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COURSE:	EDTE 312/512 Methods for English Learners	
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Course description/goals:

This course intends to provide candidates with socio-cultural knowledge, pedagogical skills and dispositions to support **learners from diverse cultures and languages**. This course examines policy that has had an impact on English Learners (ELs). It also reviews the theoretical perspectives of second language (L²) acquisition and programs for ELs. Candidates learn how to provide a supportive learning environment for students' first and/or second language acquisition by using research-based instructional approaches, including focused English Language Development (ELD), Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE), Universal Design for Learning (UDL), scaffolding across content areas, and structured English immersion. Candidates will demonstrate an understanding of the difference among students whose only instructional need is to acquire Standard English proficiency, and students who may have a disability.

- Field experience: The assignments entitle assisting, assessing and planning instruction for a target English learner and supporting all ELs in the classroom where candidates are student teaching. This field experience provides candidates with the opportunity to gain practice in second language teaching and academic development for ELs and to observe the process of second language acquisition, cultural adaptation, and academic growth.

- This course is required by the Commission on Teaching Credentialing to comply with the English L Learners teaching authorization as mandated in the California Education Code. In California, teachers must hold an Ell authorization prior to providing ELD and/or core subject instructional services to any Ell. The pertinent statutes include:

EC Section 44001, EC Section 44830(a), EC Section 44831, and particularly EC Section 44253.1, which reads: . . . *For these pupils to have access to quality education, their special needs must be met by teachers who have essential skills and knowledge related to English language development, specially designed content instruction delivered in English, and content instruction delivered in the pupils' primary languages . . . The Commission is responsible for establishing the teacher authorization process by which teachers are certified as having specified knowledge, skills, and abilities for providing instruction to ELs.*

Your 2042 California teaching credential requires specific skills and knowledge about methods for first and second language acquisition as well as being able to evaluate English learners' English proficiency. In addition to authorizing you to teach ELLs in the content areas, you will be authorized to teach English Language Development (ELD) as a separate subject and you may be asked to do so at any point in your professional career as a teacher.

- This course will model practices of *blended learning* where teacher candidates use technology-based instruction via online sessions. In this mode learning can take place outside the classroom giving flexibility over the time and the pace of their learning.

- EDTE 312/512 builds upon and complements other methods courses in your program where you built curriculum and designed lesson plans. In these classes you may have also created some adaptations for ELLs but EDTE 312/512 provides you a more in-depth experience understanding and addressing the specific affective, linguistic and academic needs of the EL population.

- EDTE 312/512 assignments differ from other tutoring experiences/case studies in foundation and methods courses since this course focus on ELLs. One of the goals is to prepare for your CalTPa final program assessment for the EL case section of the assignment that you will have to develop.

Course objectives/candidate outcomes

The State of California Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs) are the base for the objectives of this course as we need to comply with pertinent legislation for teacher preparation programs and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requirements. The four meta values were adopted by our programs and reflect our philosophy and beliefs as educators. At the end of this course students should have an understanding and be able to:

- Apply knowledge of students, including their prior experience, interests, and social emotional learning needs, as well as funds of knowledge and cultural language to engage them in learning. (TPE 1)
- Create learning environments that promote productive student learning, encourage positive interactions among students, reflect diversity and multiple perspectives, and are culturally responsive. Help develop empathy towards others including ELLs (TPE 2) (Meta values: diversity and inclusion, Changemaking)
- Explore how to provide supportive positive, nurturing learning environments for students' second language acquisition by using research based instructional approaches, including focused English Language Development (ELD) and Specially design academic instructional in English, and scaffolding across content areas. (TPEs 1, 2) (Meta value: Diversity and inclusion)
- Demonstrate an understanding of the differences among whose only instructional need is to acquire Standard English proficiency students who may have an identified disability affecting their ability to acquire standard English proficiency, and students who may need both, to acquire English proficiency and an identified disability. (TPE 1) (Meta value: Diversity and Inclusion)
- Review theories and program models of second language acquisition. (TPE 4)

