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**College of Education Mission Statement**

The mission of the College of Education Community is to collaboratively transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators and advancing professional practices. We are committed to diversity, educational equity, and social justice, exemplified through reflective teaching, life-long learning, innovative research and on-going service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance. *(Adopted by COE Governance Community, October, 1997).*

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course focuses on an introduction to issues of schooling in a multicultural society. It includes an overview of multicultural education and addresses areas of study such as; culture and cognition, diversity & exceptionality, intercultural communication, cross-cultural competence the psychology of personal prejudice, and curriculum and teaching in multicultural contexts.

**Course Objectives**

The objectives of this course are fourfold:

- Expand and nuance students' knowledge about the diversity represented in today's schools and the communities in which we live;
- Provide a safe environment for reflection on, and discussion of, the complex ways in which pluralism is a part of educational contexts;
- Prepare educators to provide equitable educational opportunities to all students;
- Provide support to all students who represent national, state, and regional diversity.

**This course has an on-line component. The following class sessions will take place on-line in WebCT: Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Nov. 23.**

**Furlough Statement for Fall 2009**

Due to the devastating effects of current budget crisis in California, I have been furloughed nine days each semester of this academic year, representing a 9.23% reduction in both workload and compensation. A furlough is an unpaid day off on a faculty member's regularly-scheduled workday. In order to satisfy legal and ethical requirements of the California Labor Code, I am required to submit formal certification that I will not work on my furlough days. I am prohibited from teaching, conducting scholarly research, consulting with students, responding to email or voicemail, providing assignment feedback, or participating in any CSU work-related activities on my furlough days. Furlough dates vary by professor; my Fall Semester furlough dates are 9/8, 9/25, 10/15, 10/26, 11/4, 11/12, 11/24, 11/25, 12/2.

The CSU faculty agreed to take furlough days in order to preserve jobs for as many CSU employees as possible, and to serve as many students as possible, in the current budget crisis. The agreement that governs faculty furloughs acknowledges that “cuts of this magnitude will naturally have consequences for the quality of education that we can provide.” Within the furlough context, I will make every effort to support your educational experience at CSUSM.

Visit CSUSM Budget Central [<http://www.csusm.edu/budgetcentral/>] to learn about the state budget crisis and how it impacts your educational opportunities. To avoid the continued loss of higher education availability in California, exercise your right to voice an opinion. Contact information for state legislators and the governor are provided at Budget Central.

This course is aligned to the following standard for the California Teachers of English Learners (CTEL) Certificate Program:

***Standard 9: Culture and Cultural Diversity and Their Relationship to Academic Achievement***

The program develops both broad and deep understanding of contemporary and historical concepts, issues, and perspectives related to culture and cultural diversity in California and the United States. The coursework addresses concepts and definitions of culture, including universal features of cultures (e.g., ethnocentrism, acculturation, cultural pluralism and congruence, intragroup and intergroup differences, impact of geography on cultural forms and practices). The coursework requires candidates to explore how cross-cultural contact and acculturation are affected by issues of power and status, psychological and social-emotional issues, and by social and economic factors. The program requires candidates to develop an understanding of major demographic trends related to linguistic and cultural diversity, as well as current trends and features of migration and immigration in California and in the United States. The coursework teaches candidates to develop conceptual understanding and requires them to demonstrate applied knowledge of cultural similarities and differences in communication styles, strategies for fostering positive crosscultural interactions among culturally diverse students, and challenges involved in cultural contact. The coursework also requires candidates to analyze how this knowledge can be directly applied to instruction of English Learners in order to support student development and learning.

***Standard 10: Culturally Inclusive Instruction***

The program provides candidates with conceptual understanding of culturally inclusive instruction and the important role that culture plays in school and classroom settings, and teaches candidates strategies on how to acquire in-depth knowledge of English learners’ home cultures and cultural experiences. The program requires candidates to examine their own cultural beliefs, attitudes, and assumptions and how this assumptions impact student learning and achievement. The coursework has candidates demonstrate how to apply this knowledge to create culturally inclusive learning environments in the classroom and school (e.g., setting high expectations for all students, having high levels of respect for cultural and linguistic diversity). The program teaches candidates how to apply culturally responsive practices that involve families and the community in decision-making processes and in students’ learning. The program requires candidates to demonstrate understanding of the features, goals, and outcomes of different approaches to multicultural curriculum and how to implement strategies that reflect an inclusive approach with regard to students cultural and language backgrounds. Candidates are taught how to apply knowledge of culturally influenced learning styles and to apply knowledge of English learners’ cultural backgrounds and experiences to instructional planning and implementation.

