

**EDUC 211: Academic Writing in Education**  
**Winter, 2024**

Term Dates: January 08 - April 09, 2024

Term Break: February 18 - 24, 2024

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.

**Office Hours:** By appointment only via Zoom.

**Email:** Students are required to use a University of Calgary (@ucalgary.ca) email address for all correspondence. Instructor will normally respond within 24 hours, M-F.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will focus on the standard writing process to follow for academic writing and on applying writing strategies to the student's own writing. We will discuss how research is used to support original ideas and how to correctly cite academic sources using APA 7th Edition standards, and we will write a longer academic essay using promoting child/youth literacy as the main topic. Readings in this class will focus on text creation so that students will become better writers on academic topics.

**KEY UNDERSTANDINGS:**

1. Non-fiction, academic writing is a learned skill that is developed across the lifespan.
2. As aspiring teachers, our profession demands that we use credible information when working with students, and that we use this research to write clearly and succinctly when communicating with other professionals, parents, and the wider community.
3. Understanding the student's own assumptions and bias underlying written texts is a key aspect of growing into a scholar.
4. Developing literate K-12 students requires a teacher to understand and use the traditional writing process.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

Students will:

1. Recognize that academic writing is a continuously evolving skill requiring lifelong learning.
2. Use recent, credible, and trustworthy educational information about child/youth literacy to construct one well-written and designed essay.
3. Understand and look for evidence of own biases or assumptions in written text.
4. Examine and use the traditional writing process of brainstorming, outlining, drafting, editing, and polishing written text.

**COURSE DESIGN AND DELIVERY:**

The course consists of 13 weeks of online instruction organized according to the standard writing process. To understand and use each essential step, academic texts will be read, analyzed, and discussed with other students. Designed to be a fully online course, instruction will be comprised of regular Zoom sessions, discussion board posts, and several required readings to assist the students with reaching the Learner Outcomes.

Four assessment tasks will encourage reflection on the content and spur insights related to your understandings of writing with educational research.

This course was designed to support and inform EDUC 213 (How Children Learn to Write) and EDUC 215 (Supporting Children's Writing), although these two courses are not required for non-Bridging students.

**REQUIRED RESOURCES:**

American Psychological Association. (2019). APA Publication Manual (Seventh Edition).

[BookShelf](#) ; [RedShelf](#) ; [Amazon Kindle](#) ; [iBooks](#)

Henderson, E. & Morgan, K.M. (2021). *The Empowered Writer: An Essential Guide to Writing, Reading, and Research* (4th Ed). Don Mills: Oxford University Press.

[BookShelf](#) ; [RedShelf](#)

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

Ed Students in Conversation. (2020). Time Out with Matt and Melissa: Dr. Sarah Eaton. Available from [https://voiced.ca/podcast\\_episode\\_post/ep-3-time-out-with-matt-and-melissa-academic-integrity-with-drsarah-eaton/](https://voiced.ca/podcast_episode_post/ep-3-time-out-with-matt-and-melissa-academic-integrity-with-drsarah-eaton/)

Pressbooks. (n.d.). *Narrowing a Topic*. Available from <https://ohiostate.pressbooks.pub/choosingsources/chapter/narrowing-a-topic/> TedEd. (2016). *5 Tips to improve your critical thinking* [YouTube Video]. Available from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dItUGF8GdTw>

TWL Team. (2013). *25 editing tips for tightening your copy*. *The Write Life*. Available from <https://thewritelife.com/edit-your-copy/>

UBC Science Writing. (2014). *Creating and using outlines* [YouTube video]. Available from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWe3mmLcoA>

Western University. (2016). *Developing a research question* [YouTube video]. Available from [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xsHHGhM\\_fk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xsHHGhM_fk)