- Analyze pedagogical, cognitive and affective factors affecting second language/bi-literacy development. (TPEs 3, 4) (Meta value: Critical inquiry)
- Use different assessment approaches for instructional planning that are appropriate for individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds, varying languages, and varied cognitive abilities. (TPE 5)
- Monitor student learning and adjust instruction while teaching so that students continue to be actively engaged in learning. (TPE 5) (Meta value: Critical inquiry)
- Teach/write lesson plans to support the development of listening, speaking, reading and writing for English Language development for a variety of linguistic, academic, and cultural backgrounds. (TPE 4)
- Recognize initial identification, transitioning and reclassification processes for ELLs. (TPE 4)
- Connect subject matter to real life contexts and provide active learning experiences to engage student interest, support student motivation, and allow students to extend their learning. (TPE 1) (Meta value: Changemaking)
- Use a variety of developmentally and ability appropriate strategies and resources including the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and multi-tiered levels of support to access the curriculum. (TPE 1) (Meta value: Diversity and inclusion)
- Develop and/or adapt core subject instruction for ELLs using research-based methodology and pedagogical practices such as SDAIE with a Changemaking focus. (TPE 1) (Meta value: Changemaking)
- Explore meaningful ways to use technology for engagement and effective instruction for ELLs. (TPEs 3, 4, 5)
- Create, collaborate and support students in a context of multicultural classrooms. (TPE 2)
- Identify sociocultural factors, effective family participation practices, resources and community assets to enhance the academic and linguistic success of ELLs. (TPE's 2, 6)
- Identify, in the US and in other countries, learning communities offering inclusion, nondiscriminatory and democratic practices that value all individuals regardless of linguistic and academic backgrounds. (TPE 2) (Meta value: Internationalization and Global Citizenship)
- Recognize equal access issues affecting English language learners/minority students in the United States and in other countries. (TPE's 2)
- Demonstrate knowledge of federal and state legislation that mandate and protect the educational rights of ELLs. (TPE 6)
- Demonstrate knowledge of requirements for appropriate assessment and identification of students whose cultural, ethnic, gender, or linguistic differences may be misunderstood or misidentified as manifestations of a disability. (Sped 5.4)
- Demonstrate knowledge of second language development and the distinction between language disorders, disabilities, and language differences. (Sped 5.5)
- Analyze ELLs' needs within an IEP framework (Meta value: Critical inquiry)
- Compare systems and approaches for educating second language students in different countries (Meta values: Critical inquiry, International and Global Citizenship)
- Integrate the Changemaking philosophy and principles into instruction for ELLs as a form of engaging all students, and promote problem solving, collaboration, leadership and empathy for this traditionally marginalized population. (Meta-value: Changemaking)

Course requirements/assessments

****Guidelines, instructions, formats and samples and rubrics are inside the corresponding Blackboard folder.***

NOTE: The formats for the **different assignments are always changing**. Please follow the current formats. In the event that a student uses a format from past semesters, the assignment will not be accepted.

1. Individualized English Language Proficiency Assessments for your focus EI (ILEAP).
You will assess an English language learner in listening, speaking, reading and writing using rubrics, formal and informal assessments to identify his/her linguistic needs.
2. English Language Development (ELD) lesson
Develop an ELD lesson based on your focus student's levels of English proficiency and according to the student's assessment results. This lesson should be a model lesson and the possibility of implementation depends on each candidate's placement situation.
3. The required Embedded Signature Assessment for this course consists of (1) a written reflection about your field experience and attainment of main TPEs for the course, and (2) participate in group discussion of the highlights of the experiences.
4. SDAIE/UDL lesson
Developing a lesson with a focus on Changemaking that incorporates effective approaches for teaching content to Ell's.
5. Weekly assignments
The weekly assignments consist of tasks related to articles, studies, videos, and reflection about practice, activity planning, etc. **WHEN RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED THEY MUST SHOW DEEP ORIGINAL CRITICAL THINKING AND CONNECTIONS TO OWN EXPERIENCES.** These tasks and activities need to be uploaded on Blackboard on a **WORD DOCUMENT** weekly as assigned. The main purpose for these assignments is for you to be prepared to discuss in class and demonstrate deep thinking about the material. I will provide feedback on a rotating basis. If I have concerns about your preparation for class I will use your responses as an important point of data to get insight about the quality of your work.
6. Two online sessions on Blackboard- Candidates will participate in a) online forum, and b) write individual assignments for the professor. The materials assigned for the online session dictate topics for the discussion threads.

