email me ahead of a due date for free feedback on a particular assignment, if concerned. Some ideas are provided in LINKS (look upper right in D2L).

Advising. http://www.sfasu.edu/coeadvising/ http://www.sfasu.edu/elementaryed/71.asp Visit today; beat the rush for next semester!
SFA ONLINE http://www.sfaonline.info/supportandtutorials- Have a Question? http://www.sfasu.edu/frmEmail.asp?rc=registrar@sfasu.edu