### LEARNING TASKS OVERVIEW

LEARNING TASK	DESCRIPTION OF LEARNING TASK	GROUP / INDIVIDUAL	WEIGHT	DUE DATE
LT01: Weekly D2L Discussions and Peer Editing Tasks	Weekly discussion posts in this course fall into two categories. First are general discussion posts reflecting on course work and topics. Second are peer editing and feedback tasks related to course assignments. Through the course you will be required to participate in these discussions and peer review tasks as directed by the weekly course schedule.	Individual	30%	Weekly
LT02: Three Research Questions	Develop 5 thesis statements, each of which pose a question related to child or youth literacy that can be argued based on research in the field.	Individual	20%	23:59, Feb. 4, 2023
LT03: Research Essay Outline	Based on one thesis from LT02, develop a comprehensive research essay outline.	Individual	20%	23:59, March 4, 2023
LT04: Final Essay with Annotated Drafts	Based on LT03, produce and submit a final polished research essay along with annotated draft versions of the essay.	Individual	30%	23:59, April 9, 2023

**WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:**

Date	Topic	Readings and Tasks	Due Dates
<b>Week 1</b> Jan 08 - 12	Introductions, Course Outline, and Writing as Readers	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp.25-36 (The Writing Situation).	
<b>Week 2</b> Jan 15 – 19	Developing strong, narrow-focus research questions	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp.37-54 (Paragraph Essentials).  <b>Tasks:</b> Developing thesis statements and directions for LT02	Zoom #01, Jan. 15, 16:30 – 18:00
<b>Week 3</b> Jan 22 - 26	Brainstorming the topic – what questions do you have about literacy? If you already have a topic of interest, what do you have to say about this topic?	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 55-83 (Paragraph and Essay Development).  Pressbooks. (n.d.). Narrowing a Topic.  Western University. (2016). Developing a research question [YouTube video].  <b>Tasks:</b> Peer review of LT02.	
<b>Week 4</b> Jan 29 Feb 02	Framing a paper: Introductions, thesis statements, and conclusions	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 115-135 (Introductions, Thesis Statements, and Conclusions).  TedEd. (2016). 5 Tips to improve your critical thinking [YouTube Video].  <b>Tasks:</b> Peer review then submission of LT02.	Zoom #02, Jan. 29, 16:30 – 18:00
<b>Week 5</b> Feb 05 - 09	How to consider what you find while researching	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 136-145 (Claims, Evidence, and the Analytical Model).  <b>Tasks:</b> Develop outline for LT03.	LT02 Due 23:59, Feb. 04, 2023
<b>Week 6</b> Feb 12 - 16	Conducting and Using Research	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 169-203 (Conducting Research / Using Your Research).  The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 379-383 (Peer Edit Forms).  UBC Science Writing. (2014). Creating and using outlines [YouTube video].  <b>Tasks:</b> Peer Review of outline for LT03.	Zoom #03, Feb. 12, 16:30 – 18:00

Term Break – No Classes Feb 19 -23			
<b>Week 8</b>  Feb 26 Mar 01	Using citations and avoiding plagiarism	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 204-234 (APA and MLA Documentation Styles)  Ed Students in Conversation. (2020). Time Out with Matt and Melissa: Dr. Sarah Eaton.  <b>Tasks:</b> Peer review then submission of LT03.	
<b>Week 9</b>  Mar 04 – 08	Writing the first draft of your research essay.	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 146-168 (The Argumentative Essay).  <b>Tasks:</b> Write initial draft of paper for LT04.	LT03 Due 23:59, March. 04, 2023
<b>Week 10</b>  Mar 11 - 15	Working on your own paper for LT04	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 235-324 (Sentence Essentials / Punctuation / Agreement, Pronoun, and Sentence Structure Errors) (Reference sections: Review as needed).  TWL Team. (2013). 25 editing tips for tightening your copy. The Write Life.  <b>Tasks:</b> Editing and fixing your paper for LT04.	
<b>Week 11</b>  Mar 18 – 22	Peer editing and feedback of paper for LT04	The Empowered Writer by Moran and Henderson, pp. 325-359 (Achieving Clarity and Depth in Your Writing).  <b>Tasks:</b> Peer editing / feedback of paper for LT04.	Zoom #04, Mar. 18, 16:30 – 18:00
<b>Week 12</b>  Mar 25 - Mar 29	Peer editing and feedback of paper for LT04	<b>Tasks:</b> Peer editing / feedback of paper for LT04.	
<b>Week 1314</b>  Apr 01 - 09	Finalizing and proofing your paper for final submission.	<b>Tasks:</b> Final proofing and then submission of paper for LT04.	Zoom #05, Apr. 08, 16:30 – 18:00  LT04 Due 23:59, Apr. 9, 2023

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULE:**

Please note that changes to the schedule may occur to meet the emerging needs and dynamics of the participants in the course.

