

University of North Texas at Dallas

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SYLLABUS

**EDBE 3480.092**

**Bilingualism and Multiculturalism: Issues and Perspectives--3 hrs course**

Division of Education and Human Services

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**Class Meeting Days & Times:** **Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am – 11:20 pm**  
**Class location DAL2 243**

**Course Catalog Description:**

Study of the bilingual/ESL learner; perspectives on multiculturalism; discussions of cognitive, social and affective factors impacting second language development; insights into education in a pluralistic society. Three lecture hours a week. Required for all teacher education majors including students seeking EC-6 or 4-8 Generalist certification specialization in Bilingual or ESL education.

**Required Texts:**

**Bennett, C.** (2011). *Comprehensive Multicultural Education: Theory and Practice* (Six Edition). Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

**Espinoza-Herold, M.** (2003). *Issues in Latino education: Race, school culture, and the politics of academic success*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

**TK20**

This course requires that the Multicultural Experience assignment must be uploaded and graded in the UNT TK20 Assessment System. All students in this course must purchase access to TK20. Please go to the following link for directions on how to purchase TK20: <http://www.coe.unt.edu/tk20>. Announcements regarding training on use of the TK20 system will also be posted on this website.

**Recommended Text and References:** See Reference List (last page), electronic references provided also in Blackboard.

**Access to Learning Resources:** UNT Dallas Library:  
phone: (972) 780-3625;  
web: <http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm>  
UNT Dallas Bookstore:  
phone: (972) 780-3652;  
e-mail: [1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com](mailto:1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com)

Texas Education Agency Websites; Other ONLINE resources (TBA)  
TK20 <http://www.coe.unt.edu/tk20> ( TBA) Student subscriptions are effective for 7 years from date of purchase)

**Learning Objectives/Outcomes:** At the end of this course, the student will

1. Demonstrate knowledge of students with diverse personal and social characteristics (e.g., those related to ethnicity, gender, language background, exceptionality) and the significance of student diversity for teaching, learning, and assessment (TEXES PPR).
2. Accept and respects students with diverse backgrounds and needs (TEXES PPR).
3. Know how to use diversity in the classroom and the community to enrich all students' learning experiences (TEXES PPR).
4. Know strategies for enhancing one's own understanding of students' diverse backgrounds and needs (TEXES PPR).
5. Know how to plan and adapt lessons to address students' varied backgrounds, skills, interests, and learning needs, including the needs of English language learners and students with disabilities (TEXES PPR).
6. Understand cultural and socioeconomic differences (including differential access to technology) and knows how to plan instruction that is responsive to cultural and socioeconomic differences among students (TEXES PPR).
7. Understand and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to the nature and role of culture and cultural groups to construct learning environments that support ESOL students' cultural identities (TESOL Domain 2 Culture, 2b).
8. Has knowledge of the foundations of ESL education and factors that contribute to an effective multicultural and multilingual learning environment (State ESL standard 2).
9. Has knowledge of the factors that affect ESL students' learning of academic

content, language, and culture. (State ESL standard 5).
10. Develop an understanding of bilingualism and multiculturalism within a global and national context.
11. Identify appropriate materials and activities to promote culturally responsive pedagogy within bilingual/multilingual/multicultural classrooms.

**Assignment Policy: USE OF WIKIPEDIA IS STRICTLY DISCOURAGED. PLAGIARISM IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED. RESEARCH BASED ON WIKIPEDIA FOR ANY OF THE ASSIGNMENTS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR GRADE. PLEASE ASK THE PROFESSOR WHEN IN DOUBT.**

### Course Outline

This **schedule** is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by Dr. Romano on a weekly basis during class time or announcements on Blackboard to ensure all material is covered accordingly to class pace and students' needs. **Assignments and topics will not be subject to change.**

Calendar	Topics of Discussion Students are responsible and strongly encouraged to read the book chapters ahead of time.	Assignments NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
Week One August 29-31 1. Begin attending multicultural events in the Metroplex. Calendar of events <b>for the final assignment of the semester:</b> <a href="http://www.dfwinternational.org">www.dfwinternational.org</a>	Introduction Syllabus Chapter 1 Multicultural Schools: What, why and how? What is multicultural education?	Due Student's Biography
Week Two September 5-7 1. Begin research paper-scholarly research articles 2. Select theme for Text set	Chapter 2 Culture, Race, and the concepts for multicultural teaching	September 5- School closed Due Critical Reflection #1
Week Three September 12-14	Chapter 3 Race relationships and the nature of prejudice	

