EDUC 435: Literacy, Language and Culture
Fall 2022

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Class Dates: September 6-December 7, 2022

*Zoom dates are on the following dates and occur at Calgary time (MDT or MST):

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Field Experience I: October 11-21, 2022; Reading Break: November 6-12, 2022

Office Hours: By appointment

Last Day to Add/Drop/Swap: Due to the non-standard dates associated with this program, please check your Student Centre for the important dates pertaining to your section.

Pre-requisite: Due to the multiple pathways in the Bachelor of Education, please consult Undergraduate Programs in Education for questions related to pre-requisite courses.

Course Description

The orienting principle is that every teacher is a teacher of reading. Includes a focus on the necessity for teachers across all disciplines and grades to attend to dimensions of language development, linguistic diversity, and literacy learning in their classrooms.

Extended Course Description

This course will help teacher candidates develop a critical awareness of the intersections between literacy, education, culture and society. The first half of the course will address the question “What do K-12 teachers need to know about literacy?” We will consider literacy as a complex social practice engaged in both inside and outside the classroom. We will examine oral language and literacy development, culturally relevant pedagogy and the ways these are considered in theories of literacy learning and current literacy programs. The second half of the course will address the question “What do K-12 students need to be able to do with literacy?” Here, we will explore how students use texts: how they encode and decode, make meaning and critically engage with a wide variety of texts.

Learner Outcomes:

Through participation in Literacy, Language and Culture, successful candidates will:

- Practice critical reading
- Investigate a topic of interest
- Coordinate small group discussions that integrate theory and practice
- Investigate a personal research question around the chosen topic of interest
- Describe aspects of the interplay between literacy, language, additional languages, culture
- Differentiate current theories of literacy and literacy development
- Evaluate contemporary programs and approaches to literacy
- Create a multimodal presentation of a learning activity
**COURSE DESIGN AND DELIVERY – ON-LINE:**

The course will consist of synchronous and asynchronous learning. Synchronous sessions are by Zoom and scheduled by the UPE office. Asynchronous learning is primarily through D2L.

**READINGS:**

Readings for this class will be assigned by the individual instructor. Most are available online through UCalgary Library Database, when not, a link or pdf in D2L will be provided. Students are encouraged to download needed articles at the beginning of the course and alert their instructor if any links have broken since the creation of this outline. Instructors may assign readings from the list below.

**Language:**


Price-Dennis, D., & Mapes, N. (2021). “I don’t even know why this is a monument”: Exploring multimodal making in early childhood. 0(0), 1–11. [https://doi.org/10.1002/trtr.2029](https://doi.org/10.1002/trtr.2029)  

Culturally responsive practices:

https://doi.org/10.1080/00405841.2019.1665415  


Government of Ontario. (2013b). *Culturally responsive pedagogy towards equity and inclusivity in Ontario Schools.* Secretariat Special Edition #35. Available at:  
https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/cbs_responsivepedagogy.pdf


Instructors may supply additional readings on a regular basis. These readings allow them to customize their instruction to the needs of the class.

**WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:**

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<td><strong>Part 1: What do K – 12 teachers need to know about language, literacy, and culture?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Week’s Activities:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Course Introduction&lt;br&gt;-Introduction to terminology in the field of language, literacy, and culture</td>
<td><strong>Zoom 1 September 6, 2022</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students will review the course outline, read the assigned class reading and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.</td>
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| Working Group discussion: Article A (as a group) | -Protocol for the creation of groups (either instructor-assigned or student-formed)  
Class Discussion Reading: Bainbridge & Heydon (2013)  
- other activities as determined by instructor | Once the instructor has created Working Group Discussion Boards in D2L:  
1. Members read Article A  
2. Members discuss either synchronously (on a video chat platform) or asynchronously in the D2L Group discussion board by Thursday 5pm MST  
3. Individual members post their post-discussion summaries to D2L Group Discussion Board by Friday 5pm MST  
4. Together groups decide what order they would like to facilitate working group meetings (either synchronous or asynchronous) and post the facilitation order in their D2L Group Discussion Board by Friday 5pm MST |
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| **Week 2**  
Sept. 12 – Sept. 16 | Class discussion:  
Oral language as the foundation for literacy development  
Working Group discussion: Article B | Students will read the assigned class readings and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.  
**Week’s Activities:**  
- D2L Class Discussion Board  
- Introduction to APA as a referencing format  
- other activities as determined by instructor  
**Class Discussion Readings:**  
- Government of Ontario (2013a)  
- Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat (2009) OR  
- other readings as assigned by instructor |
| **Week 3**  
Sept. 19 – Sept. 23 | Class discussion:  
Literacy today  
Working Group discussion: Article C | Students will read the assigned class readings and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.  
**Week’s Activities:**  
- D2L Class Discussion Board  
- other activities as determined by instructor  
**Class Discussion Readings:**  
- other readings as assigned by instructor |
| Working group discussion:  
(as per previous week with Facilitator #2 moderating) | --- | --- |
### Week 4
**Sept. 26 – Sept. 30**

**Class discussion:** Culturally relevant practices

**Working Group discussion:** Article D

**Week’s Activities:**
- D2L Class Discussion Board
- other activities as determined by instructor

**Class Discussion Reading:**
- Wiltse (2015) OR
- Government of Ontario (2013b) OR
- other readings as assigned by instructor

**Zoom 2 September 27, 2022**
Students will read the assigned class readings and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.

**Working group discussion:** (as per previous week with Facilitator #3 moderating)

### Week 5
**Oct. 3 – Oct. 7**

**Class discussion:** Preparation for LT2:

**Working Group discussion:** Article E

**Week’s Activities:**
- D2L Class Discussion Board
- preparation for Learning Task #2
- other activities as determined by instructor

**Class Discussion Reading:**
- As assigned by instructor

**Zoom 3 October 4, 2022**
Students will read the assigned class readings and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.

**Working group discussion:** (as per previous week with Facilitator #4 moderating)

**Plus:** Working group members post and discuss their personal LT #2 research questions for feedback

### Weeks 6 – 7 Semester I Field Experience

#### Part 2: What do K – 12 students need to be able to do with language, literacy, and culture?

### Week 8
**Oct. 24 – Oct. 28**

**Class discussion:** Field debriefing

**Approaches to Literacy Instruction**

**Week’s Activities:**
- D2L Class Discussion Board
- other activities as determined by instructor
- preparation for Learning Task #2

**Class Discussion Reading:**
- Duke (2016) and Duke (2017) OR
- other readings as assigned by instructor

**Zoom 2 October 25, 2022**
Students will read the assigned class readings and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.

**Working Group Discussion:**
1. Members post their personal thematic statements Oct 25
2. Members give each other formative feedback on thematic statements (criteria set by instructor)

### Week 9
**Oct. 31 – Nov. 4**

**Class discussion:** Approaches to Literacy Instruction cont.

**Week’s Activities:**
- D2L Class Discussion Board
- other activities as determined by instructor
- preparation for Learning Task #2

**Class Discussion Reading:**
- Tompkins, et al., (2020) p. 38-41; 53-60 OR
- As assigned by instructor

**Zoom 2 October 31, 2022**
Students will read the assigned class readings and discuss the week’s topic in the Class Discussion Board in D2L.

