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| EDBE 3050.001 Teaching English as an Additional Language3W1 Spring 2025 |
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# **CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION**

This course focuses on the methods and techniques of teaching English as an additional language and assessing emergent bilinguals in elementary and secondary schools. Using asset-based approaches, the course will examine the use of bilingual learners’ strengths in the classroom to design and implement meaningful and authentic lessons, assessments, and classroom activities that advance the students’ knowledge of the English language and the content areas. The course will also explore educational structures and pedagogical methodologies that promote language and literacy development centered in the students’ family and community traditions.

# **COURSE PREREQUISITES**

Admission to the teacher education program and completion of EDBE 2050 Understanding and Teaching Multilingual Students.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS**

Peregoy, S. F., Boyle, O.F. & Amendum, S.J. (2023). *Reading, Writing, and Learning in ESL: A Resource Book for Teaching K‐12 Multilingual Learners*. Pearson.

![Reading, Writing, and Learning in ESL: A Resource Book for Teaching K-12 Multilingual Learners by [Suzanne F. Peregoy, Owen F. Boyle, Steven Amendum]]()

Supplementary materials, including articles, handouts, and videos, will be listed in the Canvas Modules.

**CLASS MODALITY TIME/LOCATION**

# EDBE 3050 is an online course. We will meet synchronously via Zoom from 1 to 3 p.m. daily. Attendance is mandatory, and it will be graded.

# **COURSE OJECTIVES AND STUDENT OUTCOMES**

The content of this course is aimed at these goals:

* Examining the academic and social needs of multilingual learners.
* Identifying the principles of first and second language acquisition theories and their implications on instructional practices.
* Designing lesson plans and assessments that emphasize the unique characteristics and needs of emergent bilinguals.
* Examining research supported practices in a variety of instructional models where English is the main language of instruction (e.g., sheltered instruction).
* Recognizing home and community literacy practices and centering these practices in classroom instruction.
* Reviewing new literacy forms and formulating plans to reduce or eliminate technology and/or opportunity gaps.
* Planning instruction that considers the students’ funds of knowledge.
* Researching the elements of critical pedagogy and its implications for an equitable and just education for all students.
* Reviewing children’s literature for instruction in reading and other content areas.
* Describing practices that foster family involvement.
* Examining the intersection of ESL and special education.

**HOW TO SUCCEED IN THIS COURSE**

This course is designed to be highly collaborative and interactive. Each session will include a brief participatory lesson followed by small group discussions to foster engagement and deepen your understanding of the course content. Your attendance, active participation, and collaboration are crucial for achieving the learning objectives.

To maximize your success in this course, please review the assigned materials and resources thoroughly and actively participate in class discussions, activities, and projects. These elements are designed to enhance your comprehension and application of the course content.

**COMMUNICATION**

My preferred method of communication is through Canvas Messages. If you need additional guidance, I am happy to schedule an individual or group Zoom meeting. To arrange a meeting, please email me with your proposed day and time, and I will do my best to accommodate your request.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Regular and punctual attendance is required and necessary. Your participation and collaboration in enriched discussions in the class is essential for your success. The attendance policy for this course will be guided by the  [University policy 06.039](https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.039%20Student%20Attendance%20and%20Authorized%20Absences.pdf) will be followed for attendance problems. If necessary, students may miss class with a valid excuse (see [university policy for excused absences](https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.039%20Student%20Attendance%20and%20Authorized%20Absences.pdf)) and not face penalties related to their grades. Students must let the instructor know as soon as possible if they will miss class. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain all notes and handouts missed during their absence. All assignments are due on dates indicated on the syllabus, regardless of student absences. Tardiness, leaving the session or early departure for 15 minutes or more will result in the lowering of a final grade at the instructor’s discretion. Please note that it is the student’s responsibility to drop this course if necessary.

**Three or More Absences**: Even if your absences are excused, you will receive an automatic FINAL grade of F if you miss THREE (3) or more classes. This course is an important part of your degree plan and missing nine or more hours of in-person class is detrimental to your success in the program and on your certification exams.

**Late to Class or Early Leave**

If you arrive 15 minutes or more after the start time of the class, if you leave the class 15 minutes or more before the end of the class, or if you leave the session for more than 15 minutes, you will be considered absent unless you have extraneous circumstances to justify your tardiness. The instructor will handle justifications on a case-by-case basis.

