EDUC 535.02: Elementary English Language Learners
Fall 2023

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<td>Dr. Pam Farrell</td>
<td>Wednesdays 12:00 – 3:50</td>
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Course Dates: September 5 – October 27

Class Dates: Wednesdays, 12:00 – 3:50

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

Email: Students are required to use a University of Calgary (@ucalgary.ca) email address for all correspondence.

Course Description:
The intent of the Specialization Seminar II is to deepen students’ understanding of the practical aspects of teaching within the specialization and to connect this practice with specific theoretical concepts. While this second specialization course focuses more on practical knowledge, students will also refine their knowledge of discourse and theory within the discipline and develop a deeper understanding of ways to enact this theory in a classroom context. Students will additionally become familiar with any relevant Ministry documents associated with the Alberta Curriculum and draw on practical classroom observation from the field experience to participate in meaningful discussion and to connect these observations with a vision for their own teaching. The emphasis of the course is on designing for student learning (subject-specific; assessment to strengthen student learning and improve instruction; and designing for inclusion, differentiation, and inquiry).

Learner Outcomes:
Over the course of the semester, students will

1. Further develop a deeper conceptual understanding of the historical, socio-cultural, political contexts of the discipline, and relate this to curriculum planning in the specialization areas;
2. Identify and critique the key learning perspectives (as outlined in the front matter of the Programs of Study) and intentions (learning objectives) across the units in a grade from the Alberta Programs of Study;
3. Successfully apply theoretical knowledge to the design of a longer-term unit and assessment plan.
COURSE DESIGN AND DELIVERY: This course will be delivered face-to-face on campus with possible engagement in a D2L environment.

REQUIRED RESOURCES:


ADDITIONAL READINGS (recommended):
Alberta Education Programs of Study [https://www.alberta.ca/programs-of-study.aspx#jumplinks-2](https://www.alberta.ca/programs-of-study.aspx#jumplinks-2)

Learn Alberta – Organizing for Instruction. [https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/eslapb/organizing_for_instruction.html](https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/eslapb/organizing_for_instruction.html)


This document provides teachers in Alberta a list of learning strategies they should be aware of and/or encourage their students to utilize (Appendix 4, p.165), as well as a list and samples of Graphic Organizers (Appendix 5, p. 169)

An overview of a unit plan (teaching spiders) using the knowledge framework to teach thinking skills and linguistic structures in a content-based instruction (see p. 80)


Story Books Canada - https://storybookscanada.ca/

Principles of curriculum design


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### LEARNING TASKS OVERVIEW

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**WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:**

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| Week 1  | •Welcome & Introductions  
| Sept 6  | •Overview of course  
|        | Sharing experiences from Field II and identifying the big issues for ELLs  
|        | Adding English – Ch 1 - 2  
<p>|        | *Group sign-up of language teaching method |</p>
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<td>Sept 27</td>
<td>How English Works</td>
<td>Adding English – Chs 3 - 7 (except 6)</td>
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<td>Identify and critique the key learning perspectives and intentions in the Alberta Programs of Study</td>
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<td>Integrating Language and Content Instruction</td>
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<td>Oct 11</td>
<td>Designing a Unit and Assessment Plan</td>
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Week 7  
Oct 18  
• Designing a Unit and Assessment Plan  
Adding English – Ch 10
Larsen-Freeman (Ch12*): The Political Dimension/Participatory Approach (Group 7)  
Larsen-Freeman (Ch13*): Learning Strategy/Cooperative Learning/Multiple Intelligences (Group 8)  
Learning Task 2: DUE  
Fri, Oct. 20

Week 8  
Oct 25  
• Supporting Beginning Language Learners  
• Course Wrap-Up  
Adding English – Ch 11  
Learning Task 3: DUE  
Fri, Oct 27

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 THREE required LEARNING TASKS for this course.

1. LEARNING TASK 1: Language Teaching Method - DUE: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

This is a two-part group learning task.

