

Course Number	EDST 450-01
Course Title	STEM Teaching and Learning, Theory and Practice
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Course Location	Online
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

(Adopted by SOE Governance Community, January 2013)

Vision

To serve the educational needs of local, regional, and global communities, the School of Education advances innovative practice and leadership by generating, embracing, and promoting equitable and creative solutions.

Mission

The mission of the School of Education community is to collaboratively transform education. We:

- Create community through partnerships
- Promote and foster social justice and educational equity
- Advance innovative, student-centered practices
- Inspire reflective teaching and learning
- Conduct purposeful research
- Serve the School, College, University, and Community

BASIC TENETS OF OUR CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Student centered education
- Research and theory specific to the program field inform practice
- Connections and links between coursework and application
- Strong engagement between faculty and candidates
- Co-teaching clinical practice
- Culturally responsive pedagogy and socially just outcomes

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Designed for students serving as Learning Assistants (LA), Tutors, Teaching Assistants (TA), or Supplemental Instructors (SI) in undergraduate STEM courses. Integrates educational theory, pedagogy, and practice as well as theoretical issues such as conceptual development, conceptual change, collaborative learning, motivation, and students' conceptions of various topics in mathematics and science. Focuses on

practical issues encountered in facilitating learning, managing the classroom, formative and summative assessment, curricula, and differentiating instruction in a collaborative environment.

Course Prerequisites

Accepted as a CSUSM LA, CELS Facilitator, Tutor, or SI Leader for Fall 2020.

Course Objectives

The primary objectives of this course are as follows:

- To provide participants with the knowledge, confidence, and skills necessary to be successful peer educators
- To expand participants' understanding of effective methods of college teaching and instructional strategies
- To develop participants' ability to apply educational theory and relevant research in a classroom environment
- To increase participants' awareness of careers in math and science teaching

Credit Hour Policy Statement

Per the University Credit Hour Policy:

- Students are expected to spend a minimum of two hours outside of the classroom each week for each unit of credit engaged in learning.
- The combination of face-to-face time, out-of-class assignments, peer observations, and group projects totals at least the minimum of 45 hours per unit of credit.

REQUIRED TEXTS, MATERIALS AND ACCOUNTS

There is no required text for this course. Weekly course readings will be available online through Cougar Courses (CC).

Course Material Available

Cougar Courses

The course syllabus, weekly readings, handouts, videos, and directions and rubrics for major assignments can be found on the Cougar Courses site (<http://cc.csusm.edu/>). Be sure to set your preferred email in your profile settings so you receive important announcements and communications. It is your responsibility to check the course site regularly and bring any issues to the instructor's attention.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will (be able to):

- Identify univocal vs. dialogic discourse in a STEM classroom
- Apply appropriate questioning strategies in their work as an LA, Facilitator, TA, Tutor, or SI
- Describe the role of formative assessment and the importance of eliciting student thinking in the STEM classroom
- Utilize student preconceptions to design learning/teaching scenarios
- Manage group investigations related to a topic/concept in their fields of expertise
- Evaluate student activity to recognize examples of "doing science" vs. "doing school"
- Identify the intellectual activity of STEM teaching, including the ongoing opportunities to do math or do science as a teacher

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

School of Education Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the School of Education, all candidates (course participants) are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, candidates (course participants) 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 candidate (course participants) have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. *(Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997).*

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 assignments must be original work, clear and error-free. All ideas/material 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 accordingly.

Academic Honesty and Integrity: Students are responsible for honest completion and representation of their work. Your course catalog details the ethical standards and penalties for infractions. There will be zero 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.

Refer to the full Academic Honesty Policy at:

http://www.csusm.edu/policies/active/documents/Academic_Honesty_Policy.html

Plagiarism

As an educator, it is expected that each candidate (course participant) 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.

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must seek approval for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS). This office is in Craven Hall 4200, contact 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 hour or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

All University Writing Requirement

The CSUSM writing requirement of 850 words is met through the completion of the peer observation write-up, research presentation assignment, and weekly teaching and reading reflections. All writing will be assessed for content, organization, grammar, spelling, and format.