**Excused Absences**

An absence may be excused for the following reasons:

* religious holy day, including travel for that purpose;
* active military service, including travel for that purpose;
* participation in an official university function;
* illness or other extenuating circumstances;
* pregnancy and parenting under Title IX; and
* when the University is officially closed.

**Unexcused Absences**

* Student organization/Sorority/Fraternity events/meetings •
* Car Trouble/Parking/Transportation Issues
* Vacations
* Work/Job (other than active military service)
* Studying for Certification Exams/Completing work for other classes
* Other events that do not fall under UNT policy

Students are responsible for requesting an excused absence in writing, providing satisfactory evidence to the faculty member to substantiate the excused absence and delivering the request personally to the faculty member assigned to the course for which the student will be absent. If case of an illness, a student is responsible for submitting the doctor’s note with the date/s for an excused absence, and date when he/she can return to school.

**SUMMARY OF COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

Students must submit all assignments and assessments through Canvas at or before the following due dates.

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| **Assignments** | **Points** | **Due date** |
| Attendance and ParticipationGraded Zoom meetings: Dec. 17, 18, 19, and 20; January 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9.10 \*25 points = 250 points | 250 | Ongoing |
| Syllabus Quiz | 40 | Dec. 17 |
| Assignment #1- Introduction | 30 | Dec. 18 |
| Assignment # 2 – Language and Language Acquisition | 50 | Dec. 20 |
| Assignment # 3- Critical analysis of children’s literature for instruction in reading and other content areas. | 100 | Jan. 2 |
| Assignment # 4 – Integrating family and community literacy practices | 50 | Jan. 3 |
| Assignment # 5 – Planning Instruction for Multilingual Students | 100 | Jan. 6 |
| Assignment # 6 – Designing and implementing ESL strategies | 80  | Jan. 7 |
| Assignment # 7 – Assessments and Accommodations for Multilingual Learners  | 100 | Jan. 9 |
| Final Exam | 200 | Jan 10 1 to 3:00 pm. |
| TOTAL  | 1,000  |  |

Grading scale for this course:

900-1000=A, 800-899=B, 700-799=C, 600-699=D, below 600=F

**Late Work**

Late assignments will be accepted only when the student obtains permission from the instructor before the due date. Therefore, if you have a valid reason for submitting a late assignment, please contact the instructor, explain your situation, and request permission for a late submission.

Assignments turned in after the due date will be deducted 10% each day the assignment is late (i.e., one day late = 10% reduction, two days late = 20% reduction. No assignments will be accepted if submitted after two days of the due date. If you become sick, an excuse, such as a doctor’s note, will be required. Other circumstances such as a death in the family, accidents, inclement weather, or emergencies will be examined on an individual basis.  Communicate with your instructor about your specific situation.

**Description of Assignments**

**Assignment # 1 Introduction** (70 points)

We are working in a learning community. The purpose of this assignment is to share information about the members of our class. Use the discussion board to share your background, interests, and knowledge about multilingual students.

Introduce Yourself to the Class (30 points)

Complete the Syllabus Quiz (40 points)

**Assignment # 2 Language and language acquisition** (50 points)

For this assignment, students will review theories and research related to language and language acquisition. Then, they will participate in a discussion focused on the application of theories and first and second language acquisition in the classroom.

**Assignment # 3 - Critical analysis of children’s literature for instruction in reading and other content areas** (100 points).

A fundamental aspect of lesson planning is the selection of texts for the students to read. These texts need to be age-appropriate and cover a variety of themes connected to the students’ lives. For this assignment, you will need to select five texts appropriate for instruction of emergent bilingual students and develop a critical analysis about the use of these books that includes how you can use these books for instruction in content areas. Additional details will be provided on Canvas.

**Assignment # 4 Integrating family and community literacy practices (50 points)**

Students will review research and videos related to family and community literacy practice; then, they will answer questions posted in the Canvas discussion section related to the benefits of family and community support to literacy development. Additional details will be provided on Canvas.

**Assignment #5 Planning instruction for multilingual students (100 points)**

Students will create two lesson plans that include TEKS, ELPS, content objectives, language objectives, classroom activities and assessments recommended for multilingual students.

