SEED 7266 Advanced Instructional Strategies for the 21st Century Classroom

Semester Hours: 3
Semester/Year: Spring 2016
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REQUIRED TEXTS AND RESOURCES

Bergman, J., & Sams, A. (2012). *Flip your classroom: Reach every student in every class every day*. Alexandria, VA: ASCD and ISTE.


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Webcam, digital camera, smartphone, or other device capable of recording video and sound.

ONLINE SUPPORT

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CourseDen Home Page [https://westga.view.usg.edu/](https://westga.view.usg.edu/)
CourseDen Help & Troubleshooting [http://uwgonline.westga.edu/](http://uwgonline.westga.edu/)
Distance Learning Library Services [http://westga.edu/~library/depts/offcampus/](http://westga.edu/~library/depts/offcampus/)
Ingram Library Services [http://westga.edu/~library/info/library.shtml](http://westga.edu/~library/info/library.shtml)
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for continued professional growth of teachers as they investigate and evaluate best practices in the teaching of English, social studies, science, math, business, or other fields, with a focus on developing instructional strategies and curriculum that maximize the potential of 21st Century technologies to meet the needs of all learners. This course includes a field experience component that focuses on the use of online teaching platforms for instruction.

COE VISION AND MISSION

The College of Education at the University of West Georgia will be recognized for Leading a New World of Learning, with relevant and innovative programs that contribute to educational improvement and the betterment of society.

Locally connected and globally relevant, the Mission of the College of Education is to prepare graduates for meaningful careers in diverse settings. Spanning undergraduate through doctoral study, we are committed to depth of knowledge and excellence in teaching, professional practice, and applied research.

The vision and mission of the College of Education at UWG forms the basis on which programs, courses, experiences, and outcomes are created. National standards [Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC)] also are incorporated as criteria against which candidates are measured. This course’s objectives, activities, and assignments are related directly to the appropriate standards, as identified below.

APPROACHES TO INSTRUCTION

This course will use interactive technology, small and large group discussion, Microsoft Office tools, and writing across the curriculum as strategies. Students are expected to read the text and use it as a guide for their coursework and field experience. Students are expected to use CourseDen for discussions.

This course will be delivered approximately 95% online. This requires the online equivalent of approximately 2850 minutes of instruction and an additional 5700 minutes of supporting activities. Thus, you should plan to devote a weekly average of 3 hours toward instructional time and an additional 6 hours toward independent work on the supporting activities and assignments.

As such, you will be required to complete the following online activities during this course:

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<td>Readings</td>
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<td>Audio/video instruction</td>
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<td>Collaboration</td>
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<td>Discussion posts</td>
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<td>Online assignments</td>
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Additionally, it is anticipated that students will need to work independently for twice the number minutes listed above to complete the online activities.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. use national or state standards and state or local curriculum guides in making curricular decisions and evaluating curriculum;
   (Georgia Department of Education, 2002);
   (Decision Makers, Knowledgeable; INTASC 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

2. investigate and discuss current learning theories, issues, practices, and resources to develop or extend strategies and techniques considered most effective for the teaching and learning of secondary school content;
   (Cangelosi, 1996; Cooper, 2014; Kellough & Kellough, 2007; Posamentier & Stepelman, 1995);
   (Culturally Sensitive, Empathetic, Proactive; INTASC 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10)

3. analyze multicultural implications, diverse needs of students, and pedagogical issues for purposes of curriculum planning;
   (Banks & Banks, 1989; Kellough & Kellough, 2007);
   (Adaptive, Culturally Sensitive, Empathetic, Proactive; INTASC 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)
4. adapt lessons, concepts, and routines to fit the needs of all learners regardless of physical, emotional, or mental handicaps;  
(Rutherford & Ahlgen, 1990; Scope, Sequence & Coordination of Secondary School Science, 1992);  
(Adaptive; Empathetic)

5. adapt lessons, concepts, and routines to fit the needs of all learners regardless of cultural background or language needs;  
(Adaptive, Culturally Sensitive)

6. develop a repertoire of skills and strategies for teaching problem-solving, social interactions, and critical thinking;  
(Cangelosi, 1996; Cooper, 2014; Marzano, 1991);  
(Knowledgeable, Reflective; NBPTS 2)

7. examine best practices for teaching remedial students and problem students, for managing group work, and for challenging students intellectually;  
(Cooper, 2014; Cruickshank, Jenkins, & Metcalf, 2012; Urquhart & McIver, 2005);  
(Adaptive; NBPTS 1)

8. use various strategies to demonstrate flexibility in helping students learn from advanced technology to one-on-one teaching  
(Cooper, 2014; Cruickshank, Jenkins, & Metcalf, 2012; Urquhart & McIver, 2005);  
(Adaptive, Knowledgeable; NBPTS 2)