8. Professionalism (See Appendix A for Professionalism rubric at the end of the syllabus):

- **Participation and attitude-** Students are expected to fully participate in class discussions and activities. During discussion and activities, students should exhibit respectful, honest dialogues, questions, and original ideas. A respectful attitude and listening to others are expected at all times. You are allowed to use electronic devices for classroom related tasks only. Please **DO NOT USE ELECTRONIC DEVICES** for non-class related purposes such as visiting social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Tweeter, e-mail, completing assignments, etc.) or texting on the phone. **If an event like this occurs, the student will lose five points from his/her total points for each occurrence.** Meaningful class participation is **KEY** (see the professionalism rubric located at the end of the syllabus).

Preparation, readiness and on time assignments- The readings and tasks are posted on Blackboard so it is ideal that students bring an electronic device to access the materials in class. When students are not able to bring an electronic device to class to access class materials, they need to bring hard copies of their responses or tasks to be able to share. Students are expected to do all the required readings and assignments before class. All assignments need to be uploaded on Blackboard by 4:40 P.M. on the due date. Late assignments are NOT permitted and the link to upload assignments in Blackboard is disabled once the class session begins. Please DO NOT ask me if you can make up weekly assignments.

Attendance- Students can be absent one class session and their final grade will not be affected. Students' final grade will go down one grade in the grading scale for each subsequent absence after the first one (e.g. from A to A-). Please use the one-time absence for matters that are really important. Absences for critical issues after the first one are considered on an individual basis. Absences for non-critical issues such as picking up a person at the airport, meeting with visitors from out of town, etc. are not considered critical and students' grade will go down. Please do not ask me if it is OK to be absent for these occasions.

Textbooks/readings/materials (required)

- Readings assigned inside the weekly readings/assignment tab on Blackboard.

Optional resources (highly suggested)

- Colorin Colorado website- www.colorincolorado.org
- Resources found on Blackboard under the Course Resources tab.
- Law, B. and Eckes, M. Third Edition. The More than Just Surviving Handbook. (2010). Portage and Main Press.

Important notes

- **This course outline is tentative and subject to change.** The outline can be modified at any time to meet the needs/ dynamics of the class. Any changes to the syllabus will be explained in class and modified on blackboard. Bring your printed syllabus or have access to it during class sessions.
- The letter "P" on graded assignments corresponds to "pending" meaning that the assignment does not meet the minimum acceptable requirements and/or quality. Also, it means that the student has the opportunity to update/improve the assignment to obtain a higher score. Students have the option to decline the offer to update/improve their assignments. Quality assignments are expected the first time around. I believe in learning as a process not as a product so you may receive a pending grade and asked to critically think about your assignments, add or change. Please be appreciative about chances to improve your work and be open to constructive feedback which is a key trait schools look when hiring teachers.
- When not able to attend a class session, students are responsible for obtaining the information covered during class and to check for changes to the syllabus. Please email your professor letting her know that you will be absent.

- More than two fifteen-minute late arrivals will count as **minus one half of attendance** of a class session. The same will happen if you leave during break or before the class ends.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or you are confused about anything including activities, assignments, etc., please let me know ASAP. I am here to help and I want every student to experience success!
- If ***I say something in class and you do not understand*** me, including understanding assignments, please let me know and I will be happy to repeat it or explain it in a different manner.
- It may take more than 24 hours for me to respond to your e-mails. For e-mails sent on Fridays or weekends, you might not get a response until Monday.
- It may take up to two weeks to grade and return the assignments due to high volume and length of the assignments.