## **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Outcomes and Standards**

The context for, and scope of this course is aligned with standards for the California Teachers of English Learners (CTEL) which leads to CLAD certification, as articulated by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and as approved by the faculty of the College of Education in development of the program approval documents. Further consideration has been given to the alignment of standards for multicultural education as articulated by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC), and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

### **Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations**

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disable Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 5205, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

### **CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy**

“Students will be expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. All written work and oral presentation assignments must be original work. All ideas/materials that are borrowed from other sources must have appropriate references to the original sources. Any quoted material should give credit to the source and be punctuated with quotation marks.

Students are responsible for honest completion of their work including examinations. There will be no tolerance for infractions. If you believe there has been an infraction by someone in the class, please bring it to the instructor’s attention. The instructor reserves the right to discipline any student for academic dishonesty in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the university. Disciplinary action may include the lowering of grades and/or the assignment of a failing grade for an exam, assignment, or the class as a whole.” Incidents of Academic Dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students. Sanctions at the University level may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

#### **Plagiarism:**

As an educator, it is expected that each student will do his/her own work, and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism or cheating is unacceptable under any circumstances. If you are in doubt about whether your work is paraphrased or plagiarized see the Plagiarism Prevention for Students website <http://library.csusm.edu/plagiarism/index.html>. If there are questions about academic honesty, please consult the University catalog.

### **Appeals**

Every student has the right to appeal grades, or appeal for redress of grievances incurred in the context of any class. Disputes may be resolved informally with the professor, or through the formal grades appeal process. For the latter, consult Dr. Prado-Olmos, Associate Dean.

### **Writing**

Writing requirements for this class will be met as described in the assignments. Every course at the university, including this one, must have a writing requirement of at least 2500 words.

## College of Education Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, students must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he **may not receive a passing grade** for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. Should the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. *(Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997).*

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

*NOTE: I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE, ADD TO, OR DELETE ANY MATERIAL OR ASSIGNMENT FROM THE COURSE.*

This course is structured as a graduate-level seminar. The success of a seminar is dependent upon each and every participant being prepared. My role will be to “facilitate” and to intervene as necessary to prompt a topic. I do not intend to lecture each week, or to be the focus of the class. You will work to develop your **knowledge base** through the readings, discussions and presentations.

### Required Texts

Ooka Pang, V. (2005). *Multicultural Education: A Caring-Centered, Reflective Approach*. Second Edition. Boston, MA: McGraw Hill. ISBN 0-07-282788-2

Wink, J. (2005). *Critical Pedagogy: Notes From the Real World*. Third Edition. Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon. ISBN 020541818X

Selected Readings available in WebCT

### Grading Policy

All assignments are due on the dates indicated below. Assignments turned in late will not receive full credit. Please manage your time and plan accordingly. Assignments must be typewritten, double-spaced and with standard margins unless completed in class. It is expected that all assignments will reflect university level composition.

The following grading scale will be used:

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|----------|-----|----------|---------|
| 92 – 100 | A;  | 82 – 87  | B;      |
| 90 – 91  | A-; | 80 – 81  | B-      |
| 88 - 89  | B+; | 79-below | Failing |

## DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Class Participation 10 points**  
You are expected to attend all class sessions and participate actively in discussions and activities both on-line and in-class. In order to do so, you are expected to complete all required readings by the assigned date. ***Missing more than one class, in person or on-line will result in a lower grade.*** Being consistently late and/or leaving class early can also lower your grade. These measures should be viewed as taking appropriate

individual responsibility for one's own learning in a democratic, collaborative and reciprocal-learning environment.

2. **Discussion Leader** **10 points**  
 Individually or in pairs, students will lead a class discussion on assigned readings, choosing the aspects they wish to highlight in the readings for the discussion. ***Each student or pair of students will write out 1-2 questions that reference the assigned reading to post to WebCT to lead their discussion.*** Students may be asked to be discussion leaders multiple times during the semester.  
**DUE on WebCT: Sessions 3(9/14), 5(9/28), 7 (10/12), 10 (11/2), 12 (11/16)&13 (11/23)**

3. **Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”** **10 points**  
 Individually or in pairs, students will have the opportunity to present a “hot topic” in the area of multicultural education / social justice and equity of their choosing to the class. You might consider a hot topic that is going on at your school site (for example, the achievement gap) and look at what is being said about this topic from multiple perspectives. Information provided in your presentation may help class members clarify the direction of their annotated bibliography or impact their social justice action plans.