Week Four September 19-21	Chapter 8 Learning styles and culturally competent teaching	Due Film Analysis
Week Five September 26-28	Chapter 9 Reaching all learners: perspectives of gender, class, and special needs	
Week Six October 3-5	Chapter 10 Teaching in linguistically diverse classrooms American Perspectives	Due Research Paper
Week Seven October 10-12 Prepare for Chapter Presentations- group work	Chapter 11 Multicultural curriculum development: a decision-making model and lesson plans -Handouts: Letter to my child's teacher- African American perspectives	Critical Reflection # 2
Week Eight October 17-19	Chapter 2 (Espinoza-Herold) Que Pasa? Latinos: From the most numerous to the most neglected. Chapter 3 (Espinoza-Herold). Manny: "There's more than Whites out here" Chapter 4 (Espinoza-Herold) Carla" Her is America and here you speak English" Chapter 7 (Espinoza-Herold) Students' concerns and recommendations for Education Reform.	
Week Nine October 24-26	Planning instruction for a multicultural/multilingual classroom  TEXT Set Presentations	Due: Text Set
Week Ten October 31- November 2	Chapter 5 Colonialism, Involuntary immigration: American Indian and African Chapter 6 Colonialism, Latino perspectives	Group Presentations
Week Eleven November 7-9	Chapter 4 Immigrations and European American and Jewish American Perspectives Chapter 7 Contemporary Immigration: Asian, Muslim, and	Group Presentations

	Arab Perspectives	
Week Twelve November 14-16	Class Observations- Discussions	Due: Field Experience writing assignment
Week Thirteen November 21-23 Thanksgiving- November 24-25		
Week Fourteen November 28-30	Doing cultural event s in the Metroplex- Begin class presentations (tentative- depending of number of students enrolled in a class)	Due Multicultural Experience project
Week Fifteen December 6-8	Multicultural Presentation- Potluck Class presentations- continue	
Week Sixteen December 13-15	Finals December 13 - 17 Day and time set by UNT	Final Critical Reflection # 3

### Course Assignments

<b>Description of Assignments</b>	
Description of the assignment, directions, requirements and due dates will be posted on Blackboard under the tap "Assignments".	
I. Critical Reflections (3)	Up to 30 points Due: No later than 5 p.m. on Sunday of the week due. Submit assignment in Blackboard-
II. Film Analysis	Up to 10 pts
III. Student's Biography	Up to 10 pts
IV. Presentations co-teaching	Up to 10 pts
V. Research Paper: Article analyses	20 points
VI. Multicultural children's/Adolescent Literature Text Set a. Due on week 9	35 points
VII. 18 Hours of Community Service a. Completed by week 11	Up to 25 points
V. Field experience Assignment	Up to 30 pts

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Observations report</li> <li>-Case Study report</li> <li>-Community Service report</li> <li>-Final reflection</li> <li>a. Completed by week 12</li> </ul>																
<p>VIII. Key Assignment: Written Report and Presentation about multicultural experience. The student will explore (deep and surface elements) of two cultures- 1) Latinos and 2) other ethnic immigrant group</p> <p>b. Due on Week 14</p>	<p>30 points</p> <p>Up to 30 points 10 for presentation 20 for written paper</p>															
<p><b>Attendance and participation</b> More than 4 absences will result in DROP of the course. 3 absences will result in a complete loss of a LETTER grade. If you have difficulties assisting to class, you should arrange a conference with the instructor to discuss one's continuing in the course.</p>																
<p>Total possible Points</p>	<p>200 points</p>															
<p><b>Extra Credit</b> for attending the TAIR or the TABE(<a href="http://www.tabe.org">www.tabe.org</a>) , NAME, <a href="http://www.TextESOL.org">TextESOL (www.TextESOL.org)</a> or other conference related to diversity, multiculturalism, bilingualism in education. Proof of attendance will be required.</p>	<p>UP to Five (5) points will be assigned to students' overall grade at the end of the course.</p>															
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### Instructional Approach

*Reflective inquiry techniques will be used throughout the course-these techniques require students to actively participate in discussions, formulate thoughts, and present opinions on important topics/issues/concepts. Cooperative learning techniques will complement the reflective inquiry approach. The overall instructional plan of the course is designed to help students develop knowledge, skills, of*

*critical thinking, reflection, and self-assessment. The course will also help students develop their own multicultural competence in working with linguistically diverse children and parents. The course objectives and content are aligned with the State Board of Educator Certification standards for the preparation of bilingual/multicultural teachers developed by the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).*

## **University Policies and Procedures**

### **Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):**

*The University of North Texas Dallas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.*

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. For more information, you may visit the Student Life Office, Suite 200, Building 2 or call 972-780-3632.