9. prepare classroom presentations using technology and online applications, and be prepared to discuss the impact of technology on curriculum;  
(Cooper, 2014; Cruickshank, Jenkins, & Metcalf, 2012; Hyerle, 1996; Land & Turner, 1997; Urquhart & McIver, 2005);  
(Adaptive; Knowledgeable; Lifelong Learners; NBPTS 1-5; NCSS 1-5)

10. use knowledge of assessment and assessment techniques to monitor students’ academic, social, and physical progress on a recurring basis to be more aware of and sensitive to students’ needs;  
(Cooper, 2014; Cruickshank, Jenkins, & Metcalf, 2012; Urquhart & McIver, 2005).  
(Adaptive, Knowledgeable; Empathetic; NBPTS 3)

CLASS, DEPARTMENT, AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Academic Honesty:  
All work completed in this course must be original work developed this semester. Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. Plagiarism occurs when a student uses or purchases ghostwritten papers. It also occurs when a student utilizes ideas or information obtained from another person without giving credit to that person. If plagiarism or another act of academic dishonesty occurs, it will be dealt with in accordance with the academic misconduct policy as stated in the latest Connection and Student Handbook and the Graduate Catalog.

Attendance:  
Attendance is required, either in person or online, for all class meetings.

Disability:  
All students are provided with equal access to classes and materials, regardless of special needs, temporary or permanent disability, special needs related to pregnancy, etc. If you have any special learning needs, particularly (but not limited to) needs defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and require specific accommodations, please do not hesitate to make those known, either yourself or through the Coordinator of Disability Services. Students with documented special needs may expect accommodation in relation to classroom accessibility, modification of testing, special test administration, etc. For more information, please contact Disability Services at the University of West Georgia: http://www.westga.edu/studentDev/index_8884.php. Any student with a disability documented through Student Services is encouraged to contact the instructor right away so that appropriate accommodations may be arranged. In addition, certain accommodations (which will be discussed in class) are available to all students, within constraints of time and space.

Extra Credit:  
There is no extra credit option in this course.
Late Work:
Late work will not be accepted unless permission has been granted in advance for extenuating circumstances. Work may be, in some cases, accepted late for half-credit.

Professional Conduct:
Students are expected to act as the professionals they are by this point in their careers. Attendance and promptness are at the top of that list. Confidentiality is also important. Discussions in class and online are to be respected as confidential and should not be discussed outside of class, except with the professor or University Supervisors.

Email Policy:
University of West Georgia students are provided a MyUWG email account, which is the official means of communication between the University and student. It is the student’s responsibility to check this email account for important University related information. Do not use the e-mail function within CourseDen. ALL communication should transpire via the official UWG e-mail.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND REFERENCES
Bergman, J., & Sams, A. (2012). Flip your classroom: Reach every student in every class every day. Alexandria, VA: ASCD and ISTE.
Berry, B. (2011). Teaching 2030: What we must do for our students and our public schools... now and in the future. New York, NY: Teachers College Press.
Georgia Department of Education. (2002). Georgia Performance Standards. Atlanta, GA.
Teaching Open Online Learning. (N.d.). Atlanta, GA: Georgia Virtual Learning – Georgia Department of Education. Available at https://www.openteachertraining.org/
ASSIGNMENTS, EVALUATION PROCEDURES, AND GRADING

Evaluation and Grading:

Grading for this course is based on total points assigned. Your average will be determined by dividing the total of points you earned for the assignments by the total points possible. Assignments are not listed in order; pay attention to due dates!

Grades that influence your final average include but may not be limited to the following:

- Field Experience Evaluations by cooperating teacher: 50 points
- GA Virtual School TOOLS: 50 points
- GA Virtual School projects: 50 points
- Discussions: 50 points (10 pts x 5)
- Reflections: 80 points (20 pts x 4)
- Video activities: 50 points (25 pts x 2)
- Microteachings: 100 points (50 pts x 2)
- Unit Plan: 100 points
- Strategies for meeting the needs of special populations: 220 points (55 pts x 4)
- Reflective analysis of teaching strategies: 100 points

Total points: 850

Class Grade:

A = 90 - 100% of points
B = 80 - 89% of points
C = 70 - 79% of points
F = 0 - 69% of points

Assignments:

Always refer to CourseDen for additional assignment details! Assignments are not listed in order; pay attention to due dates!

