Department of Education Studies
SEED 4175.641 Special Problems: Motivating and Managing the Active Learning Environment Spring 2024

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Prerequisites:

I. Course Description:

This course challenges candidates to reflect on ways to implement research-based engagement strategies and classroom management techniques for a diverse and learner centered classroom. Through a lens of critical and culturally responsive pedagogy, the candidates will reflect on topics such as classroom organization and procedures, developmentally appropriate behavioral expectations, educator ethics and leadership. Prerequisites: SEED 371, and SEED 372 and admission to Teacher Education.

Course Justification: SEED 4360 (3 credits) meets online 16 weeks. Outside of class work includes clinical partnership experiences with community partners, reading assignments, written reflections, and a creation of a classroom management plan. Outside activities average a minimum of six hours each week for 16 weeks.

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

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

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Analyze different theories of classroom management.
2. Understand ethical and moral issues of classroom management.
3. Evaluate the efficacy of different classroom management techniques.
4. Describe and apply ways of meeting the cognitive, social, and emotional needs of all students.
5. Understand and agree to abide by the legal, ethical and professional responsibilities related to teaching and classroom management.
6. Analyze classroom management case studies involving diverse classroom issues and students.

II. Course Assignments, Activities, Schedule

| Weekly Schedule |
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| **Week One, 1/18** | 1. Read “The Well-Managed Classroom” chapter and respond.  
2. Respond to the Week One discussion post by 1/22 11:59 PM  
   [https://flip.com/b8dca9d](https://flip.com/b8dca9d) |
| **Week Two, 1/22** | 1. Read “The Well-Managed Classroom” chapter and respond.  
2. Respond to the Week Two discussion post by 1/29 11:59 PM  
3. Add any information about belonging to the final Classroom Management Plan |
| **Week Three, 1/29** | 1. Watch the SEL Lecture Video  
2. Read chapter 2, “Belonging Thrives on Trusting Relationships.”  
3. Complete the two teacher interviews by 2/12 11:59 PM  
4. Complete the observation assignment by 2/12 11:59 PM |
| **Week Four, 2/5** | 1. Watch the SEL Lecture Video  
2. Read chapter 2, “Belonging Thrives on Trusting Relationships.”  
3. Complete the two teacher interviews by 2/12 11:59 PM  
4. Complete the observation assignment by 2/12 11:59 PM |
| Week Five 2/12 | 1. Watch the Connections Webinar  
2. Complete the Week Five discussion prompt via FlipGrid [https://flip.com/b8dca9a9d](https://flip.com/b8dca9a9d) by 2/19 11:59 PM |
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| Week Six 2/19  | 1. Read “We Belong Chapter Four”  
2. Complete Week Six consistency discussion board by 2/26 11:59 PM |
| Week Seven 2/26| 1. Watch “End Peer Cruelty” Webinar  
2. Complete the Week Seven Safety Discussion board by 3/4 11:59 PM |
| Week Eight 3/4 | 1. Review all the course material in the module. It is essential to read all the materials that are posted.  
2. Read the Behavior Specific Praise article  
3. Complete the Consequences and Praise assignment by 4/1  
4. Watch the "My Class is Out of Control" Webinar  
5. Complete the Week Ten Discussion by 4/1  
6. Use the module material to start thinking about/working on the procedures, rules, and consequences section of your final assignment |
| Week Nine 3/11 | SPRING BREAK |
| Week Ten 3/18  | Review all the course material in the module. It is essential to read all the materials that are posted.  
2. Read the Behavior Specific Praise article  
3. Complete the Consequences and Praise assignment by 4/1  
4. Watch the "My Class is Out of Control" Webinar  
5. Complete the Week Ten Discussion by 4/1  
6. Use the module material to start thinking about/working on the procedures, rules, and consequences section of your final assignment |
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| Week Twelve 4/1  | 1. Watch the Positive Behavior Webinar  
2. Complete the Positive Behavior Webinar Week Twelve Discussion by 4/8 11:59 PM  
3. Complete the Positive Behavior Assignment by 4/8 11:59 PM |
| Week Thirteen 4/8| 1. Review all the course material in the module. It is essential to read all the materials that are posted.  
2. Read Chapter “Responding to Escalation”  
3. Complete the reflection assignment by 4/15 11:59 PM  
4. Use the module material to start thinking about/working on your final assignment. |
| Week Fourteen 4/15| 1. Complete the Week Fourteen Discussion by 11:59 PM 4/22 |
| Week Fifteen 4/22| Work on Completing your final Classroom Management Plan |
| Week Sixteen 4/29| Final Project Submitted |
| Week Seventeen May 6th | FINALS WEEK |
CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLAN FINAL DRAFT (900 pts) April 30th

Students will create a classroom management plan for their future classrooms. As you move into student teaching and into a public-school position, it will be important for you to have a clear classroom management plan developed. For your final project, you will create a research-based, comprehensive classroom management plan for your future classroom. Make sure you include culturally responsive strategies and ideas. You may choose to create the plan for any of your teaching fields and/or levels. Additionally, this process will align with Rubric 6 of edTPA. The following areas need to be addressed:

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 proofread 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. All work will be submitted via D2L to the course instructor.