The Department of Teacher Education and Administration is committed to full academic access for all qualified students, including those with disabilities. In keeping with this commitment and in order to facilitate equality of educational access, faculty members in the department will make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with a disability, such as appropriate adjustments to the classroom environment and the teaching, testing, or learning methodologies when doing so does not fundamentally alter the course.

If you have a disability, it is your responsibility to obtain verifying information from the Office of Student Life and to inform me of your need for an accommodation. Grades assigned before an accommodation is provided will not be changed. Information about how to obtain academic accommodations can be found in UNTD Policy 7.004, [Disability Accommodations for Students](#), and by visiting Student Life, building 2, Suite 200. 972-780-3632, [studentlife@unt.edu](mailto:studentlife@unt.edu).

### **Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:**

*The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.*

### **Assignment Policy:**

**Exam Policy:** *Exams should be taken as scheduled. Missed Exams*

*No makeup examinations will be allowed except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook), (i.e. doctor's note, obituary of a relative/friend, court appearance notice, etc).*

**Academic Integrity:**

*Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of conduct and Academic Dishonesty policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct at [http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student\\_conduct/index.html](http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/index.html) for complete provisions of this code.*

**Bad Weather Policy:**

*On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website [www.unt.edu/dallas](http://www.unt.edu/dallas). Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.*

**Attendance and Participation Policy:**

*The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent.*

**Diversity/Tolerance Policy:**

*Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses **will not be tolerated**. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities as the instructor deems appropriate.*

**COLLECTION OF STUDENT WORK SAMPLES POLICY**

*In order to monitor students' achievement and improve its instructional programs, the Department of Teacher Education and Administration collects random, anonymous student work samples to be analyzed by internal and external reviewers.*

**COMPREHENSIVE ARTS PROGRAM POLICY**

*The Elementary Education program area supports a comprehensive arts program to assist pre-service and in-service teachers to design and implement curricular and instructional activities which infuse all areas of the arts (visual, music, theater, and movement) throughout the elementary and middle school curriculum.*

**TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION POLICY**

*The Elementary Education program area supports technology integration to assist pre-service and in-service teachers to design and implement curricular and instruction activities which infuse technology throughout the elementary and middle school curriculum.*



## **Class Policies:**

### **Professionalism and leadership**

*As a profession, teachers call on practitioners to meet high ethical standards, to find constructive ways to deal with problems and to offer appropriate support with colleagues. Leadership means being a member of the team who accepts responsibility without being bossy and helps colleagues without doing their work for them.*

*Students are expected to show professionalism and respect for classmates and instructors by: not chewing gum while presenting in front of peers, not reading from cell phones, not texting in class, not using ipods in class.*

### **Dealing with concerns**

*If you have issues about the instructor, make an appointment with the instructor or visit him/her during office hours to discuss and resolve your concerns. If you have issues related to classmates, talk to the classmate involved first to resolve the issues. If needed, then go to the instructor for final resolution.*

## **CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**

### *The Educator as Agent of Engaged Learning*

*Improving the quality of education in Texas schools and elsewhere is the goal of program for the education of educators at the University of North Texas. To achieve this goal, programs leading to teacher certification and advanced program for educators at the University of North Texas 1) emphasize content, curricular, and pedagogical knowledge acquired through research and informed practice of the academic disciplines, 2) incorporate the Texas Teacher Proficiencies for learner-centered education, 3) feature collaboration across the university and with schools and other agencies in the design and delivery of programs, and 4) respond to the rapid demographic, social, and technological change in the United States and the world.*

***The educator as agent of engaged learning** summarizes the conceptual framework for UNT's basic and advanced programs. This phrase reflects the directed action that arises from simultaneous commitment to academic knowledge bases and to learner centered practice. "Engaged learning" signifies the deep interaction with worthwhile and appropriate content that occurs for each student in the classrooms of caring and competent educators. "Engaged learning" features the on-going interchange between teacher and student about knowledge and between school and community about what is worth knowing. This conceptual framework recognizes the relationship between UNT and the larger community in promoting the commitment of a diverse citizenry to life-long learning. In our work of developing educators as agents of engaged learning, we value the contributions of professional development schools and other partners and seek collaborations which advance active, meaningful, and continuous learning.*

*Seeing the engaged learner at the heart of a community that includes educators in various roles, we have chosen to describe each program of educator preparation at UNT with reference to the following key concepts, which are briefly defined below.*