Part 1: Language Teaching Method Document  
Create a 3-page document illustrating, describing, critiquing the language teaching method that you signed up for. Reference sources in correct APA format. Post it to D2L. This is due September 21, 2022.

Part 2: Teaching a Mini Lesson to Demonstrate a Language Teaching Method  
Teach an original mini lesson to demonstrate a language teaching method to the class demonstrating the language teaching method you have signed up for. Each group will sign up for a specific day on the first day of class.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING TASK 1

Part 1: Language Teaching Method Document  
1. Meaningfulness to teachers teaching ELLs.  
   5%  
2. Critique of language teaching method.  
   5%  
3. Quality and completeness of the document.  
   5%  
4. Overall presentation of the document.  
   5%  

Total  
20%  
Group members will receive the same grade.

Part 2: Teaching a Mini Lesson to Demonstrate a Language Teaching Method
1. Group work and effort. 5%
2. Demonstration of language teaching method. 5%
3. Techniques and activities appropriate to the method. 5%
4. Match students’ language needs to lesson topic. 5%

Total 20%
Group members will receive the same grade.

**Summary of Grading Based on Above Criteria**

An *A* to *A* project will present a complete and quality document that is organized, well written, and supported. This document is exceptional in that the information is informative, clear, easy to understand and presented in a visually appealing format. Demonstration of language teaching method is well planned and executed. It includes techniques and activities appropriate to the method.

An *A* to *B*+ project will present a document that is mainly complete. Quality could be improved. It is generally well written and developed. The document is presented mainly in a visually appealing format. Demonstration of language teaching method is mainly well planned and executed. It includes techniques and activities appropriate to the method.

*A* to *C*+ project may present a roughly sketched document in need of some refinement. Information about the language teaching method is not clear, not informative, includes errors (eg. spelling, punctuation). The document is poorly presented. Demonstration of language teaching method is not well planned and executed. It includes techniques and activities appropriate to the method.

2. **Learning Task 2: Design a Unit and Assessment Plan Due: Friday, October 20, 2022**

For this assignment, students will individually design a unit learning plan, illustrative of key aspects of theory introduced in the course. Please refer to the Teaching Effectiveness Framework and Rubric and the 5 key strategies of formative assessment (Leahy et al., 2005) as lenses. Retrieved from: [https://www.galileo.org/cea-2009-wdydist-teaching.pdf](https://www.galileo.org/cea-2009-wdydist-teaching.pdf)

* We will have a designated peer review time of your draft Unit and Assessment Plan during class on Oct 12

1. Design a unit-plan for learning and assessment plan to sponsor deep understanding of a key disciplinary concept and/or competency.
2. Including a rationale for the learning plan, as supported by theory and discipline.
3. Discussion of practicalities of enacting this learning and assessment plan: fitting it into a larger context/concept, integration of effective formative assessment strategies for scaffolding and adapting to the needs of diverse learners.
CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING TASK 2

A. **Unit Title, Subject Area, and Topic** – The theme of your unit. This should be developed in consultation with your instructor and should be clearly and specifically titled.

B. **Reference to Alberta Education Curriculum or standards as it applies to your discipline/unit.** Identify how your unit fits within the Alberta Curriculum. Provide an explanation if it doesn’t fit explicitly.

C. **Grade Level** – The grade in which the subject is taught.

D. **Unit Rationale** – Provide a paragraph explanation where the value of the unit is presented. This rationale should support your choice to create a full unit on this topic.

E. **Learning Outcomes** – Describe the learning outcomes for the overall unit (longer term). In your lesson plan, describe the learning outcomes or goals for that specific lesson (shorter term). One or more of these may overlap. Five or six learning outcomes should define what the students should know/be able to do by the end of the unit and lesson.

F. **Key Instructional Practices Procedures** – Details about the main methods for teaching through the unit. This is specifically about how you will teach the content. Will the students work as a whole class, in groups, or individually? How will you transition into different activities? How will you scaffold activities? How will materials be used?

G. **List of Sources** – All sources consulted in preparation of the unit should be listed. Note: multiple sources are expected. Present a reference page in APA format.