**LT 2 due by 11:59pm MDT November 4, 2022 posted in Dropbox in D2L**

### Week 10 Reading Week
**Nov. 6-12**
| Week 11 | Nov. 14 – Nov. 18 | Class discussion: The Four Resources Framework | Week’s Activities:  
- D2L Class Discussion Board  
- other activities as determined by instructor  
- preparation for Learning Task #2 | Zoom 3 November 15, 2022  
Working groups meet virtually to prepare LT #3 |
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| Week 12 | Nov. 21 – Nov. 25 | Class discussion: The Four Resources Framework | Week’s Activities:  
- D2L Class Discussion Board  
- other activities as determined by instructor | Working groups meet to prepare final group presentation |
| Week 13 | Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 | Class discussion: Last minute questions re: LT 3 | Week’s Activities:  
- activities as determined by instructor | LT 3 due by 11:59 pm MST December 2 2022 |
| Week 14 | Dec. 5 – Dec. 7 | Class discussion: Learning about other Working Group Topics | Week’s Activities:  
- D2L Class Discussion Board: (After Dec 4) Respond to the guiding questions of three groups other than your own | Zoom 5 December 6, 2022 |

**Changes to Schedule:**

Please note that changes to readings and the schedule may occur in response to student questions and conversations.

**Learning Tasks Overview:**

There are 3 required Learning Tasks for this course.

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| Learning Task #1 | Working Group Facilitator Report (individual mark)  
Due: Facilitator #1 - Sept 19; Facilitator #2 – Sept 26; Facilitator #3 - Oct 3; Facilitator #4 - Oct 11 | 25% |
| Learning Task #2 | Observations of Practice: Individual Working Group Topic Paper (individual mark)  
Due: November 4 | 40% |
| Learning Task #3 | Presentation of a Learning Activity with Rationale (group mark)  
Due: December 2 | 35% |
Learning Task 1: Working Group Facilitator Report (25 %)

Due Dates: In the D2L Dropbox by 11:59pm MDT:
Facilitator #1 - Sept 19; Facilitator #2 – Sept 26; Facilitator #3 - Oct 3; Facilitator #4 - Oct 11

Organization: From Week 1, Working Groups of 4 students will be formed for the topics found on pages 13-19. Students in the group will read and then discuss Article A from their topic area via video platform or D2L. For weeks 2-5, groups are responsible for reading and discussing Articles B, C, D and E in their topic area, rotating the facilitation individually among group members subsequent weeks, aiming to have “met” by Thursday 5pm.

For each discussion, group members are responsible for ensuring they are prepared for the discussion and engaged with the group during the discussion. After the discussion group members are also responsible for submitting a final 350 word reflection by Friday 11:59 pm MDT of the week of the discussion to their D2L Group Discussion Board. This final reflection should consider:

- Insights for that week’s facilitator regarding areas of strength and areas for improvement
- A commentary on how the presentation and discussion have influenced your thinking on the topic
- A commentary on connections made between a) this week’s group reading, b) a class reading (ensure that you choose a new class reading each week as you make connections amongst the readings) and, c) your emerging knowledge of literacy and language learning.

Facilitation: On the week that you facilitate the group discussion, you are required to do the following:

a) Prepare a series of thoughtful and well-sequenced questions for discussion. Post the questions for everyone in your group in the Group Discussion Board.
b) Provide an additional resource (lesson or unit plan, website, video, podcast, short article, etc.) that is relevant to the reading and the larger topic. Send the link ahead of time for the members to view/read.
c) Make connections in the discussion between the article and the themes and issues as presented in the class and working group readings to date.
d) Facilitate your group’s discussion by ensuring that all members are invited to participate. Listen to how the group responds to the articles and to your questions - notice which questions seem to be most interesting. It may be helpful to make notes.
e) At the end of the discussion, summarize and draw together the group’s ideas.
f) If holding synchronous discussion, facilitate the reflections of the group members in D2L afterward by asking clarifying questions and commenting on their posts. If already using D2L for an asynchronous discussion, moderate the discussion so that it develops over the week.

Follow-up Report: Your facilitation will be evaluated through your follow-up report due on the Monday following the week of your facilitation. Create an 800-word (+/- 10%) report in which you summarize and explore the ideas raised in your group, as well as your own developing understandings on the topic. Please be as specific as possible, providing brief examples from your discussion that support your observations. Try to capture the tone and interests of your group’s conversation. Provide a list of the questions in an appendix at the end of the report (not included in the word count). The report will be marked based on the rubric below.