Use of Technology

Candidates (Course participants) are expected to demonstrate competency in the use of various forms of technology (i.e. word processing, electronic mail, Moodle, use of the Internet, and/or multimedia presentations). Specific requirements for course assignments with regard to technology are at the discretion

of the instructor. Keep a digital copy of all assignments for use in your teaching portfolio. All assignments will be submitted online, and some will be submitted in hard copy as well. Details will be given in class.

Electronic Communication Protocol

Electronic correspondence is a part of your professional interactions. If you need to contact the instructor, e-mail is often the easiest way to do so. It is my intention to respond to all received e-mails in a timely manner. Please be reminded that e-mail and on-line discussions are a very specific form of communication, with their own nuances and etiquette. For instance, electronic messages sent in all upper case (or lower case) letters, major typos, or slang, often communicate more than the sender originally intended. With that said, please be mindful of all e-mail and on-line discussion messages you send to your colleagues, to faculty members in the School of Education, or to persons within the greater educational community. All electronic messages should be crafted with professionalism and care.

Things to consider:

- Would I say in person what this electronic message specifically says?
- How could this message be misconstrued?
- Does this message represent my highest self?
- Am I sending this electronic message to avoid a face-to-face conversation?

In addition, if there is ever a concern with an electronic message sent to you, please talk with the author in person in order to correct any confusion.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADED COURSE COMPONENTS

Key Assignments

This course is a seminar, and its success will depend on the active participation of all members in helping to shape the content and its relevance. Our primary activity will be in-depth discussions of course topics and readings. Requirements include the following:

1. *Class Discussion/Participation (20%)* – Class members are expected to attend every class session and contribute to class discussions. The purpose of these discussions is to help us as individuals, and as a group, develop meaningful interpretations of the ideas conveyed by the readings and to make connections to our teaching experiences. ****NOTE**** If you miss more than 3 class meetings of the seminar, you may be asked to forfeit your peer educator position.
2. *Weekly Teaching Reflections (20%)* – Each peer educator is expected to spend approximately 4-7 hours per week working with STEM undergraduates in collaborative, learner-centered environments. Using this experience as a guide, you will respond to weekly teaching reflection questions on CC. ****NOTE**** After several weeks, if you have only interacted with a handful of students (and/or mainly on an individual basis), contact me.
3. *Peer Observation (20%)* – Each peer educator will complete and submit a written summary of a field observation of another peer educator. Your summary must include insights from observing someone else and insights from being observed.
4. *Research Presentation Assignment (30%)* – Working individually or in teams of two to three, you will develop a presentation based on a mini action research project related to your work as a peer educator. The presentation will be shared with faculty and fellow students.
5. *Weekly Meetings with Lead Faculty in Mathematics and Science to Plan Instruction (10%)* – Each week, peer educators are responsible for meeting with the CSM lead faculty to plan and reflect on instruction and to discuss student achievement. Students cannot pass the Seminar course if they fail to meet with the Lead Instructor each week. ****NOTE**** If you find that your Lead Instructor is not meeting with you, notify me immediately so that this can be corrected.

Grading Standards

This course is graded as Credit / No Credit. The following activities contribute to the course grade:

Activity	Points Possible	% Total Grade
Attendance & Class Participation	60	20%
Weekly Teaching Reflections	60	20%
Observation Assignment	60	20%
Research Presentation Assignment	90	30%
Weekly Meetings with Faculty	30	10%
Total	300	100%

Final Exam Statement

There is no final examination for this course. The research presentation during Week 15 (12/8/20) serves as the culminating project for the course.

Policy on Late/Missed Work

Assignments are due as specified by the due date in the course calendar. Completing work on time is part of being a professional peer educator. You must make prior arrangements with the course instructor in order for late work to be considered. Consistently being late on assignments may impact your ability to serve as a peer instructor in future semesters.