Assignments	Due	Points
Weekly readings & assignments	Ongoing	66
Online #1	February 19	14
* ILEAP Part 1 – Context and Demographics	February 26	10
*ILEAP Part 2 – Oral assessments & activity	February 26	14
*ILEAP Part 3 – Writing assessments and activity	March 19	14
Online session #2 (No late submissions)	March 26	14
*ILEAP Part 4 – Reading Assessments	April 2	14
*ELD lesson	April 9	14
*SDAIE lesson (In class)	April 16	5
*Final reflection (Embedded Signature Assignment)	May 7	14
Professionalism	Ongoing	21
Total points		200

Grading Scale

200-192 = A
191-183 = A-
182-174 = B+
173-165 = B
164-156 = B-
155-147 = C+
146-138 = C
137-129 = C-
128-120 = D+
119-111 = D
110-100 = D-
99-0 = F

* **These assignments must be submitted to pass this course.**

Graduate students' assignments are slightly different from the assignments for the undergraduate students. Please refer to the appropriate assignment column on the table above.

Embedded Signature Assignment (ESA) - Each Multiple Subject and Single Subject credential course contains an ESA and are intended to assess important candidate skills and abilities, identify areas of strength and challenge, and contribute to successfully completing the Teaching Event during student teaching.

Summary of Academic Integrity

All members of the University community share the responsibility for maintaining an environment of academic integrity since academic dishonesty is a threat to the University. Acts of academic dishonesty include: a) unauthorized assistance on an examination; b) falsification or invention of data; c) unauthorized collaboration on an academic exercise; d) plagiarism; e) misappropriation of resource materials; f) any unauthorized access of an instructor's files or computer account; or g) any other serious violation of academic integrity as established by the instructor.

It is the responsibility of the instructor to determine whether a violation has occurred. An act of academic dishonesty may be either a serious violation, or if unintentional, a non-serious violation of course rules, an infraction. If the instructor determines that an infraction or serious violation has occurred, the instructor can impose penalties that may include: a) reduction in grade; b) withdrawal from the course; c) requirement that all or part of the course be retaken; and d) a requirement that additional work be undertaken in connection with the course or exercise.

If an issue of academic integrity arises, the instructor will complete an Academic Integrity Violation Preliminary Worksheet (see appendix C) and turn it into the Dean's office. The form will be completed and distributed to the student and the instructor. The Dean's Office will contact the student and ensure she or he has a copy of the USD Academic Integrity policy. If the instructor determines that a serious violation has occurred, or if the student or students affected wish to appeal the determination of infraction, a hearing committee will be activated by the Dean.

The hearing committee will include faculty and students from the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, as well as faculty from outside the School of Leadership and Education Sciences. If the hearing committee determines that a serious violation has occurred, it also will determine sanctions to be applied which may include: a) expulsion from the University; b) suspension from the University for up to one year; c) a letter of censure; and d) imposition of a period of probation. If the hearing committee determines an infraction has occurred, the penalty imposed by the faculty member will be upheld. If the hearing committee determines that no serious violation or infraction has occurred, it will request the instructor take action consistent with that determination. If the hearing committee determines that expulsion is the appropriate sanction, or in the event of two dissenting votes on the committee, the student or students adversely affected by the decision may appeal to the Provost.

Grade of Incomplete

The grade of Incomplete ("I") may be recorded to indicate (1) that the requirements of a course have been substantially completed but, for a legitimate reason, a small fraction of the work remains to be completed, and, (2) that the record of the student in the course justifies the expectation that he or she will complete the work and obtain the passing grade by the deadline. It is the student's responsibility to explain to the instructor the reasons for non-completion of work and to request an incomplete grade prior to the posting

of final grades. Students who receive a grade of incomplete must submit all missing work no later than the end of the tenth week of the next regular semester; otherwise the “I” grade will become a permanent “F.”