**LEARNING TASKS AND ASSESSMENT**

There are four required Learning Tasks for this course.

### **Learning Task 01: Weekly D2L Discussions and Peer Editing Tasks - Due: Weekly**

In this course students will be in Writing Groups as they work through their weekly D2L discussions and peer editing tasks. These Writing Groups will be formed by the instructor considering a number of aspects including trying to group students who are investigating related topics. Within these groups, the discussion boards will be used in two ways as the course progresses.

First, for six weeks of the course the D2L discussion boards will be used for class discussions of course content. Each of these weeks there will be 1-2 class discussion questions per week.

During these weeks students are responsible for producing:

A - 1 long (minimum 200-word) response to each discussion question each week

B - A total of 3 short (minimum 50-word) replies to others' responses each week. When there are two discussion questions please split replies between the two questions.

Second, for the remaining weeks of the course the D2L discussion boards will be used as a medium for peer editing and feedback on LT02, LT03, and LT04. During these weeks, each student in the course is expected to give feedback on the work produced by others in their Writing Group. This feedback will be in various forms ranging from notes in the discussion comments for LT02 to the downloading, annotation, and uploading of draft versions of LT04.

Initial Response or Upload Due to Discussion Board (Weekly): Thursdays 23:59. Responses to Group Due Discussion Board (Weekly): Sundays 23:59.

#### **Assessment Criteria:**

For group discussions related to course content, a long response to a discussion question will be awarded 3 points and a short reply to another student's initial response will be awarded 1 point. Only one response to each discussion question, and a maximum of 3 meaningful replies per week will be awarded points. While these discussions are assessed based on completion only, please put thought into your responses and replies to help build understanding for all those in your Writing Group.

For peer editing and feedback on LT02, LT03, and LT04, each feedback post will be awarded between 2-5 points depending on the requirements of the feedback task. The number of points for each feedback task, as well as the total available each week, will be noted within the task itself. While peer editing tasks are also assessed based on completion only, please once again put thought into your feedback to help the members of your writing group.

The total points available for this learning task will be based on the total number of discussion questions and peer feedback tasks in D2L.

**Learning Task 02: Three Research Questions - Due: 23:59, Feb. 04, 2024**

For this Learning Task, and based on an aspect of child or youth literacy, you will develop three thesis statements on a perspective that can be argued through the literature. For each thesis statement you will also list five potential directions (supporting points) you may be able to use to support your argument.

Please use the template provided on D2L to submit this Learning Task to D2L's Dropbox.

**Assessment Criteria:** Please see Rubrics on pages 8 - 12

**Learning Task 03: Research Essay Outline - Due: 23:59, Mar. 04, 2024**

For this Learning Task please create an outline based on one of the three thesis statements you developed for LT02. Please note that it is normal for a thesis statement to evolve through the research process, hence you are encouraged to revise your thesis statement from LT02 as needed for this Learning Task.

Your outline will contain all the information that you plan to use in your final paper and be laid out in the order that the final paper will be written. The outline should be structured with an introduction, supporting body paragraphs, and a conclusion, and also contain sufficient detail about your topic that an essay can easily be generated from the outline.

Please use the template provided on D2L to submit this Learning Task to D2L's Dropbox.

**Assessment Criteria:** Please see Rubrics on pages 8 - 12

**Learning Task 04: Final Essay with Annotated Drafts - Due: 23:59, Apr. 10, 2024**

From your LT03 outline, please write a 4000-word (+/- 10%) paper. Once written, please use the discussion forums to share multiple evolving versions of your paper with your Writing Group for peer review and feedback.