TENTATIVE* SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Reading/Assignment (Readings are to be completed <i>BEFORE</i> class. Teaching reflections due by midnight the following week.)
Week 1 9/1/20	Introduction to Being a Peer Educator	Week 1 Teaching Reflection
Week 2 9/8/20	Classroom Discourse: Dialogic vs. Univocal	Knuth, E., & Peressini, D. (2001). Unpacking the nature of discourse in mathematics classrooms. <i>Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School</i> . 6(5). 320-325. Week 2 Teaching Reflection
Week 3 9/15/20	Questions and Questioning Strategies	Trowbridge, L. W., Bybee, R. W., & Powell, J. C. (2000). Questioning and discussion. In <i>Teaching secondary school science: Strategies for developing scientific literacy</i> (1st ed). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill. Week 3 Teaching Reflection
Week 4 9/22/20	Mental Models	Redish, E. (1994). Implications of cognitive studies for teaching physics. <i>American Journal of Physics</i> . 62(9). Week 4 Teaching Reflection
Week 5 9/29/20	Formative Assessment <i>Discuss protocol for peer observation</i>	Stull, J.C., et al., (2011). The many faces of formative assessment. <i>International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education</i> 23(1) 30-39. OR Moss, C.M. & Brookhart S.M. (2019) The Lay of The Land: Essential Elements of the Formative Assessment Process. In <i>Advancing Formative Assessment in Every Classroom: A Guide for Instructional Leaders</i> . ASCD. Week 5 Teaching Reflection
Week 6 10/6/20	Mindsets	Dweck, C. (2008). Mindsets and Math/Science Achievement. <i>Carnegie Corporation of New York-Institute for Advanced Study Commission on Mathematics and Science Education</i> . 31(2), 198-218. Week 6 Teaching Reflection
Week 7 10/13/20	Student Ideas in Content Areas	See miscellaneous articles posted on CC relevant to topic areas. Week 7 Teaching Reflection
Week 8 10/20/20	Cooperative Learning <i>Discuss protocol for research presentation</i>	Felder, R.M, Brent, R. (2007). Cooperative Learning. In <i>Active Learning: Models from the Analytical Sciences</i> . American Chemical Society, Washington D.C. See additional online resources posted on CC. Week 8 Teaching Reflection
Week 9 10/27/20	Motivation	Svinicki, M. (2005). Student goal orientation, motivation, and learning. <i>Idea Paper</i> , 41, 1-5. Week 9 Teaching Reflection Peer Observation write-up due

Date	Topic	Reading/Assignment (Readings are to be completed BEFORE class. Teaching reflections due by midnight the following week.)
Week 10 11/3/20	Metacognition	Schoenfeld, A. (1987). What's all the fuss about metacognition? In A. Schoenfeld (Ed.) <i>Cognitive Science and Mathematics Education</i> (pp. 189-215). Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. OR Tanner, K. (2012). Promoting Student Metacognition. <i>CBE-Life Sciences Education</i> 11, 113-120. Week 10 Teaching Reflection
Week 11 11/10/20	Argumentation	Osborne, J. (2010). Arguing to Learn in Science: The Role of Collaborative Critical Discourse. <i>Science</i> . 328 463-466. Week 11 Teaching Reflection
Week 12 11/17/20	Nature of Science/Nature of Mathematics	McComas, W. (1997) 15 Myths of Science. <i>Skeptic</i> 5(2) 88-96. OR Boaler, J. (2008). What is maths? And why do we all need it? In <i>The Elephant in the Classroom: Helping Children Learn & Love Maths</i> . Souvenir Press. Week 12 Teaching Reflection
Week 13 11/24/20	Qualities of Effective Teachers	Stronge, J. H. (2002). <i>Qualities of effective teachers</i> . Washington, DC: ASCD. Week 13 Teaching Reflection
Week 14 12/1/20	TBD	TBD Week 14 Teaching Reflection
Week 15 12/8/20	Research Presentations	Week 15 Teaching Reflection Research presentation due

*This schedule is an approximation. Given the nature of the seminar, we will likely alter the scheduled topics (and possibly dates) in order to accommodate student interest and learning opportunities. In particular, reading assignments are likely to adjust as the class unfolds. Please check the course website regularly for updates to this schedule.