H. **List of Materials** – List all materials needed to teach the unit that are not readily available to the teacher every day. Be specific!

I. **Learner Differentiation/Explanation of how the unit plan addresses all students’ needs** - Demonstrate how your plan addresses the interests and needs of a range of students. Show how you will teach inclusively. For example, how will you address students with special needs? English language learners? Gifted students? Students who excel at group work or at independent time?

J. **Creativity and Innovation** - Detail how your unit will include a variety of teaching methods, with specific reference to creative teaching that engages all students. Include discussion of your inclusion of technology in the curriculum and ways to include interdisciplinarity.
### Assessment Criteria for Learning Task 2: Unit Plan

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<td><strong>Design is focused on building understanding</strong>&lt;br&gt;Help develop strong learning tasks that focus students on issues, questions and problems central to the discipline.</td>
<td>Demonstrates an exceptional understanding of:&lt;br&gt;i) How students learn,&lt;br&gt;ii) Disciplinary core concepts and connections, and&lt;br&gt;iii) Curricular outcomes.&lt;br&gt;Skilfully designs strong inquiry-based learning tasks that focus student inquiry on issues, questions, and problems that are: central to the discipline, connected to students’ lives, and connected to the world outside of school.</td>
<td>Demonstrates a clear understanding of:&lt;br&gt;i) How students learn,&lt;br&gt;ii) Disciplinary core concepts and connections, and&lt;br&gt;iii) Curricular outcomes.&lt;br&gt;Designs inquiry-based learning tasks that focus student inquiry on issues, questions, and problems central to the discipline.</td>
<td>Demonstrates a general understanding of curricular outcomes and sometimes incorporates them into inquiry-based learning (i.e. project-based, problem-based, or design-based)</td>
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**Design is informed by disciplinary knowledge**<br>Making meaningful connections to ways of thinking about the discipline, and in alignment with the Programs of Study in your disciplinary area.<br><br>Designs learning experiences that engage the students in the distinct ways of thinking about and acting in the world that characterize the particular discipline specialization—that is, the ways, embodied in the discipline, of making meaningful connections and building deep understanding. | Designs learning experiences that are organized around disciplinary ideas and core concepts. Requires students to make connections between existing and new ideas to build understanding. | Designs learning activities that are organized around subject matter. Requires students to make some connections between existing and new ideas to build understanding. | Selects activities that emphasize subject matter acquisition that deal with acquiring information, facts, and formulae. |

**Authentic and engaged learning**<br>Learning is meaningful and relevant to students and to the broader community, and that are of real concern and central to the discipline.<br><br>The work students undertake requires them to engage in productive collaboration with each other, with the discipline, and with other experts around authentic problems, issues, questions, or ideas that are of real concern and are central to the discipline, to the students, and to the broader community outside of school. | The work students undertake requires them to engage in productive collaboration with each other, with the discipline, and with other experts around matters that are central to the discipline and to the broader community outside of school. | The work students undertake has some connection to the world outside the classroom. | The work students undertake requires them to acquire and recall static, inert facts. |
| Work fosters deep understanding | The work students undertake fosters strong habits of mind and innovation and creativity. Students are routinely asked to:  
i) Formulate plausible, coherent working theories,  
ii) Formulate well reasoned judgment and conclusions based on evidence and with an examination of different viewpoints,  
iii) Analyze assumptions,  
iv) Discuss how things might be otherwise, (i.e. supposition),  
v) Thoroughly examine implications,  
vi) Consider ambiguities,  
vii) Work across a variety of contexts, and Make connections between and among concepts | The work students undertake fosters disciplined habits of mind. Students are asked to:  
i) Formulate plausible solutions,  
ii) Articulate assumptions,  
iii) Formulate reasoned judgment and conclusions based on evidence, and Consider implications that reach beyond the immediate situation. | The work students undertake requires that they demonstrate industrial habits of mind that present conclusions relative to each other, with simplistic solutions, and a cursory examination of implications. | The work students undertake builds habits of mind that emphasize group think by requiring a simplistic solution and/or absolute conclusion attributed to an external authority with no consideration of implications. |

