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Syllabus for FREN/GERM/SPAN 4150.001 Foreign Language Teaching Methods
Summer 2016
MTWR 09:00 am-11:50 am
LANG 214

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Course Description

This course is specifically designed for students in French, German, and Spanish who anticipate teaching in the future. Classroom meetings and Blackboard assignments will include reading assignments and practical tasks such as planning sample lessons and evaluating/preparing different types of assessment tools. Students will be introduced to professional journals and resources as well as professional organizations, many of which offer a range of opportunities for professional development.

Course Objectives

This course serves as an introduction to theoretical foundations of language learning and best practices for language teaching with a specific focus on the following dimensions of foreign language education: 1) curriculum/program design; 2) teaching/learning; and 3) assessment.

Disability Accommodation

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 Accommodation (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 see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at **940.565.4323**.

Absences

Students with more than 2 unexcused absences will not be eligible to receive an A in this course.

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Course Grade

Number	Letter
90-100%	A
80-89.9%	B
70-79.9%	C
60-69.9%	D
0-59.9%	F

Grade Categories

Article Summary & Critique (10)	30% (10 X 3% each)
Sample Lesson Plan (2)	20% (2 X 10% each)
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Sample Learning Module	10%

Instructions for each Article Summary & Critique will be provided in Blackboard, including an evaluation rubric. On the due date for each ASC, the assignment must be submitted by midnight US Central Time.

Instructions for each Sample Lesson Plan will be provided in Blackboard, including an evaluation rubric. The first SLP will be based on guidelines provided by the Texas Education Agency. The second SLP will be a somewhat more detailed lesson plan that incorporates some of the required readings.

Both exams will be based on assignments, required readings, and classroom discussions. Although a study guide will be provided, it will not give you a detailed list of every item that will be included on the exam.

Instructions for the Sample Learning Module will be provided in Blackboard.

Weekly Schedule (Classroom meetings are highlighted in yellow)

WEEK 1

Monday, May 16, 2016

Article Summary & Critique 1 due at noon on Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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Article Summary & Critique 2 due at noon on Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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Wednesday, May 18, 2016

No classroom meeting. Independent work on Sample Lesson Plan 1.

Article Summary & Critique 3 due at 9 am Thursday, May 19, 2016

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Article Summary & Critique 4 due at 9 am Friday, May 20, 2016

Friday, May 20, 2016

Class does not meet on this date.

Article Summary & Critique 5 due at noon Saturday, May 21, 2016

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Class does not meet on this date. Sample Lesson Plan 1 due at midnight (in Blackboard).

WEEK 2

Monday, May 23, 2016

Article Summary & Critique 6 due at 9 am Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Review for Exam 1

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Exam 1 (based on material covered during Week 1)

Article Summary & Critique 7 due at 9 am Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

No classroom meeting. Independent work on Sample Lesson Plan 2.

Article Summary & Critique 8 due at 9 am Thursday, May 26, 2016

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Article Summary & Critique 9 due at 9 am Friday, May 27, 2016

Friday, May 27, 2016

Class does not meet on this date.

Article Summary & Critique 10 due at 9 am Saturday, May 28, 2016

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Class does not meet on this date. Sample Lesson Plan 2 due at midnight (in Blackboard).

WEEK 3

Monday, May 30, 2016

"Best practices" for assessment

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

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Review for Final Exam

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

No classroom meeting. Independent work on Sample Learning Module.

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Final Exam (based on any/all material covered in the course)

Friday, June 3, 2016

Sample Learning Module due at midnight in Blackboard.