Each member of the Writing Group needs to be committed to providing quality feedback on each person's essay drafts. Because of the scrutiny expected from each writing group, instructor feedback on drafts of this paper will not be provided.

Once you have received at least two rounds of feedback on your paper please submit the final version to D2L. Your paper should be properly formatted as an APA document. The expectation is that the final copy submitted is a near-perfect version that has been reviewed by yourself and your writing group over multiple weeks.

Your final submission should include:

1. Your final proof version of your paper

2. Annotated drafts of your paper from your working group

**Assessment Criteria:** Please see Rubrics on pages 8 - 12



### EDUC 211 - LT02 Rubric - Three Research Questions

	A+ 100% 10	A+ 95- 100% 9.5	A 90-94% 9.0	A- 85-89% 8.5	B+ 80-84% 8.0	B 75-79% 7.5	B- 70-74% 7.0	C+ 65-69% 6.5	C 60-64% 6.0	C- 55-59% 5.5	D+ 52-54% 5.2	D 50 - 51% 5.0	F 0 - 49% 2.5
<b>Criteria 1 (30%)</b>  Template Completion	Exceeds all Expert criteria	Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them	<b>Expert</b> - All sections of all 3 templates are fully completed - All background and overhead information on all 3 templates are very well and clearly noted	Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria	Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria	<b>Practitioner</b> - All sections of all 3 templates are completed - All background and overhead information on all 3 templates are well and clearly noted	Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria	Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria	<b>Apprentice</b> - All sections of all 3 templates are mostly completed - All background and overhead information on all 3 templates are noted	Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria	<b>Novice</b> - Some sections of all 3 templates are completed - Some background and overhead information on all 3 templates are noted	Meets some but not all Novice criteria	Does not meet any Novice criteria
<b>Criteria 2 (40%)</b>  Research Question (RQ) and Thesis Statements (TS)	Exceeds all Expert criteria	Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them	<b>Expert</b> - All 3 RQs are very relevant to the purpose of the assignment - All 3 RQs are very clearly written - All 3 RQs well lead to high quality thesis statements - All 3 TSs very well answer the research question. - All 3 TSs are very clearly and precisely written	Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria	Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria	<b>Practitioner</b> - All 3 RQs are relevant to the purpose of the assignment - All 3 RQs are clearly written - All 3 RQs lead to high quality thesis statements - All 3 TSs well answer the research question. - All 3 TSs are clearly and precisely written	Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria	Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria	<b>Apprentice</b> - All 3 RQs are mostly relevant to the purpose of the assignment - All 3 RQs are mostly clearly written - All 3 RQs lead to good thesis statements - All 3 TSs answer the research question. - All 3 TSs are mostly well written	Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria	<b>Novice</b> - RQs are generally relevant to the purpose of the assignment - RQs are somewhat clearly written - RQs lead to thesis statements - TSs somewhat answer the research question. - TSs are somewhat well written	Meets some but not all Novice criteria	Does not meet any Novice criteria

<b>Criteria 3 (30%)</b> Organization, Writing and APA Usage	Exceeds all Expert criteria	Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them	<b>Expert</b> - Submission is very well and clearly organized - Ideas are very clearly communicated - Submission fully adheres to all length and / or word count guidelines - There are few to no writing or proofing errors. Any errors that exist do not impact understanding - There are no errors in APA style or formatting	Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria	Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria	<b>Practitioner</b> - Submission is clearly organized - Ideas are clearly communicated - Submission occasionally misses length and / or word count guidelines and only to a minor extent - There are few writing or proofing errors. Any errors that exist do not have more than an occasional impact on understanding - There are few errors in APA style or formatting	Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria	Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria	<b>Apprentice</b> - Submission shows some organization - Ideas are somewhat clearly communicated - Submission misses some length and / or word count guidelines or does so to a significant extent - Writing or proofing errors have some impact on understanding - There are some errors in APA style or formatting	Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria	<b>Novice</b> - Submission shows little organization - Ideas are not communicated with overall clarity - Submission misses many length and / or word count guidelines or does so to a very significant extent - Writing or proofing errors have a significant impact on understanding - There are significant errors in APA style or formatting	Meets some but not all Novice criteria	Does not meet any Novice criteria
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**EDUC 211 - LT03 Rubric - Research Essay Outline**