| ELL learning | Includes or designs ELL strategies related to topic with high degree of understanding  
Includes clear language outcomes  
ELL strategies are effective and high-quality | Includes or designs ELL strategies related to topic with good understanding  
Includes mostly clear language outcomes  
ELL strategies are mostly effective and high-quality | Includes or designs ELL strategies related to topic with some understanding  
Includes somewhat clear language outcomes  
ELL strategies are somewhat effective | Fails to include ELL strategies related to topic  
Fails to include language outcomes  
ELL strategies are ineffective |
Assessment is comprehensive
Assessment of learning provides a comprehensive and holistic picture of student learning and competencies.

Assessment is integral to the learning and woven into the day-to-day fabric of teaching and learning.

The teacher uses a wide range of ongoing formative assessments to inform instructional decisions and to improve practice.

Assessment of learning provides an accurate, comprehensive, defensible picture of student learning and of student competencies at the time the grade is awarded.

Teacher and student work together to determine and gather a variety of assessment data from observations, conversations, and artifacts that provide a rich variety of evidence of learning including written assignments, student reflections, portfolios, digital images of student work, and audio and video recordings.

Assessment is both summative and formative.

The teacher uses a limited number of formative assessments to inform learning and improve instructional decisions.

Assessment of learning provides an accurate, defensible picture of student learning and competencies.

The teacher uses a variety of assessment data including observations, conversations, and artifacts that provide for a wide range evidence of learning including written assignments, student reflections, portfolios, digital images of student work, and audio and video recordings.

Assessment is primarily summative informed by some formative data (i.e. assessment activities built into the learning process).

The teacher occasionally uses a formative assessment instrument to improve learning and guide planning decisions.

Assessment of learning provides a general picture of student learning and competencies.

Teacher uses a limited number of sources as assessment data. These sources include tests, paper and pencil artifacts, and the occasional technology presentation.

Assessment is exclusively summative (i.e. tests or assignments after learning has occurred).

The teacher is unaware of ways to use formative assessment to improve learning or to inform teaching practices.

Assessment provides a limited picture of student learning.

Teacher relies on one source of assessment data that appears primarily in the form of pencil and paper tests emphasizing recall.

3. LEARNING TASK 3: Paper - Due: Friday, October 27, 2022

Imagine you had a friend or relative who was thinking about teaching ELLs. Write a paper (5-7 pages double-spaced, APA 7) telling them what you have learned in this class about teaching ELLs. Be sure to include topics that affected you most in this class. You can use “I” in your paper.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING TASK 3

Your paper should:

- Articulate original thoughts and ideas related to your future teaching; connect your original thoughts to your future teaching
- Draw upon relevant evidence from the course and your own learning and teaching experiences; connect evidence to your future teaching (e.g. do not summarize the readings; use the readings to support what you have learned about teaching ELLs and why)
• Demonstrate understanding of concepts and theories related to teaching ELLs and what it means for ELLs; connect to your future teaching
• Be clear and accurate
• Include at least 3 peer reviewed references in addition to the required textbooks; cited in APA 7; 5-7 pages double-spaced with 12-point font.

You may also want to draw upon:

• Class Discussions
• Readings from this course and previous courses
• Observations made during your field experience

### Assessment Criteria for Learning Task 3: Final Paper

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<td>Draws upon relevant evidence from</td>
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<td>Demonstrates exceptional evidence of understanding of the concepts and theories related to teaching ELLs; presents a strong discussion about what the concepts mean for ELLs; always connects to future teaching</td>
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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 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/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 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.

Please note that group work promotes active learning and helps develop critical thinking, communication, and decision-making skills. These are important and necessary attributes in your roles as future educators. “Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success” (Henry Ford).

**GRADING**

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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-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 a 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

Student Food Security https://www.ucalgary.ca/current-students/food-security

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