You can find ideas for hot topics on the following websites:

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| CA Dept. of Education<br><a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov">www.cde.ca.gov</a>       | North County Times<br><a href="http://www.nctimes.com">www.nctimes.com</a>                     | San Diego Union Tribune<br><a href="http://www.signonsandiego.com">www.signonsandiego.com</a> |
| Education Week<br><a href="http://www.edweek.com">www.edweek.com</a>              | Rethinking Schools<br><a href="http://www.rethinkingschools.com">www.rethinkingschools.com</a> | Teaching Tolerance<br><a href="http://www.tolerance.org">www.tolerance.org</a>                |
| ERIC Database<br><a href="http://www.library.csusm.edu">www.library.csusm.edu</a> |  |   |

**DUE: Sessions 5 (9/28), 10 (11/2), 12 (11/16) and 13 (11/23) on WebCT**

4. **ELD Literacy Intervention Plan** **20 Points**  
 The purpose for this assignment is for you to look at student achievement of culturally and linguistically diverse students over time to determine what happens to students within a system. The purpose is not to examine and criticize your school district. It is to look at opportunities made available to or denied children who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

**Components of the project**

*Population:* Select a group of ethnically and linguistically diverse students in a grade level who have attended your school for at least three years. Do a review of their school history and success or lack of success.

*Data collection:* Consider the following:

- Testing process when the children entered school. Were they tested? Which test was used? Tested in their primary Language? In English? What were the scores? What do the scores mean?
- Placement issues. Where were the children placed? What kinds of classrooms?

- Services received: What kind of services did the children receive? Were any referred to Special Education? Why? Are any in the SST process? Why? How many have been placed in special education?
- Re-classification: Were the children ever re-classified? What process was followed and is typically followed in your district?
- Look at the grades the children received over three years and look for patterns in terms of achievement. Match the history of each child with the present achievement of each child. Are there differences? What growth occurred? Have their CELDT scores increased? Plateaued?
- Analyze the data that you have collected and discuss how these students have progressed through the system.
- Factors of retention: Were these students retained? How many? Why?

*Details:* Develop a literacy (listening, reading, writing and oral) plan for these children. What would you do to ensure equal access to grade level curriculum for these children? How will the state adopted materials be used to support academic growth? What additional support do these students need? How will you ensure that will happen? What support and accountability will be necessary to ensure equal access and success?

**Successful completion of this assignment fulfills the following requirements:**

1. **CTEL Standards 9 and 10. Students must post this assignment to their CTCL Portfolio as evidence they have met these standards.**
2. **“Add On” Level I Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Education Specialist Credential for candidates who do not hold a SB 2042 preliminary credential or a CLAD certificate to fulfill CCTC requirements to authorized the candidate to provide to English learners 1) instruction for English language development and 2) specifically designed content instruction delivered in English.**
3. **The Reading Certificate requirements for Literacy masters students.**

**DUE: Draft /Peer Feedback on WebCT – Session 7 (10/12) / Final-Session 8 (10/19)**

**5. Multicultural Resources / Annotated Bibliographies 20 points**

Each student will collect **3-4 peer-reviewed (minimum) multicultural resources** related to your area of emphasis. The multicultural resources you collect can be used as a basis for your thesis or project, or can focus on a specified topic which you can use in your classrooms, schools, and communities. Students will write an annotated bibliography for each resource using APA-style reference format which includes:

- A brief description of the study
- Participants, setting and procedures of the study
- Methods used to collect data
- Results of the study
- Your analysis of the study

Each student will share his/her annotations with everyone in the class - a hardcopy for a gallery walk presentation, and electronically through WebCT.

**DUE: Session 11 (11/9)**

6. **Critical Pedagogy/Social Justice Action Plan** **30 Points**

Your final project is to develop an individual professional action that specifically addresses your new understandings of critical pedagogy in relation to schooling in a multicultural society. Hopefully our readings of critical pedagogy will bring to the table new questions and concerns about your classroom, your students, your school, your district, or your overall professional work. Based on these questions, develop a specific action plan that you could enact in your professional role. Our discussions throughout the semester should help you identify issues about your classroom, your students, your school, your district, the community and/or your overall professional work. Based on the issue you “name,” you will develop a specific action plan that you can enact as a professional educator working towards social justice and equity.

Your final paper will consist of a 3-4 page paper discussing the issue you have identified (to name), your thoughts, research, discussion on the issue (to reflect critically) and a detailed description of your action plan (to act).

**DUE: Drafts will be peer-reviewed periodically, Final plans due Session 15 (12/7)**

**WEEKLY READINGS / TOPICS**

NOTE: Assigned readings MUST be brought to ALL class sessions.

