SED 370.003
Secondary Education and Educational Leadership

Sociocultural & Historical Perspectives in Education

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Prerequisites: None

I. Course Description:

SED 370 – Sociocultural & Historical Perspectives in Education (3 semester hours). This course focuses on a critical perspective of American education rooted in historical and sociocultural issues. Power, race, culture, and the struggle for identity are integrated with the overarching themes of the purpose of education, equity, equality, and the promise of democratic education so that preservice candidates may develop a professional identity that reflects the richness and complexity of American education. Additionally, this course provides an overview of public education in the U.S. today, a summary of recent educational reform, and a formative insight into the pedagogical skills and competencies most valued in the 21st century educational milieu of today.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):
*A complete list of the standards associated with this course is located on the Perkins College of Education (PCOE) website.

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. The candidate will develop and adapt content specific instruction based on the needs of diverse students in a global and digital society. (Training in TEKS)
2. The candidate will develop and adapt data-driven assessment based on the needs of diverse students in a global and digital society. (Training in TEKS)
3. The candidate will design an effective classroom management plan for diverse learner centered educational settings. (Training in TEKS)
4. The candidate will demonstrate critical pedagogical strategies and professional dispositions through analyses of contemporary issues in education. (Training in TEKS)

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. The candidate will analyze a historical or critical issue in American education.
2. The candidate will design and present a lesson related to an issue in American education.
3. The candidates will critically analyze and evaluate current issues and research in American education.
A complete listing of all the educator preparation standards this course meets and a list of the key assessments used for program accreditation purposes can be found at:

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

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
Candidates are expected to complete all assignments on time. Feedback will be provided for each written assignment. Candidates are expected to work together during class time and outside of class as activities and/or assignments require. The instructor will make decisions concerning assignment of partners, groups, etc.

All assignments not completed by the due date will receive 50% of the total grade if their assignment is submitted within 7 days of due date. Assignments will not be accepted beyond the 7 day time limit. All revised assignments submitted will receive up to 50% of the total grade. In order to complete this course successfully, you must submit ALL assignments.

1. Class / Small Group Participation (30 meetings @ 5 pts): 150 pts.
A significant portion of the candidate’s grade will be determined by her/his active participation in class discussions and activities. Effective: January 16 – May 8.

2. Reflections (14 @ 50 pts): 700 pts. Due each Tuesday beginning Week Two
Candidates will complete personal reflections for designated readings and/or videos. The reflections should be type written, scholarly, concise evaluations of what was read or viewed, and should be personally and objectively focused, not mere opinions. The candidate should address issues and ideas with which will add to his/her professional growth. Reflections should be 1 and not more than 2 pages in length with appropriate heading and title, submitted in hard copy to the instructor. Reflections will focus upon specific chapters of our text or designated videos / articles provided by the course instructor. **Ties in to SFASU value of Academic Excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking. Effective: January 21 – May 5. First Reflection Due: January 21 and Final Reflection Due: May 5.

3. Reading / Discussion Facilitations (2 @ 50 pts ea.): 100 pts. Due each Tuesday beginning Week Three: January 28th.
Students will facilitate two (2) 60 minute discussions of a specific chapter in our text or reading. This process will entail a leadership activity wherein the designated small group will provide a summary of the reading followed by 5 – 7 trigger questions intended to generate discussion of the topic under consideration. The group’s assessment will be comprised of the quality of the summary, the effectiveness of the trigger questions, and the quality of the discussion that ensues. Reading / Discussion Facilitations will take place typically on a Tuesday during the first 60 minutes of class. Small groups will be designated in the course of the first class meeting. Model Facilitation: January 21st – Dr. Armstrong. [see Guide]
4. **Pedagogical Activities (2 @ 50 pts): 100 pts.**
There will be 2 small-group pedagogical activities. The course instructor will designate groups. These assignments will be grounded in shared observations, activities, and collaborative skills with appropriate participation factoring into student assessment. Specific details of these activities will be submitted during class along with the due dates. **Ties in to SFASU value of Collaboration and shared decision-making as well as creative thinking.**

- Pedagogical Activity #1 due: **January 23rd**
- Pedagogical Activity #2 due: Begin **February 27th / Due: March 5th**

5. **Field Experience Assignments: (4 @ 25 pts): 100 pts.**

- Field Experience Assignment #1 due: **January 23rd**
- Field Experience Assignment #2 due: Part 1 – **February 6th; Part 2 – Feb. 27th**
- Field Experience Assignment #3 due: **Review March 24th / Due: April 16th.**
- Field Experience Assignment #4 due: **April 30th.**

6. **Field Experiences: 100 pts. Time Sheets, et. al. due NLT Thursday, April 30th.**
The COE teacher preparation program requires **10** hours of field experience for this course: **3** hours credit will be earned for an assignment based on research of a current TAPR report; **5** hours will be based on a visit to a public school for an observation experience; for the remaining **2** hours, candidates will conduct observations in other environments where children and adults interact in meaningful, organized ways, e.g. Boys & Girls Club, camps, after-school programs, etc. **Ties in to SFASU value of Service that enriches the community. Completion Date: NLT April 30th.**

- TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report) Report Assignment
- Public School Visit / Observation (Field Notes Required)
- Observations of Various Learning Environments where adults lead children (Field Notes Required)

7. **Research (Lesson) Presentations (1 @ 100 pts.): 100 pts. Presentation dates determined in-class** In conjunction with assigned small group teams, candidates will research specific topics and develop lesson plans which will then be presented to the whole class. Presentations must incorporate the use of appropriate technology into each presentation along with constructivist learning theory. All candidates must contribute / collaborate equitably in the research and lesson presentation process, failure to do so will lead to a grade reduction calculated by the course instructor. **Presentation Dates: Mar. 19th, Mar. 26th, Apr. 2nd, Apr. 9th, Apr. 16th, Apr. 23rd.**

8. **ESL Activity (100 pts.) Begin Oct. 19th/ Due: April 9th.**
Each student will be required to complete an authentic activity focused upon the English Language Learner after completing assigned readings, research, and discussions about ESL / ELLs. **Due: Apr. 9th.**
**Ties in to SFASU value of Openness to new Ideas and Culturally Diverse People**
9. **Exams (2@100pts.): 200 pts.**
Candidates will submit a Mid-Term Exam and a Final Exam. Details for each exam will be provided by the course instructor at the appropriate time.

- **Mid-Term:** Received February 25th / Due: March 19th
- **Final:** Received April 28th / Due: NLT May 5th.

10. **Professional Dispositions (30 Meetings @ 10 pts. Per) 300 pts.**
Through participation in this course, Candidates engage in the development of their professional persona. The professional dispositions under review here include: attendance, class participation, adherence to professional ethics, collaboration, commitment to diversity, initiative, responsibility, work ethic, time management (to include timely submission of assignments), responsiveness to professional feedback, self-reflection, and professional growth. Based upon interaction and observation of each student during the semester, the course instructor will calculate the disposition grade. **Ties in to SFASU value of integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior.**

11. **Attendance (30 Meetings @ 5 pts. Per) 150 pts.**
Attendance at the school site (e.g. our classroom in the ECRC), is extremely important for a developing future professional teacher. In order to receive the 5 points for this policy you must be in the classroom for each class period. **At 5 points per class period, you will not suffer unduly for selected missed days (two per semester) or for occasional sick days, etc. However, make note that three unexcused absences automatically incurs a drop of a letter grade and each subsequent absence incurs an additional letter grade drop.**

**QUALITY OF ASSIGNMENTS:**
High professional standards are expected of all assignments. In order to obtain the full credit for an assignment, candidates must demonstrate higher order thinking skills (analyze data by applying theoretical and conceptual tools discussed in the course; construct convincing arguments; integrate information from various sources; evaluate various theoretical perspectives; etc.).

*All writing assignments must be typed using 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri font, double-spaced.* Please proof read your papers before submitting. Points will be deducted for inappropriate format, style, grammar, and spelling errors. Poorly written papers will be returned and resubmitted with appropriate corrections before credit is earned.

Individual reflections, field experiences, educational philosophy, and exams will be submitted in hard copy to the course instructor.

All written and/or group assignments are to be submitted in a timely, professional manner. The due dates for specific assignments will be announced in class.

**IV. Evaluation and Assessment (Grading):**
Student grades will be determined by the following criteria:

1) Class / Small Group Participation: 150 pts.
2) Reflections: 700 pts.
3) Reading / Discussion Facilitations: 100 pts.
4) Pedagogical Activities: 100 pts.
5) Field Experience Assignments: 100 pts.
6) Field Experiences: 100 pts.
7) Lesson Presentations: 100 pts.
8) ESL Activity: 100 pts.
9) Mid-Term Exam: 100 pts.
10) Final Exam: 100 pts.
11) Professional Dispositions: 300 pts.
12) Attendance: 150 pts.

Total Points: 2100 pts.

To determine your grade, take the points earned and divide by the number of points possible. Letter grades for the course will be determined as follows: 90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D, below 60%= F

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

Week # 1: Course Introduction, Small Group Assignments; Pre-Assessment; Field Experience Assignment # 1
Week # 2: Reflection # 1 due; Facilitation # 1; Pedagogical Activity # 1; Goals vs Objectives / Bloom’s Taxonomy; Field Experience Assignment # 1
Week # 3: Reflection # 2; Facilitation # 2; Field Experience Assignment # 2/Part 1; Lesson Planning / Instructional Models.
Week # 4: Reflection # 3; Facilitation # 3; Lesson Planning / Instructional Models / Strategies / Assessment; Begin Field Experience Assignment # 2 / Part 1.
Week # 5: Reflection # 4; Facilitation # 4; Begin Pedagogical Activity 2; Lesson Planning Activity; Intro. Learning Theories; distribute Article / Questions for In-Class Activity (“Challenging Assumptions in Education”).
Week # 6: Reflection # 5; Facilitation # 5; discussion of Critical Reading with questions; Part 2 Learning Theories.
Week # 7: Reflection # 6; Facilitation # 6; begin Pedagogical Activity # 2 due; Field Experience # 2 / Part 1 due; Mid-Term Exam distributed / due: Mar. 5th
Week # 8: Reflection # 7; Facilitation # 7; pedagogical Activity # 2 due; Intro. Philosophy of Education.