Learning Task 1: Working Group Facilitator’s Report Rubric

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<td>To what degree was the selected resource relevant to the reading and the working group topic?</td>
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<td>To what degree are the questions for discussion clear, thought-provoking, well-sequenced and connected to the article?</td>
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LEARNING TASK 2: Observations of Practice: Individual Working Group Topic Paper (40 %)

DUE DATE: in D2L Dropbox on November 4 by 11:59 pm MDT

For this learning task, you are asked to pursue a research question of your choice arising from your working group topic. The purpose of this inquiry is to articulate understandings based upon observations of practical learning situations, such as Field 1, service learning, tutoring/coaching or other teaching experiences. In so doing, you will synthesize the knowledge you have gained on your working group topic. Your paper should be 5 pages in length, double-spaced, not including a separate reference page with in-text citations and references formatted in APA 7.

Please use the following headings: Research Question; Themes and Learning Examples; Reflections and Implications. Below is guidance regarding each section.

Research Question: (approx. 1 page)

Begin by posing a question that stems from your working group readings. Provide the reasons why you think it is meaningful. Use literature from the class discussions and your working group readings to support your rationale for posing this question.

Themes and Examples: (approx. 1 page each = 3 pages)

Create 3-4 thematic statements that respond to your question. Make connections between your statements and the course readings including both class readings and working group readings. Expand on these statements by providing evidence from learning situations you have been involved in. Those situations might include: Field 1, tutoring, service learning, or (if necessary) online sources.

Reflections and Implications for my own practice: (approx. 1 page)

Reflect in this section on your emerging understanding on the working group topic based on your exploration of the question you posed and the implication for your own practice. Consider:

1. How do your themes confirm or challenge what you previously thought about language and literacy?
2. What have you learned from your readings and exploration that will inform your teaching practice regarding language and literacy?
### Learning Task 2: Observations of Practice: Individual Working Group Topic Paper Rubric

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<td>- formulates an interesting and original research question that relates well to readings and provides excellent scope for inquiry.</td>
<td>- formulates a relevant research question that relates to readings and provides good scope for inquiry.</td>
<td>- formulates an adequate research question that relates to readings and provides adequate scope for inquiry.</td>
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<td>- Explains why question is meaningful using supporting literature from working group and class readings</td>
<td>- very clearly explains why question is meaningful using highly relevant literature.</td>
<td>- clearly explains why question is meaningful using appropriate literature.</td>
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<td>- Makes connections between statements and course readings</td>
<td>- makes excellent connections between statements and course readings.</td>
<td>- makes good connections between statements and course readings.</td>
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<td>- Provides relevant examples to support the thematic statements</td>
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<td>- reflects deeply on how learning confirms or challenges previously-held notions.</td>
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LEARNING TASK 3: Presentation of a Learning Activity with Rationale (35 %)

DUE DATES: Presentation of a Learning Activity with Rationale - (Posted to the Classroom Discussion Board by December 2 by 11:59 pm MST

Presentation of a Learning Activity: Each working group will be responsible for creating a 15-20-minute presentation of a learning activity (Maximum time: capped @ 22 minutes). The purpose of the learning activity is to demonstrate how your working group topic looks in action. You can either teach the lesson as if the audience were students OR envision yourself explaining the lesson as your audience were teachers wanting to implement this activity with their own class. Be sure to teach the activity. For example, if your working group is Literacy and Popular Culture, design and carry out an activity that demonstrates the use of popular culture to teach about or using literacy. You may base your activity from ones you have read about or seen, but as a group, you are expected to make the activity your own. For this part of the task, you will use multimedia tools such Stop motion animation in Google slides, a recorded video (e.g., Chatterpix, Triller, Telestory), present slides with Screencast recording (e.g., using Zoom, Screencastify), or create a modified PowerPoint or Prezi presentation with integrated audio and video. The presentation of a learning activity will represent a cohesive synthesis of all group members’ work, but individuals may take on different roles (e.g., teacher/students; narrator/designer/writer/artist).