*1. **Content and curricular knowledge** refer to the grounding of the educator in content knowledge and knowledge construction and in making meaningful to learners the content of the PreK-16 curriculum.*

*2. **Knowledge of teaching and assessment** refers to the ability of the educator to plan, implement, and assess instruction in ways that consistently engage learners or, in advanced programs, to provide leadership for development of programs that promote engagement of learners.*

*3. **Promotion of equity for all learners** refers to the skills and attitudes that enable the educator to advocate for all students within the framework of the school program.*

*4. **Encouragement of diversity** refers to the ability of the educator to appreciate and affirm formally and informally the various cultural heritages, unique endowments, learning styles, interests, and needs of learners.*

*5. **Professional communication** refers to effective interpersonal and professional oral and written communication that includes appropriate applications of information technology.*

*6. **Engaged professional learning** refers to the educator's commitment to ethical practice and to continued learning and professional development.*

*Through the experiences required in each UNT program of study, we expect that basic and advanced students will acquire the knowledge, skills, and dispositions appropriate to the educational role for which they are preparing or in which they are developing expertise.*

*A broad community stands behind and accepts responsibility for every engaged learner. UNT supports the work of PreK-16 communities through basic and advanced programs for professional educators and by promoting public understanding of issues in education.*

#### **NEW EDUCATOR STANDARDS:**

*The content and objectives of this course are aligned with the standards of the ESL and Bilingual Education certification programs at UNT:*

#### **Standard 2.b Cultural Groups and Identity**

*Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to the nature and role of culture and cultural groups to construct learning environments that support ESOL students' cultural identities, language and literacy development, and content area achievement.*

**State ESL Standard II.** *The ESL teacher has knowledge of the foundations of ESL education and factors that contribute to an effective multicultural and multilingual learning environment.*

**State ESL Standard V.** *The ESL teacher has knowledge of the factors that affect ESL students' learning of academic content, language, and culture.*

#### **TEXES Professional Preparation and Responsibilities Competency 002**

*The teacher understands student diversity and knows how to plan learning experiences and design assessments that are responsive to differences among students and that promote all students' learning.*

#### **Use of WebCT/Blackboard**

*Students will use Technology to complete assignments. Blackboard is the medium selected for this course. Assignments will be submitted under the tap "Assignments" — electronic copy(Blackboard) and hard copy (instructor) on dates assigned.*

#### **Required Reading**

*It is expected that students come to class with all assigned reading completed. The reading assignments provide a background for class discussion and activities. It is imperative to keep up with the reading. You are in charge to read each chapter as scheduled.*

#### **Community service learning**

*This course requires 18 hours of community service learning/observations/case study*

#### **Written Work**

*All written work is expected to be of professional quality. Spelling, grammar, sentence structure, paragraphing, etc. are factors in the grade you will receive for a written assignment. All work is expected to be original, or referenced fully. If there is a question regarding the originality of your work, university plagiarism procedures will be*

*followed. Further information about plagiarism, consult UNT policy book. Out of compliance with this policy will result in a one letter grade lower for each assignment and final grade.*

### **Attendance Policy**

*Attendance is very important in this class. A great deal of information is covered in a short amount of time. Please call or email in advance of class if you are not able to attend. Even when you call or email about your absences, 10 points will be deducted from your final grade.*

### **Use of CELL PHONE, TEXTING, and other Electronic Gadgets in the Classroom**

*Cell phones must be turned off during the whole lecture period. No texting or ringers will be allowed during lecture time. Phones are to be kept out of sight. Texting is not allowed at any time during class time and no other electronic gadgets will be allowed during class time.*

### **Other Business**

*Any other business unrelated to the class such as lectures or class activities need to be kept outside the classroom (e.g., planning a wedding, making appointments with friends, reading the newspaper during class, falling asleep, etc.).*

### **Use of Laptops**

*To avoid conflict and misuse of the Internet- wireless during class time, laptops will not be allowed during lectures unless an assignment or activity requires of its use during class.*

### **Grade incomplete –“ I”**

*No incomplete grade will be granted.*

### **Using APA style**

**All written assignments will be typed-computer-black ink, following APA 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Guidelines.**

The following sentences present a sample of the type of font and size for all written required assignments. Each assignment will have a cover page with the following information: Full name, email, class number and section, assignment descriptor, and date. Ten (10) points will be deducted from the final grade for each assignment that does not follow properly the requirements, English writing spelling, grammar, sentence structure, paragraphing, etc. Written

documents should follow APA style, 1' x 1' margins, Times Roman, size 12 font, double spaced.

I highly suggest proofreading all documents prior to submission. No exceptions!!

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