Requests for Accommodation

Reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act will be made for course participants with disabilities who require specific instructional and testing modifications. Students with such requirements must identify themselves to the University of San Diego Disability Services Office (619.260.4655) before the beginning of the course. Every effort will be made to accommodate students’ needs; however, performance standards for the course will not be modified in considering specific accommodations.

COURSE TENTATIVE OUTLINE		
Session	Topics	Assignment See Blackboard under weekly assignments tab
# 1 January 29	Blackboard/Syllabus/field experience Q: Introductions Q: What do we know about Ells? Q: what are some key demographics? Q: What linguistic and academic background information do we need to know about Ells so we serve the “whole child”? Examine the letter for cooperating teachers Extra time: Q: What are the myths about Ells?	
# 2 February 5	Q: What are the principles of second language acquisition? Q: How can we define the different levels of English proficiency and what are their characteristics? Q: What are some activities for varied proficiency levels? •Review Guidelines ILEAP Part 1 Context and demographics	Due: Weekly Assignment #1
# 3 February 12	Q: What are the challenges that Ells face in the oral domain/strand in English language development? Q: What assessments can we use with Ells for oral proficiency and for the ILEAP PART 2? • Review Guidelines for ILEAP PART 2 Q: What are some effective strategies and activities to improve and support oral development for Ells in ELD/ELA/English classes?	Due: Weekly Assignment #2
# 5 February 19 ONLINE #1	Q: What does the research say about reading in L2? Q: What are some effective strategies and activities to support reading development for Ells? Q: What are some programs for reading? • How can we use cognates to facilitate learning? Q: What assessments can we use with Ells for reading proficiency and for the ILEAP PART 3? • Review Guidelines ILEAP PART 3	DUE: Weekly Assignment #3

<p>#6 February 26</p>	<p>What are the most common stages of L2 writing development in English?? Q: What are the challenges that Ells face in the writing domain/strand in English language development? Q: What assessments can I use with Ells for writing proficiency and for the ILEAP assignment PART 4? Q: What are effective strategies and activities for writing development at the different levels of English proficiency? Q: Review guidelines for the teacher interview assignment for graduate students</p>	<p>Due: Weekly assignment #4 DUE: ILEAP PART 1&2</p>
<p># 6 March 5</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS</p>	
<p># 7 March 12</p>	<p>Q: What are the ELPAC assessments? Q: What are some examples of ELD lessons? Q: What can we learn by critiquing ELD lessons? Q: How do we integrate ELD strategies in content instruction? Q: Review activities for ELD Begin planning the ELD lesson for the focus Ell-</p>	<p>Due: Weekly Assignment #5</p>
<p># 8 March 19</p>	<p>Q: What does Changemaking education look in the global context to address the needs of all students? Ashoka presenter Q: Review the principles of Changemaking Q: How does Changemaking philosophy and principles impact Ells? Q: Understanding socio emotional learning and Ells, developing empathy, and exploring teachers' self- awareness Q: How is Changemaking integrated into instruction to engage Ells, connect to real life contexts, promote problem solving, collaboration, leadership and empathy?</p>	<p>Due: Weekly Assignment #6 DUE: ILEAP PART 3 and activity</p>
<p># 9 March 26 ONLINE SESSION #2</p>	<p>Q: What is scaffolding? Q: What are the instructional scaffolds and how do they support students' linguistic and academic learning? Q: What are some examples of lessons providing linguistic and academic scaffolds for Ells?</p>	<p>Due: weekly assignment #7</p>