For ease of viewing, please upload your multimedia presentation as a video to your Ucalgary Yuja account https://yuja.ucalgary.ca/. You will post a link to this presentation of a learning activity to the Class Discussion Board, followed by two guiding questions for your classmates to discuss and answer in their peer feedback. All group members are expected to engage with the discussion that occurs in the Class Discussion Board during the final week of the course.

Rationale: Along with the guiding questions, groups will post a group rationale document (2 pages rationale, double-spaced, 1 page artefact, either as one document or two separate ones depending on format) to the same Discussion Board thread. The rationale will include:

• A description of how your learning activity demonstrates the working group topic, supported by reference to the working group articles you read.
• How the learning activity can be connected to the Four Resources Framework
• A bulleted list of three additional pedagogical strategies with a brief explanation or link to an online resource
• A practical artefact that classmates can take away for their own learning practice (e.g., infographic, handout, concept map)
### LEARNING TASK 3: Presentation of a Learning Activity with Rationale

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#### Learning Activity

- **Presentation of a Learning Activity**
  - stemming from Working Group Topic
  - using multimodal tool

  - presents an engaging and innovative learning activity
  - learning activity is a superior exemplar of the working group topic
  - use of the multimodal tool is effective and high-quality
  - presents a learning activity that could be strengthened in terms of engagement and innovation
  - learning activity is an appropriate exemplar of the working group topic
  - use of the multimodal tool could be strengthened in terms of effectiveness and quality
  - presents a learning activity that requires considerable work in terms of engagement and innovation
  - learning activity is a weak exemplar of the working group topic
  - use of the multimodal tool requires considerable work in terms of effectiveness and quality
  - fails to present a learning activity OR -learning activity is an inferior exemplar of the working group topic
  - use of the multimodal tool is ineffective and low-quality

#### Rationale Document

- **Learning Activity Description**
  - description of how the learning activity demonstrates the working group topic - supported by reference to the articles

  - rationale demonstrates very clear connections between the activity and WG topic - these connections are supported by highly relevant working group articles
  - makes highly appropriate connections with the Four Resources framework
  - presents pedagogical strategies related to topic with high degree of understanding
  - explanation or link is highly appropriate
  - artefact is highly informative
  - artefact requires considerable work to connect the activity and WG topic
  - these connections are not supported by working group articles
  - rationale contains few or no connections between the activity and WG topic
  - these connections are not supported by relevant working group articles

- **Four Resources Framework**
  - connections

  - makes highly appropriate connections with the Four Resources framework
  - makes appropriate connections with the Four Resources framework
  - makes some connections with the Four Resources framework
  - makes few connections with the Four Resources framework
  - makes no attempt to connect presentation to the Four Resources framework

- **Additional Pedagogical Strategies**
  - bulleted list of three additional pedagogical strategies with a brief explanation or link

  - presents pedagogical strategies related to topic with good understanding
  - explanation or link is appropriate
  - artefact is relatively informative
  - artefact requires considerable work to be informative
  - explanation or link is not appropriate
  - artefact is missing OR - is uninformative
  - artefact is missing OR - is uninformative

- **Practical Artefact**
  - informative
  - practical
  - uses visual/medium effectively

  - artefact is highly informative
  - information is highly effective
  - use of visual/medium is highly effective
  - artefact is somewhat informative
  - information is somewhat practical
  - use of visual/medium is somewhat effective
  - artefact requires considerable work to be informative
  - information is impractical
  - use of visual/medium requires work to be effective
  - artefact is missing OR - is uninformative
  - information is highly impractical
  - use of visual/medium requires considerable work to be effective