Detailed instructions and rubric will be posted on Canvas.

**Assignment # 6 Designing and Implementing ESL strategies (80 points)**

The goal of this assignment is to prepare a mini-lesson that include at least two ESL-specific strategies recommended by research for students who are learning English as a second language. Students will explain in detail the strategies selected for this assignment and the research that supports them.

**Assignment # 7 Assessments and Accommodations for Multilingual Students (100 points)**

This assignment has two parts. In the first part, students will review research related to the meaningful use of accommodations for multilingual learners. In the second part of this assignment, students will review the TEA-approved accommodations and explain how they could apply the accessibility features and locally approved designated support to classroom instruction and assessments of multilingual learners.

More details about this assignment will be posted on Canvas.

**Final Exam**

This exam is a formal summative assessment in which students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in this course. Additional details will be provided on Canvas and in class.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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| **Days** | **Topic** |
| **12/16** | Introduction |
| **12/17** | Multilingual Learners |
| **12/18** | Language and Language Acquisition |
| **12/19** | Classroom Practices for Effective Multilingual Learner InstructionCritical analysis of children’s literature for instruction in reading and other content areas. |
| **12/20** | Lesson Plans for Multilingual Students |
| **1/2** | New Literacies and Multilingual LearnersFamily and community literacy practices |
| **1/3** | Oral Language Development for Multilingual Students |
| **1/5** | Multilingual Learners Early Literacy Development.ESL Strategies |
| **1/6** | Assessments and Accommodations for Multilingual Learners |
| **1/7** | Multilingual Learners Reading Instruction |
| **1/8** | Multilingual Learners Writing Instruction |
| **1/9** | Multilingual Learners’ Vocabulary DevelopmentFinal Exam Review |
| **1/10** | Final Exam |

**UNT’S STANDARD SYLLABUS STATEMENTS**

**Supporting Your Success and Creating an Inclusive Learning Environment**

I value the many perspectives students bring to our campus. Please work with me to create a classroom culture of open communication, mutual respect, and belonging. All discussions should be respectful and civil. Although disagreements and debates are encouraged, personal attacks are unacceptable. Together, we can ensure a safe and welcoming classroom for all. If you ever feel like this is not the case, please stop by my office and let me know. We are all learning together.

Every student in this class should have the right to learn and engage within an environment of respect and courtesy from others. We will discuss our classroom’s habits of engagement and I also encourage you to review UNT’s student code of conduct so that we can all start with the same baseline civility understanding ([Code of Student Conduct](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012)) (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012>).

**Student Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is essential to this course, as in other work that you do in your program. In Policy 06.003, UNT has described academic integrity as follows: The University of North Texas promotes the integrity of learning and embraces the core values of trust and honesty. Academic integrity is based on educational principles and procedures that protect the rights of all participants in the educational process and validate the legitimacy of degrees awarded by the University. In the investigation and resolution of allegations of student academic dishonesty, the University’s actions are intended to be corrective, educationally sound, fundamentally fair, and based on reliable evidence.

“Academic Misconduct,” in this policy, means the intentional or unintentional action by a student to engage in behavior in the academic setting including, but not limited to: cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic misconduct, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage.

**See full academic integrity policy:** [06.003 Student Academic Integrity.pdf](https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.003%20Student%20Academic%20Integrity_0.pdf)

**F-1 Visa regulations**

Federal regulations state that students may apply only 3 fully-online semester credit hours (SCH) to the hours required for full-time status for [F-1 Visa (PDF)](https://clear.unt.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/page-assets/Online/clear_f1_online_student_procedures_rev2018_10_08.doc) holders. Full-time status for F-1 Visa students is 12 hours for undergraduates and 9 hours for graduate students.

**ADA Accommodation Statement**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time; however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the [Office of Disability Access](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access) website (<http://www.unt.edu/oda>). You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

**Emergency Notification & Procedures.**

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course.

**Student Evaluation Administration Dates.**

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via *IASystem* Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey, they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website at www.spot.unt.edu or email spot@unt.edu.

**Sexual Assault Prevention.**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648.

**Acceptable Student Behavior.**

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct.

**This syllabus may be modified by the instructor as needed.**