**Session #1: August 31** **Multicultural Education and Identity Exploration**

Introductions / Syllabus Overview

Conceptions / Misconceptions of Culture and Multicultural Education

Identity Exploration

*In class assignment:*

Data Café: Who Are Our Students? – Class participants analyze state, county, and local district English learner program data (i.e., SDAIE vs. ELD) to understand service options for English learners and knowledge of first and second language acquisition and how language literacy connects to second language. Review of state and federal laws related to English learners, including students eligible for special education

**Please download the syllabus from the COE Website or WebCT**

**Sessions #2: September 7** **Labor Day (University Holiday)**

No Class Session

*Due next class:* Ooka Pang: Chapters 1-2 / Chapters 3-4  
McIntosh: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack (WebCT)

**Sessions #3: September 14** **Exploring Biases / Identity Exploration (WebCT)**

Discussion of the Readings

*Due next class:* English Learner Data (for group discussion and analysis of ELD Literacy Intervention Plans)

**Sessions #4: September 21****Exploring Biases / The Challenge of Change**

Exploring Our Own Biases  
White Privilege  
Prejudices, Stereotypes and Discrimination  
Moving Towards Action

*Due next class:*        Ooka Pang: Chapters 5 and 9  
                                 Gandara & Baca: NCLB and CA's English Learners (WebCT)  
                                 Multicultural / Social Justice "Hot Topics"

**Sessions #5: June 15****The Challenge of Change / Ed. Equity (WebCT)**

Discussion of the Readings  
ELD Literacy Intervention Plan Peer Review

*Due next class:*        English Learner Data (for group discussion and analysis of ELD Literacy  
                                 Intervention Plans  
                                 Continue to search for MCE Resources (MCE Resources / Annotated  
                                 Bibliographies)

**Sessions #6: October 5****The Challenge of Change / Educational Equity**

Teaching English Learners  
A Framework for Social Justice  
Exploring Who We Are As Teachers

*Due next class:*        Ooka Pang: Chapters 6-7  
                                 Wink: Chapters 1-2  
                                 Draft of ELD Literacy Intervention Plan (online peer review)

**Sessions #7: October 12****Educational Equity (WebCT)**

Discussion of the Readings  
ELD Literacy Intervention Plan Peer Review

*Due next class:*        ELD Literacy Intervention Plans  
                                 Drafts of Critical Pedagogy / Social Justice Action Plans (for group  
                                 discussion and analysis)  
                                 Continue to search for MCE Resources (MCE Resources / Annotated  
                                 Bibliographies)

**Sessions #8: October 19****Educational Equity for English Learners**

ELD Literacy Intervention Plan Presentations  
Critical Pedagogy  
Teaching English Learners  
Caring-Centered Multicultural Education

**Sessions #9: October 26****Fall Semester Furlough Day**

No Class Session Due to Furlough Day

*Due next class:*     Wink: Chapters 3-4 & 6  
                          Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”  
                          Continue to search for MCE Resources (MCE Resources / Annotated  
                          Bibliographies)

**Session #10: November 2****Critical Pedagogy / What Can I Do? (WebCT)**

Discussion of the Readings  
Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”

*Due next class:*     Multicultural Resources / Annotated Bibliographies  
                          Drafts of Critical Pedagogy / Social Justice Action Plans (discussion)

**Session #11: November 9****Critical Pedagogy / What Can I Do? (WebCT)**

Multicultural Resources / Annotated Bibliographies Presentations  
Teaching as a Political Act  
How to Teach for Social Justice  
Social Justice Action Plan Discussions

*Due next class:*     Ooka-Pang: Chapters 8 and 10  
                          Bruner: Aspiring and Practicing Leaders Addressing Issues of Diversity  
                          and Social Justice (WebCT)  
                          Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”

**Session #12: November 16****Teaching for Social Justice and Equity (WebCT)**

Discussion of the Readings  
Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”

*Due next class:*     Ooka-Pang: Chapters 11-12  
                          Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”

**Session #13: November 23 Teaching for Social Justice and Equity (WebCT)**

Discussion of the Readings  
Multicultural / Social Justice “Hot Topics”

*Due next class:* Draft of Critical Pedagogy / Social Justice Action Plans

**Session #14: November 30 Social Justice and Equity Action Plans**

Peer Analysis / Discussions of Critical Pedagogy / Social Justice Action Plans  
How to Teach for Social Justice  
Effective Teacher Practices

*Due next class:* Critical Pedagogy / Social Justice Action Plans

**Session #15: December 7 Social Justice and Equity Action Plans**

Critical Pedagogy / Social Justice Action Plans  
Revisit Reflective Statements  
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