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**Score**

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**Criteria**

- **University Grading**
  - A+ - A-
  - B+ - B-
  - C+ - C-
  - D+ - D-
  - F

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**Learning Activity**

- presents a learning activity that requires considerable work in terms of engagement and innovation
- learning activity is a weak exemplar of the working group topic
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- learning activity is an inferior exemplar of the working group topic
- use of the multimodal tool is ineffective and low-quality

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**Rationale Document**

- rationale demonstrates very clear connections between the activity and WG topic
- makes highly appropriate connections with the Four Resources framework
- presents pedagogical strategies related to topic with high degree of understanding
- explanation or link is highly appropriate
- artefact is highly informative

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**Four Resources Framework**

- makes highly appropriate connections with the Four Resources framework
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- makes some connections with the Four Resources framework
- makes few connections with the Four Resources framework
- makes no attempt to connect presentation to the Four Resources framework

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**Additional Pedagogical Strategies**

- presents pedagogical strategies related to topic with good understanding
- explanation or link is appropriate
- artefact is relatively informative

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**Practical Artefact**

- informative
- practical
- uses visual/medium effectively

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THE EXPECTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL WORK

Please review the Academic Calendar carefully. It describes the program and provides detailed schedules and important dates. It contains information on expectations for student work and professional conduct. In addition, procedures are described regarding concern about student performance in the program. Please pay especially careful attention to details and descriptions in the following topic areas:

- **The Importance of Active Participation**

As this is a professional program, experiences are designed with the expectation that all members will be fully involved in all classes and in all coursework experiences. As you are a member of a learning community your contribution is vital and highly valued, just as it will be when you take on the professional responsibilities of being a teacher. We expect that you will actively participate in the asynchronous activities and will not be absent from Zoom sessions with documented instances of personal or family illness or for religious requirements ideally communicated to your instructor in advance.

- **Engagement in Class Discussion and Group Tasks**

Another reason for the importance of active participation in every class is that the course involves working with fellow students to share ideas and thinking. For example, you will work with a small group to engage fellow students in discussions on work being considered in class. You will also help other groups by providing ideas for scholarly inquiry in assignments. **With respect to group work, if your group is having difficulty collaborating effectively, please contact the instructor immediately.** If a group is unable to collaborate effectively or discuss course materials online in a timely manner, the instructor may re-assign members to different groups or assign individual work for completion.

**EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING**

All written assignments will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented. If you need help with your writing, you may use the writing support services in the Student Success Center. For further information, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, E. Course Information, E.2: Writing Across the Curriculum: [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html)

**LATE SUBMISSIONS**

All late submissions of assignments must be discussed with the instructor **prior to the due date.** Students may be required to provide written documentation of extenuating circumstances (e.g. statutory declaration, doctor’s note, note from the University of Calgary Wellness Centre, obituary notice). A deferral of up to 30 days may be granted at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs with accompanying written evidence.
Readings for Working Groups:

First, in groups of 4 starting in week 1, students will learn in depth about one working group topic. All students in each working group will read and discuss together Article A in week 1. For weeks 2-5, groups are responsible for reading and discussing Articles B, C, D and E in their topic area, rotating the facilitation individually among group members each week.

**Availability:** most articles are available on-line from [http://library.ucalgary.ca](http://library.ucalgary.ca), a document with additional URLs will be posted in D2L.

### Family and Community Literacy


### Multimodal Literacy

**Article B**


Multimodality can facilitate literacy learning in classes where multilingualism is the norm.

**Article C (ELL focus)**


Digital storytelling can help students tell their stories, even when the stories are difficult to tell.

**Article D (Indigenous focus)**

https://search-informit-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/doi/10.3316/ielapa.809843273555082

Through a photography workshop, Indigenous children in Australia explore multimodality to express their emotions.

**Article E**


This author explores the current direction of literacy research, focusing on affect (feelings), embodiment (how are bodies are involved in literacy), and place (how the context influences literacy learning).