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

Student grades will be determined by the following criteria:

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: 2460 - 2160%=A, 2159 - 1859=B, 1858 - 1531=C, 1230 - 1030=D, below 1029=F

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

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VI. Readings (Required and recommended—including texts, websites, articles, etc.):

There are no required texts for this course. Readings are provided in D2L by instructor.

Optional:


VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education 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 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 Perkins 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 Policy

Institutional Absences (HOP 04-110)
Please copy and paste the following information regarding Institutional Absences into your syllabus. In addition, you may include your guidelines for institutional absences as appropriate.

- An Institutional Absence may be granted to a student who participates as a representative of the University in academic (including research), extra- or cocurricular, or athletic activities. Students will be excused for institutional purposes from otherwise required academic activity only when a valid Institutional Absence is approved by the appropriate administrative unit or official and the documentation of approval is provided to the faculty member at least five (5) days in advance.

Institutional absences will not be approved for keystone events, defined as: a special or unique assignment, test, project, experience, or other academic exercise identified by the Faculty member as critical for successful completion of standards of the class and unable to be missed. These events must be identified on the syllabus at the beginning of the semester and communicated to the students. Events added to the syllabus at a later date will not qualify for Keystone Event status. Keystone Events where the date/time is changed will no longer be considered a Keystone Event. Students should make themselves aware of any Keystone Events identified in the syllabus to ensure there are no conflicts.

For keystone events where the assignment dates vary, it is incumbent upon the students to work with their faculty member to not select a conflicting date.

More information on Institutional Absences, including how to apply, can be found at https://www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents/student-resources/institutional-absences.

Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (In addition, you may include your guidelines for academic integrity as appropriate).
Please copy and paste the following information regarding Academic Integrity into your syllabus. In addition, you may include your guidelines for institutional absences as appropriate.

- The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (HOP 04-106) outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to
substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/hops/04-106.pdf.

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (HOP policy 02-206)
Please copy and paste the following information regarding Withheld Grades into your syllabus. Add additional information as needed to meet your departmental or course needs.

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 coursework 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 to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/hops/02-206.pdf.

• Students with Disabilities
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 promptly may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

• Student Wellness and Well-Being
SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

• Other important course-related policies:

***Other SFA policy information is found in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP)

IX: Resources

• On-campus Resources:
  o The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
  www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents
  936.468.7249
dos@sfasu.edu
  o SFASU Counseling Services • www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
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Health and Wellness Hub (corner of E. College and Raguet) • 936-468-2401
  o SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic • www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
Human Services Room 202 • 936-468-1041
  o The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.
  ▪ To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:
    ❖ Health Services
    ❖ Counseling Services
    ❖ Student Outreach and Support
    ❖ Food Pantry
    ❖ Wellness Coaching
    ❖ Alcohol and Other Drug Education

www.sfasu.edu/thehub
936.468.4008
thehub@sfasu.edu
  ▪ Crisis Resources:
    ❖ Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
    ❖ National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
    ❖ Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
    ❖ Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

X: Additional Information Specific to Educator Preparation (only add if educator preparation):
  • Code of Ethics for the Texas Educator:
    o 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.
    o Please go to TAC 247.2 – Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators.
  • To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:
    o 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.
    o 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.
  - 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
    - 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 SFA.
  - For further information, contact the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 936-468-1282 or edprep@sfasu.edu.

XI: Other Relevant Course Information:

Participation, Personal Responsibility and Professional Dispositions and Staying in Touch with the Instructor

Teaching well takes serious effort and commitment. You have not chosen an easy job, but you have chosen an important, rewarding, and fun job. As a teacher, you are responsible for helping students learn and grow. What you do as a teacher will make a difference in students’ lives. There is much to do to prepare for taking on the demands of leading a classroom, so we ask you to put in your best effort. This class will require you to stay on top of your work. If you find yourself stumbling, overwhelmed, or generally stressed out, that’s a signal to get in touch with me. We will set up a time to meet or talk. I will offer support and try to figure out how to help you balance these demands and learn so that you are prepared to teach.

I will return emails within 48 hours Monday-Friday.