

EDUC 1301.2A1 Introduction to Education

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CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Online

PREREQUISITE/COREQUISITE:

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An enriched, integrated pre-service course and content experience that provides active recruitment and institutional support of students interested in a teaching career, especially in high need fields. The course provides students with opportunities to participate in early field observations at all levels of P-12 schools with varied and diverse student populations and provides students with support from college and school faculty, preferably in small cohort groups, for the purpose of introduction to and analysis of the culture of schooling and classrooms. Course content should be aligned as applicable with State Board for Educator Certification Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities standards. Course must include a minimum of 16 contact hours of field experience in P-12 classrooms.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify current issues influencing the field of education and teacher professional development.
2. Analyze the culture of schooling and classrooms from the perspectives of language, gender, socioeconomic, ethnic, and disability-based academic diversity and equity.
3. Provide examples from classroom observations and course activities that demonstrate understanding of educational pedagogy and professional responsibilities of teachers.
4. Evaluate personal motivations, educational philosophies, and factors related to educational career decision making.
5. Recognize the various multiple intelligences/learning styles in order to be able to implement instructional practices that meet the needs of all students

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

There is no major text required for this course. You will need access to technology and have a background check completed before observing at schools.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance will be noted based on your submitting assignments weekly and interactions with Blackboard. You should access Blackboard at least twice a week, and ensure you read any and all announcements.

DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16- week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

COURSE CALENDAR ****Due dates may be subject to change****

DATE	TOPIC **Notes are all taken as a participation grade and must be completed	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
Week One	-Orientation and syllabus -Background check and observations -Field Notes -Intro to APA -Professional Communication Notes and Assignment		-Introduction Posts -Nearpod Notes -Email Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Two	-Human Development Notes -Discussion Board -Age Appropriate Assignment		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Age Appropriate Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.

Week Three	Diversity/Special Populations Notes -Discussion Board -Diverse and Inclusive for All Assignment		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Diverse and Inclusive Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Four	-Bloom's Taxonomy Notes -Discussion Board -Lesson Plan Assignment		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Lesson Plan Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Five	-Mazlow and the Hierarchy of Human Needs and the Classroom Notes -Discussion Board -Teaching Philosophy Assignment		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Age Appropriate Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Six	-Classroom Management Notes -Discussion Board		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Seven	-Communication in the Classroom Notes -Discussion -Communication Assignment		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Communication Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Eight	-Tech in the Classroom Notes -Discussion Board -Online/Interactive Lesson		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Interactive Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Nine	-Active Learning Notes -Discussion Board -Active Learning Lesson		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Active Learning Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Ten	-Learning Style Notes -Discussion Board -Bingo Board Assessment		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board -Assessment Assignment

			*All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Eleven	-Feedback Notes -Feedback Assignment		-Nearpod Notes -Feedback Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Twelve	-Communicating with Parents Notes -Discussion Board -Continue working on Unit Plan		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Thirteen	-Careers in Education Notes -Discussion Board -Continue working on Unit Plan		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Fourteen	-Social Emotional Learning: Abuse, Special Populations, and Behavior issues Notes -Discussion Board -Continue working on Unit Plan		-Nearpod Notes -Discussion Board *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Fifteen	Complete Unit Plan		-Unit Plan Assignment *All due Sunday by Midnight.
Week Sixteen	Finals Week		

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

Participation/ Discussion Board Questions	10%
Nearpod Notes/Online Activities	10%
Weekly Assignments	10%
Field Experience	20%
Teaching Philosophy	15%
Lesson Presentation	10%
Lesson Plan	10%
Final Project	15%

Total **100%**

GRADE SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-0 F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

Course Requirements

Field Observation: All students must successfully complete 16-hours of field experience to pass this course. Students will be assigned to a K-12 school, submit field observation reports, and pass a background check to participate in K-12 schools. Students must successfully pass a background check to complete the field observations.

Course Policies

1. Respect other students, faculty, staff of LIT, and all who you encounter during observations on Pre-K-12 campuses.
2. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.
3. Cell phones, headphones, and all other electronic devices must be turned off while in class and while observing
4. Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening, and/or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is a violation of the LIT Student Conduct Regulations. Students who are found guilty of such misconduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the institution.
5. Remember, you are not only representing LIT but yourself as a future employee when you visit campuses. Be sure to dress and act appropriately on other campuses. You must follow their dress codes and rules while on campus.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps

foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

STARFISH

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

Due dates are subject to change depending on any events which may occur.

I do not allow students to resubmit assignments.

I will usually respond quickest to email and typically within twenty-four hours to your email; the exception is if emails are sent after hours or on weekends.

Feedback

This course may incorporate essays, projects, discussions, quizzes, journals, and exams to evaluate student performance and to direct instruction. Due to the nature of the course, not every assignment will be fully graded and returned. Unless otherwise noted, students may expect to receive feedback on their assignments no later than 48 hours from the date of submission.

Special Populations: If a student requires accommodations while on LIT campus, they must contact Jarmarcus Corks in the Special Populations office in Student Services. If a dual credit student has accommodations through their school's special populations office, they must still contact LIT's Special Populations office at specialpopulations@lit.edu.

Electronics Policy: Students cannot use electronic devices such as cell phones, laptops, AirPods, or any other distracting devices in the classroom, *unless at my discretion*. If a student needs an

electronic device for accommodations in class, they should contact the Special Populations office at LIT. Unless I allow students to use their devices, devices will stay in backpacks, not pockets, until the end of class.

Plagiarism/Cheating: Academic Dishonesty is a crime that Lamar Institute of Technology and I take seriously. Most colleges expel cheating students. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- using the ideas and or words of another person, without giving that person appropriate credit,
 - inaccurately paraphrasing and not giving that person appropriate credit,
 - submitting a paper purchased in whole or in part from another person or other sources, including the internet,
 - using undocumented Web sources
- representing another's artistic or scholarly works as your own

Late Work: If a student turns in their work late, they will get a zero. Once an assignment is turned in late, it cannot be redone or resubmitted. It is important that students not get behind in a class. Typically, if a student gets in the habit of turning in all assignments within the first three weeks, they can build that habit for the rest of the class.

Make-Up Work: I can make accommodations on deadlines for extenuating circumstances (family emergencies, sickness, mental health, chronic health issues, etc.) However, communication is necessary in these circumstances. **I need to know at least three days before a deadline if a student cannot complete an assignment on time.** If a student asks for more time on an assignment day it is due, it will not be granted.

Diversity and Inclusion: LIT wishes to create a safe and understanding environment for students of all genders, ethnicities, religions, sexualities, and backgrounds. Literature in particular is a landscape full of authors with various personalities and cultures. I personally embrace diversity of thought and opinions. In class discussions, I want to be sure that everyone has the chance to voice their thoughts on a matter without unnecessary judgment. However, slurs or jokes pointed at minority groups are unacceptable, even if the student is a member of that group. I expect all students to treat each other and themselves with respect in my classroom. Students will read works that are challenging and controversial in this class. Please ensure classroom conversation remains civil.

Recording Lectures: Students may not electronically record lectures and presentations without the express, written permission of the instructor. Most lecture content is based upon original, fixed works, and is therefore the intellectual property of the instructor, which is protected by state law. In the event that permission to record is granted, any and all course-related recordings are solely for the student's use, and may not be publicly played, broadcast, reproduced, transcribed, or distributed.