### Literacy and Identity

**Article A**


Identity and literacy are interrelated concepts which also have an impact on academic achievement for low socioeconomic status, multilingual, and marginalized students.

**Article B**


If teachers hope to engage adolescent learners, then they must move beyond adopting out-of-school practices and digital texts in the classroom and gain a deeper understanding of students and their ways of knowing.

**Article C**

https://www-proquest-com.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/docview/1430863801?accountid=9838

While non-native English speakers may experience cultural and linguistic apartness and struggle to express their identities at school, many develop online identities using their literacy skills.
**Literacy and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy**

**Article A**  
*This document provides an overview of culturally responsive pedagogies and the literacy practices associated with it.*

**Article B**  
[https://ncte.org/resources/journals/language-arts/](https://ncte.org/resources/journals/language-arts/)  
[https://library-ncte-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/journals/la/issues/v88-6/16263](https://library-ncte-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/journals/la/issues/v88-6/16263)  
*Texts we use with students may have inherent biases which construct particular subjects that validate some students but marginalize and invalidate others.*

**Article C**  
*The Pocket Book strategy enables students to make learning meaningful by bringing in their own cultural knowledge.*

**Article D**  
[https://ncte.org/resources/journals/language-arts/](https://ncte.org/resources/journals/language-arts/)  
[https://library-ncte-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/journals/la/issues/v92-6/27390](https://library-ncte-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/journals/la/issues/v92-6/27390)  
*Using literacy practices from the community can support Aboriginal students’ literacy development.*

**Article E**  
[http://doi.org/10.1007/s10643-017-0839-9](http://doi.org/10.1007/s10643-017-0839-9)  
[https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10643-017-0839-9](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10643-017-0839-9)  
*The authors see the need for teachers to be equipped with frameworks for understanding culturally responsive pedagogy.*
### Popular Culture and Literacy

|           | *In addition to being motivating, the use of popular culture can allow students to add to their knowledge of storyboarding and film.* |

|           | Graphic novels can provide teaching and learning opportunities for readers, educators, and researchers. In this article, discover which graphic novels to use and how to use them in your classroom. |

|                       | *Drawing on ELLs knowledge of popular culture can enhance their literacy learning in the classroom.* |

|           | Online affinity spaces offer multiple interest-driven trajectories, opportunities to learn with others, and paths toward becoming an authentic participant. |

|                           | https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1087&context=taboo  
|                           | *The use of popular culture among Aboriginal youth provides examples of how they view themselves in a global world and can have implications for teaching.* |

### Disciplinary Literacy

|           | *Disciplinary literacy looks different in different subjects because each draw on the way that experts in that field study the questions in that field.* |

|                        | *This article provides description of targeted instruction and reasons why all educators should target disciplinary reading instruction for ELLs.* |
Oral tradition, land-based experiences and ceremonial practices, when linked to the discourses of schooling and literacy, provide the basis for improving educational outcomes for indigenous children and families. |
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The teaching of Math and literacy go together, especially ELLs. |
This article focuses on the disciplinary literacy involved in the teaching of specialist subjects, with a focus on physical education. |

### Focus on Reading and Writing

Labels influence how we think about students. This article presents an argument for reframing how we think about “struggling readers”. |
The author of this article focuses on the use of teacher read-alouds to build academic vocabulary. The author notes the importance of building academic literacy through scaffolded tasks that provide the opportunity to practice new words and translate them into written form. |
https://muse.jhu.edu.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/article/609657  
In a reader-response project with Blackfoot readers in southern Alberta, young readers reflected on their social, cultural, and place-based identities while reading culturally relevant fiction, (e.g., Sherman Alexie’s “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian”). |
Learning to write takes practice. In this article, the authors argue for a different way of practicing than the traditional focus on one three paragraph essay. |
The author presents a sampling of recently published picture books across various genres including contemporary realistic fiction, nonfiction, and fantasy, with a focus on peritextual features. Such features can support meaning making in regard to literary elements such as characterization, theme, plot, and setting. |
Linguistic Diversity and Literacy

Article A

Closing the achievement gap for linguistically diverse students involves providing print rich environments and engaging students in literacy.