<p>#10 April 2</p>	<p>•Q: What are some activities for developing academic language with Ells Q: How can language objectives can be incorporated along with content objectives?) Q: How do we address our students' ELD needs within the context of the general common core standards? Q: What are the ELD standards?</p>	<p>Due: DUE: ILEAP PART 4 Due: Weekly assignment #8</p>
<p>#11 April 9</p>	<p>Q: What knowledge can we gain by watching videos about SDAIE lesson delivery? Q: How do SDAIE and scaffolding support Ell's development of background knowledge and schema building to access linguistic and academic content? Q: How do we modify and use the regular curriculum in a SDAIE lesson with a Changemaking focus? Q: How does UDL addresses Ell's needs?</p>	<p>DUE: ELD lesson</p>
<p># 11 April 16</p>	<p>Q: What are Cummins' quadrants for task difficulty? Developing SDAIE/UDL lessons in class and presentations</p>	<p>Due: Weekly assignment #9</p>
<p># 12 April 23</p>	<p>Q: What are some historical perspectives and policy on the education of English learners and bilingual students Q: What are some effective practices to transmit valid and relevant information to parents and teachers about the benefits of bilingualism/multilingualism? Q: What is Bilingual education Q: What are Jim Cummins' CUP and SUP?</p>	<p>Due: Weekly assignment #10</p>
<p>#13 April 30</p>	<p>Q: How can we distinguish lack of English language proficiency vs. learning disability? Q: What are issues of over- and under-representation of Ells in Special Education? Q: How can teachers provide support to ELLs who are also identified as Special Ed students and provide support to their families as well?</p>	<p>Due: Weekly assignment</p>
<p>#14 May 7</p>	<p>Course review Sharing the final reflection</p>	<p>Due: Final reflection</p>

Appendix A
EDUC 384/584 Rubric for Professionalism

Points	Criteria
18-21 points	<p>Completes main class assignments in their entirety and timely. Actively participates in class discussions and activities. Reads all required readings, completes all related assigned work and is prepared to discuss. Is respectful when colleagues (including professor) is talking and/or presenting and in general with comments and attitudes. Does not use electronic devices including visiting social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Tweeter, e-mail, etc.) in ways that are unrelated to what is happening in class.</p>
12-17 points	<p>Completes main class assignments in their entirety and timely most of the time. Participates in class discussions and assignments most of the time Reads all required readings and is prepared to discuss most of the time Is respectful when colleagues (including professor) is talking and/or presenting and in general comments and attitudes most of the time. Uses electronic devices once including visiting social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Tweeter, e-mail, etc.) in ways that are unrelated to what is happening in class.</p>
6-11 points	<p>Minimally participates in class discussions and assignments. Seldom or never completes main class assignments in their entirety and timely. Sometimes or seldom participates in class discussions and assignments. Sometimes or seldom reads all required readings and is prepared to discuss. Sometimes or seldom Is respectful when colleagues (including professor) is talking and/or presenting and in general comments and attitudes. Often times uses electronic devices including visiting social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Tweeter, e-mail, etc.) in ways that are unrelated to what is happening in class.</p>
5 or less	<p>Never completes main class assignments in their entirety and timely. Never actively participates in class discussions and activities. Never reads all required readings, completes related assigned work all the time and is prepared to discuss. Never Is respectful when colleagues (including professor) is talking and/or presenting and in general comments and attitudes. There is excessive use of electronic devices including visiting social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Tweeter, e-mail, etc.) in ways that are unrelated to what is happening in class.</p>

Appendix B

Questions you can answer to demonstrate critical/in depth thinking (when specific questions or other format are not provided by the professor)

1. How do you connect to your own experience?
2. How do the authors tie these points together in order to make an argument, to build a case for their point of view, or to tell a story? If the authors simply explore a theme or main idea, how would you summarize that theme or main idea?
3. What is most persuasive to you in the information offered to support the authors' main points, and why?
4. If the authors did not convince you of their point of view, why not?
5. What was most interesting and meaningful to you in the material covered?
6. What connections, parallels or contradictions do you see between this information and the information presented in other assignments, in other courses, and/or in other books you have read?
7. What reactions do you observe in yourself as you read these articles/chapters and explore these particular concepts?
8. What new (or old) questions does this material raise for you?
9. What experiences have you had that confirm the ideas presented?
10. What experiences have you had that might contradict the information presented?
11. How would the information and arguments presented change the way you think, act, hope, feel and/or relate to others?