1. **Online Field Experience Evaluations/Projects.** Refer to CourseDen for due dates. *Course Objectives 1-10.* Through a field experience partnership with Georgia Virtual School, you will be assigned to a cooperating teacher in your content area and have access to his/her online course. To prepare for this experience, you will work on modules designed for best practices in online teaching, develop online course content, and present during synchronous online course meetings.

2. **Unit Plan.** Due on CourseDen. *Course Objectives 1-10.* This is the critical assessment for this course. You will develop a unit plan of 5 lessons in the subject area of your certification area, with a focus on active student engagement through flipped instruction.

3. **Microteachings.** Due on CourseDen. *Course Objectives 1, 2, 8, 9.* You will create two video-based lessons, and critique those of your classmates.

4. **Discussions.** Refer to CourseDen for the five due dates. There will be five discussions on CourseDen that coincide with assigned readings and/or class activities. Further instructions, including topics to discuss, will be posted on CourseDen. For each of the discussions, you should make a minimum of four entries.

5. **Reflections.** Refer to CourseDen for due dates. There will be seven reflections on CourseDen that coincide with assigned readings and/or class activities. Further instructions, including topics, will be posted on CourseDen. For each of the five reflections, you should write a narrative essay in response to the topic, and upload your MSWord document to the dropbox. Although these are personal responses, this is not a casual composition like your online postings – part of your evaluation will be of your writing skills, so prove to me that you can write an essay!
5. **Readings and Commentaries: Strategies for meeting the needs of special populations.** Objectives 3-7.

- In the Discussions, I will have posted an article that demonstrates best practices for teaching the special population.
  - Read my article and
  - post a commentary as a reply, either to my original post or to a post of one of your classmates. This is intended to be a discussion, so keep the conversation going!
- Find an article that you feel is important for addressing the population from a teaching perspective. You may not select an article that has already been posted in the discussion, so pay attention to those who have posted ahead of you!
  - “Compose” a new discussion topic with the title of your article as the title of your discussion.
  - In your discussion,
    - attach either a PDF of or a hyperlink to the full-text article and
    - include the following information with a short paragraph for each:
      - brief summary of the article (what is the main point for the population?),
      - explanation of how the information presented in the article does/could affect or apply to your classroom, and
      - explanation of how the article is significant to the field of education.
- Review the articles posted by your classmates.
  - Select five to read in detail and
  - post a commentary as a reply, either to the original post or to a post of one of your classmates, then
  - respond to each of your classmates who commented on the article you posted. This is intended to be a discussion, so keep the conversation going!

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**Tentative Schedule for Spring 2016**

This is a general plan for this course. Be aware that this schedule may change as the semester progresses! Any/all changes will be announced in class and reflected in the weekly assignment postings on CourseDen.

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<td>Week 1</td>
<td>Intro to course, syllabus, etc.; Review of GaVS TOOLs</td>
<td>Familiarize yourself with the online course in CourseDen</td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>The Flipped Classroom</td>
<td>Read <em>Flip Your Classroom</em>, p. vii-50 and p. 95-112; “9 Tips” on CourseDen</td>
<td>Introductory video shared via YouTube; Discussion 1</td>
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<td>Jan 18-22</td>
<td>How to make a positive first impression; Integrating technology to create a</td>
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<td>hybrid and/or “flipped” course.</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>Creating videos from PowerPoint or other presentation formats.</td>
<td><em>Never work Harder than your Students</em> ch 1-2, p. 27-76</td>
<td>Voiceover PPT uploaded and shared via YouTube; Reflection 1; Discussion 2</td>
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<td>Week 4</td>
<td>Creating student-centered lessons designed for active learning</td>
<td><em>Never work Harder than your Students</em> ch 3-4, p. 77-124</td>
<td>Discussion 3</td>
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<td>Week 5</td>
<td>Creating videos with Screencast-o-Matic or other picture-in-picture formats.</td>
<td><em>Never work Harder than your Students</em> ch 5-6, p. 125-69</td>
<td>Screencast-o-Matic video with PIP uploaded and shared via YouTube; Reflection 2; Discussion 4</td>
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<td>Week 6</td>
<td>Transformative Teaching</td>
<td><em>Never work Harder than your Students</em> ch 7-8, p. 170-205; Microteach 1: Instr video of your choice upload/share via YouTube; Reflection 3; Discussion 5</td>
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<td>Feb 15-19</td>
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<td>Independent work on unit plans</td>
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<td>Differentiation overview</td>
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<td>Microteach 2: Instructional video of your choice uploaded and shared via YouTube; Reflection 4</td>
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<td><strong>Week 9</strong></td>
<td>Strategies for meeting the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) students</td>
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<td>Strategies for meeting the needs of homeless and highly mobile populations</td>
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<td>Critiques of unit plans due online</td>
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