	A+	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
	100%	95-100%	90-94%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	70-74%	65-69%	60-64%	55-59%	52-54%	50-51%	0-49%
	10	9.5	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.2	5.0	2.5
<b>Criteria 1 (20%)</b> Template Completion	Exceeds all Expert criteria	Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them	<b>Expert</b> - All sections of template is very well and fully completed - All background and overhead information on template is very well and clearly noted	Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria	Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria	<b>Practitioner</b> - All sections of template is well and fully completed - All background and overhead information on template is well and clearly noted	Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria	Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria	<b>Apprentice</b> - All sections of template is fully completed - All background and overhead information on template is noted	Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria	<b>Novice</b> - Some sections of template is completed - Most background and overhead information on template is noted	Meets some but not all Novice criteria	Does not meet any Novice criteria





<b>Criteria 4 (20%)</b> Organization, Writing and APA Usage	Exceeds all Expert criteria	Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them	<b>Expert</b> - Submission is very well and clearly organized - Ideas are very clearly communicated - Submission fully adheres to all length and / or word count guidelines - There are few to no writing or proofing errors. Any errors that exist do not impact understanding - There are no errors in APA style or formatting	Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria	Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria	<b>Practitioner</b> - Submission is clearly organized - Ideas are clearly communicated - Submission occasionally misses length and / or word count guidelines and only to a minor extent - There are few writing or proofing errors. Any errors that exist do not have more than an occasional impact on understanding - There are few errors in APA style or formatting	Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria	Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria	<b>Apprentice</b> - Submission shows some organization - Ideas are somewhat clearly communicated - Submission misses some length and / or word count guidelines or does so to a significant extent - Writing or proofing errors have some impact on understanding - There are some errors in APA style or formatting	Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria	<b>Novice</b> - Submission shows little organization - Ideas are not communicated with overall clarity - Submission misses many length and / or word count guidelines or does so to a very significant extent - Writing or proofing errors have a significant impact on understanding - There are significant errors in APA style or formatting	Meets some but not all Novice criteria	Does not meet any Novice criteria
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**EDUC 211 - LT04 Rubric - Final Essay with Annotated Drafts**

	A+ 100% 10	A+ 95-100% 9.5	A 90-94% 9.0	A- 85-89% 8.5	B+ 80-84% 8.0	B 75-79% 7.5	B- 70-74% 7.0	C+ 65-69% 6.5	C 60-64% 6.0	C- 55-59% 5.5	D+ 52-54% 5.2	D 50-51% 5.0	F 0 - 49% 2.5
<b>Criteria 1 (20%)</b> Paper Structure and Sources	Exceeds all Expert criteria	Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them	<b>Expert</b> - Paper very well structured with introduction, body, and conclusions easily identified - Paper very clearly shows writers own research and ideas as foundation to argumentative development - A very strong selection of references are included in the paper	Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria	Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria	<b>Practitioner</b> - Paper well structured with introduction, body, and conclusions easily identified - Paper clearly shows writers own research and ideas as foundation to argumentative development - A strong selection of references are included in the paper	Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria	Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria	<b>Apprentice</b> - Paper structured with introduction, body, and conclusions identified - Paper shows writers own research and ideas as foundation to argumentative development - A good selection of references are included in the paper	Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria	<b>Novice</b> - Paper somewhat structured with introduction, body, and conclusions - Paper shows some of writers own research and ideas as foundation to argumentative development - A minimal selection of references are included in the paper	Meets some but not all Novice criteria	Does not meet any Novice criteria