Article B (ELL focus)
https://library-ncte-org.ezproxy.lib.ualgcalgary.ca/journals/ej/issues/v100-5/14925

Readers require support throughout the reading process, and teachers who understand this and provide these literacy scaffolds can move their students more steadily along the continuum of reading and literacy development.

Article C

ELLs bring many strengths to the classroom, but some of those may mask educational challenges teachers will want to investigate. The author of this article focuses on some of those challenges and how teachers may address them.

Article D

Aboriginal students may face language related challenges in K-12 schools in Canada. The impacts of these challenges on their education are discussed in detail, along with programs and strategies designed to address these issues.

Article E (Indigenous focus)

Teachers of Indigenous languages support language and literacy through environmental print, songs, and interactive computer games.

Digital Literacies

Article A

How do iPad applications affect parent-child story-sharing interactions? Patterns of interaction emerge when a mother and her 33-month old daughter share a self-created, audio-visual iPad story.

Article B

What kinds of literacy practices are children really using when they play with educational apps? This article presents a framework to help teachers evaluate an app’s potential for developing the literacy practices children need to fully participate in digital cultures.

Article C
In this article, the authors call out the criminalization and policing of digital and popular literacies among black and Latino males in urban school settings and reflect on the ways they have witnessed emancipation and empowerment when these youth were not only allowed but encouraged to engage in such practices.

**Article D** (ELL focus)

By applying digital literacies in an academic setting, an Asian American youth conducted personalized textual analysis in an English class where the Minecraft is combined with a literature study.

**Space, Place, and Literacy**

**Article A**

Making space for culturally responsive literacy pedagogy is on ongoing challenge for early childhood educators. When teachers work with children as co-researchers through the study of people's lives, the community and its complex histories become a rich resource for young people's literacy repertoires.

**Article B** (Indigenous focus)

How can literacies and literacy pedagogies better connect to the places and communities of children's lives? This paper draws on the concept of 'storylines' to analyse three stories of literacy learning to understand how different literacy practices and pedagogies function to produce different literate subjects.

**Article C**

This study investigates how one teacher considered place in making instructional choices for eighth grade English students in a rural high school, and students' perceptions of this teacher’s place-based instruction.

**Article D**
https://www-ingentaconnect-com.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/content/ncss/ssyl/2013/00000026/00000001/art00004

Young children are capable of making meaning of maps and, perhaps more importantly, have the natural inclination and curiosity to want to explore their world through many different media.

**Article E** (ELL focus)
http://doi.org/10.1353/jeu.2016.0010
https://muse-jhu-edu.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/article/629404

This article focuses on the experiences of two migrant teenagers living in Toronto. It considers how the act of reading impelled them to consider their journeys between places.
GRADING

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Note: A+ is a rare and exceptional grade to be given at the instructor’s discretion to the works of excellence and the highest quality.

Students in the B.Ed. program must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in the semester to continue in the program without repeating courses. Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. In addition, students will not be given the opportunity to improve their grades by completing additional assignments. As such, it is important to monitor your performance in the course. Remember: You are responsible for your grades in your courses.

**Academic Accommodation**

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf. Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf. Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor.

**Academic Misconduct**

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

**Attendance/ Prolonged Absence**

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be
medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student.

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html

The Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act prevents instructors from placing assignments or examinations in a public place for pickup and prevents students from access to exams or assignments other than their own. Therefore, students and instructors may use one of the following options: return/collect assignments during class time or during instructors’ office hours, students provide instructors with a self-addressed stamped envelope, or submit/return assignments as electronic files attached to private e-mail messages.

For additional resources including, but not limited to, those aimed at wellness and mental health, student success or to connect with the Student Ombuds Office, please visit https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines

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