SPRING BREAK: MARCH 7TH – 15TH ... CELEBRATE, MEDITATE, REFRESH-IATE!

Week # 9: Reflection # 8; Facilitation # 8; Mid-Term due; Research Presentation 1.
Week # 10: Reflection # 9; Facilitation # 9; Research Presentation # 2.
Week # 11: Reflection # 10; Facilitation # 10; Pedagogical Activity # 3 due; Research Presentation 3.
Week # 12: Reflection # 11; Facilitation # 11; Research Presentation 4
Week # 13: Reflection # 12; Reading Facilitation # 12 / Reading Facilitation # 13; Field Experience Assignment # 2 / Part 2 due; Research Presentation # 5.
Week # 14: Reading Reflection # 13; Reading Facilitation # 13; Research Presentation # 6; Final Exam distributed; Field Experience Time Sheets due April 30th.
Week # 15: Dead Week – Reading Reflection # 14 due; Reading Facilitation # 14; Reminder Submit Final Exam NLT May 5th.
Final’s Week: May 4 – 8. No In-Class Final. Submit Final Exam via E-mail if not previously submitted.
VI. Readings:
Required text for the course is:
2. Other course materials as distributed by instructor.

Other Research-Based Readings:

*Additional readings will be assigned and /or distributed as the class progresses. These will be provided by the instructor or will be designated as available on-line, in the library or in Course Packet.*

VII. LIVE TEXT STATEMENT

This course uses the LiveText data management system to collect critical assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) or majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education. Students who do not have an existing LiveText account will receive an access code via the SFA email system within the first week of class. You will be required to register your LiveText account, and you will be notified how to do this via email. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning LiveText 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 account, call 936-468-7050 or e-mail SFALiveText@sfasu.edu. Once LiveText is activated, if you have 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 system may result in course failure.*

VIII. Code of Ethics for Texas Educators

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.
Please go to TAC 247.2 – Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators. This can be found at: https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtacext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=19&pt=7&ch=247&rln=Y.

To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:

1. 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/.
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/). 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.

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

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:

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.

Attendance is mandatory. This course constitutes a portion of your professional preparation. You may have two (2) excused absences. When you choose (or are compelled) to be absent you must notify the professor of the absence prior to the class. Notification may take the form of
an e-mail, a phone call, or an advisement by a peer. **After 3 unexcused absences, candidates will see their final grade dropped a letter per each additional absence** (dependent upon the circumstances of those absences). Each absence (excused or otherwise) incurs an automatic loss of that day’s participation points / professional disposition points. Two tardies will constitute an absence.

**Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6**

To obtain disability-related accommodations and / or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, Room 325 (936) 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/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/). Location: Human Services Building, room 325. Phone: (936) 468-3004.

**Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1**

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 polity 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**

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).

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)
Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5

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

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (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.

Additional Information:

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

1. Use of Cell Phones in class – cell phone use or scrutiny is prohibited in class. Under no circumstances will cell phones be tolerated during regular course time unless candidates are requested to access personal technological devices for in-class academic activities. Just as in the public school environment where cell phone usage in class would be considered a sign of disrespect and a distraction (not to mention a hindrance to learning), so shall their presence be viewed in your face-to-face class. As such, cell phone use or incident of incoming calls will result in the loss of 50 percent or more of the intern’s Professional Disposition points.

2. Candidate Late Work – any assignment submitted late will automatically receive a 50 percent reduction in value. Assignments more than one week late will not be accepted. This is regrettable in that it is recognized that candidates lead active and sometimes stressful lives but assignments are structured to coincide with ongoing course activity, thus timeliness is relevant to facilitate professional growth as well as to enhance content understanding. Moreover, instructor’s use of time is also of great value and incessant regression to administer to late submissions constitutes abuse of instructor’s professional and personal timelines.

Suggestion: To assist candidates in their record keeping I suggest that you maintain an Assignment Calendar so that you may stay abreast of Assignments Due and possess an ongoing record of all assignments submitted and returned. This implies that you should
keep all graded assignments and compare them to Assignments Due in order to protect yourself and your academic progress in this course. Record keeping is a professional organizational skill so begin now to develop this ability.

3. Students in the secondary and all levels of education programs (undergraduate and PBIC) must earn a “C” or better in each pedagogy course before progressing to the next course/level. Students earning a grade less than “C” must repeat the course and earn a “C” or better before the course counts toward certification.

4. Instructor Timeframe Response – The Instructor will endeavor to respond to your e-mail queries within 48 hours Monday through Friday. Instructor Office Hours are posted on the front page of the course syllabus. Due to poor internet connection in the Instructor’s home office, do not expect e-mail responses over the weekend.