<p><b>Criteria 2 (30%)</b></p> <p>Argumentative Flow</p>	<p>Exceeds all Expert criteria</p>	<p>Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them</p>	<p><b>Expert</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction very well flows from general to specific to thesis statement</li> <li>- Body paragraphs very well develop logical argument supporting thesis</li> <li>- Body paragraphs are fully sufficient to fully support thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion very well summarizes supporting points</li> <li>- Paper's supporting points very well used to prove thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion very well opens up and releases the reader</li> </ul>	<p>Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria</p>	<p>Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria</p>	<p><b>Practitioner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction well flows from general to specific to thesis statement</li> <li>- Body paragraphs well develop logical argument supporting thesis</li> <li>- Body paragraphs are sufficient to fully support thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion well summarizes supporting points</li> <li>- Paper's supporting points well used to prove thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion well opens up and releases the reader</li> </ul>	<p>Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria</p>	<p>Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria</p>	<p><b>Apprentice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction flows from general to specific to thesis statement</li> <li>- Body paragraphs generally develop logical argument supporting thesis</li> <li>- Body paragraphs are generally sufficient to support thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion generally summarizes supporting points</li> <li>- Paper's supporting points generally used to prove thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion opens up and releases the reader</li> </ul>	<p>Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria</p>	<p><b>Novice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction somewhat flows from general to specific to thesis statement</li> <li>- Body paragraphs somewhat develop logical argument supporting thesis</li> <li>- Body paragraphs are somewhat sufficient to support thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion somewhat summarizes supporting points</li> <li>- Paper's supporting points somewhat used to prove thesis</li> <li>- Conclusion somewhat opens up and releases the reader</li> </ul>	<p>Meets some but not all Novice criteria</p>	<p>Does not meet any Novice criteria</p>
<p><b>Criteria 3 (20%)</b></p> <p>Reflection and Considered Incorporation of Peer Edits</p>	<p>Exceeds all Expert criteria</p>	<p>Meets all Expert criteria and exceeds some of them</p>	<p><b>Expert</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum of two drafts of the paper were peer reviewed</li> <li>- Paper shows very strong evidence of reflection and consideration of peer review feedback</li> </ul>	<p>Meets all Practitioner criteria and most Expert criteria</p>	<p>Meets all Practitioner criteria and some Expert criteria</p>	<p><b>Practitioner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum of two drafts of the paper were peer reviewed</li> <li>- Paper shows strong evidence of reflection and consideration of peer review feedback</li> </ul>	<p>Meets all Apprentice criteria and most Practitioner criteria</p>	<p>Meets all Apprentice criteria and some Practitioner criteria</p>	<p><b>Apprentice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum of one draft of the paper was peer reviewed</li> <li>- Paper shows some evidence of reflection and consideration of peer review feedback</li> </ul>	<p>Meets all Novice criteria and some Apprentice criteria</p>	<p><b>Novice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum of one draft of the paper was peer reviewed</li> <li>- Paper shows minimal evidence of reflection and consideration of peer review feedback</li> </ul>	<p>Meets some but not all Novice criteria</p>	<p>Does not meet any Novice criteria</p>



## 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 Attendance and Participation in Every Class*

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 not be absent from class with the exception of documented instances of personal or family illness or for religious requirements.

- *Engagement in Class Discussion and Inquiry*

Another reason for the importance of attendance and participation in every class is that the course involves working with fellow students to share ideas and thinking. For example, each class 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. If you find that you are experiencing difficulties as a group collaborating, please inform the instructor.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING

All written assignments (including, to a lesser extent, written exam responses) 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 Learning Commons. 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/e2.html>

## LATE SUBMISSIONS

All late submissions of assignments must be discussed with the instructor **prior to the due date**. Late submission not discussed before the due date will not be accepted and will score a zero. 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 prior to the end of the course with accompanying written evidence.

## ISSUES WITH GROUP TASKS

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.



## GRADING

Grade	GPA Value	%	Description per U of C Calendar
A+	4.0	95-100	Outstanding
A	4.0	90-94	Excellent – Superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
A-	3.7	85-89	
B+	3.3	80-84	
B	3.0	75-79	Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete
B-	2.7	70-74	
C+	2.3	65-69	
C	2.0	60-64	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter
C-	1.7	55-59	
D+	1.3	52-54	Minimal pass - Marginal performance
D	1.0	50-51	
F	0.0	49 and lower	Fail - Unsatisfactory performance

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.

**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-AccommodationPolicy.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](https://www.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

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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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