

DEPARTMENT OF

SPECIAL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, AND COUNSELING

**Course Syllabus**

**1. Course Number:** RSED 3003-001, Fall 2022

**Course Title**: Diversity and Exceptionality of Learners

**Credit Hours**: 3 semester hours

**Prerequisites:** majoring in education, 2.0 GPA

**Co-requisites:**  none

**Class Meeting Location and Time:** HC 3309, 12:30-3:15 pm

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**Office Hours:**

**2. Term:** Fall 2022

**Date Syllabus Prepared**: Updated August 2022

**3. TEXTBOOK:**

**This course participates in the**[**ALL ACCESS PROGRAM (Links to an external site.)**](https://www.aubookstore.com/t-textbook_allaccess.aspx)**which includes access to the eBOOK beginning on the first day of class.**

Required: MyLab Education with Pearson eText -- Access Card -- for Including Students with Special Needs: A Practical Guide for Classroom Teachers, 8th Edition

ISBN: 9780134800400

Hard copy also available to purchase **with** eText if desired for $20. Option to buy is in MyLab feature on Canvas.

Friend, M. & Bursuck, W. (2019). *Including students with special needs: A practical guide for classroom teachers.* (8th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.

**ALL ACCESS:**

**What is All Access?**

All Access is Auburn’s program of delivering course materials to you digitally. Sometimes this will be a textbook, sometimes an access code. Your instructor has coordinated with the Bookstore to deliver this content for the course and help make sure you have what you need. All Access makes sure you are ready the first day of class, and the material is so much cheaper with this delivery that it’s the best way we can help you succeed in your courses at Auburn….financially and academically.

**What content am I getting?**

For this course, RSED 3000/3003, you’re getting access for the semester to Including Students with Special Needs by Friend.  This comes with MyLab access, and is required content for the course.

**How do I find it?**

First, you’ll retrieve your Pearson access code by using the RedShelf link on your Canvas course page.  Once you have that code, copy and paste it into the Pearson link on  Canvas, and you’re all set. See attached instructions for more info. **Please use your @auburn.edu email to register for any All Access content.**

**What does it cost?**

For the first two weeks of class, everyone gets this content for free.  All students in this course start as opted in to pay for the content for the course. The discounted price you’ll be billed is $50.50.

* If you want to opt out and not be charged, all you have to do is follow the instructions (see [https://www.aubookstore.com/t-txt\_allaccessoptout1.aspx (Links to an external site.)](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aubookstore.com%2Ft-txt_allaccessoptout1.aspx&data=05%7C01%7Crabreks%40auburn.edu%7Ca95221977ec146a4dd3208da73fcba17%7Cccb6deedbd294b388979d72780f62d3b%7C1%7C0%7C637949826585170615%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FK6bx4Ey8lIHhVPJRyi8UHb%2BhmjLV7QKLI65UxvV88s%3D&reserved=0) ). You’ll lose access at the end of the second week of class, unless you’ve purchased it on your own.

**How do I pay?**

If you’re still opted in on September 6, then we’ll send the charge to your next ebill.  This will be labeled as the course on your ebill so you’ll know. You’ll get a reminder on September 2 to remind you about the deadline.

**What if I’m on scholarship?**

We can charge All Access content to any scholarship that we charge at the Bookstore.  Those will be done automatically when we bill.  If you are a scholarship student and would prefer print, please mail [MNH0016@auburn.edu](mailto:MNH0016@auburn.edu) and we will order one for you.  These are done as requested, and take three to five business days to arrive. We will ship these out to you, or you can pick them up in store.  Most scholarships will not pay for All Access and a print copy of the book.

**What is the refund policy?**

After the opt out deadline, we can only offer refunds to students who have dropped the course or withdrawn from the university. That’s why the opt out deadline will be crucial for you to decide if you want to be charged or not.

**An extra perk…you can get a print copy, too.**

If you remain opted in to All Access, the publisher has made a low-cost print version available.  Request a copy by email to [MNH0016@auburn.edu](mailto:MNH0016@auburn.edu)  with your course information included.  These are usually available for purchase the second week of class.

**What if I need help?**

* Pearson customer service is always an option at support.pearson.com.
* RedShelf code support is available at solve.redshelf.com
* For most digital content in All Access, Google Chrome works best as a browser and you’ll want to make sure it’s up to date.
* I’m always happy to help as well, especially if you have a question about All Access or something doesn’t look right.

**Russell Weldon**[**books@auburn.edu**](mailto:books@auburn.edu)**or 844-1352**

* Also, [http://aub.ie/allaccess (Links to an external site.)](http://aub.ie/allaccess) has more info as well.

**4. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Exploration of philosophical, social, cultural, and individual factors that have shaped the civil rights of and education for individuals with disability; examination of educational experiences of diverse learners and teachers’ roles and responsibilities with respect to teaching all students in inclusive classrooms.

**5. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

*Course objectives include a subset of key indicators from the Alabama Quality Teaching Standards. Indicators assigned to this course for assessment are listed below and pertain to human development; organization and management; cultural, ethnic and social diversity; special needs diversity; collaboration; and local, state, and federal laws.*

1. Discuss exceptionality as a type of diversity in the classroom. *(290-3-3-.03 4.7)*
2. Discuss the educational rights for individuals with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i))*
3. Discuss self-determination and advocacy as they relate to the rights of persons with disability.
4. Identify and discuss the legal foundations for persons with disabilities*.( 290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i)) (290-3-3-.03 5.5)*
5. Identify various modes of service delivery in public schools for students with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)*
6. Discuss collaboration strategies for professionals who serve students with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i))*
7. Identify and discuss general characteristics and impact of high and low incidence disabilities on learning and development. *(290-3-3-.03 4.7) (290-3-3-.34 (2)(b)2.(i))*
8. Identify stages of speech and language development, characteristics of communication skills, and the impact of communication on all learning *(290-3-3-.34-(2)(b)2.(i)*
9. Identify and discuss disabilities served under Section 504 and others with special learning needs. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i)) (290-3-3-.03 5.5)*
10. Identify and discuss effective instructional strategies that are inclusive of all students. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)*
11. Develop appropriate accommodations and/or modifications for students with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)* *(290-3-3-.36 (1)(c)1.(ii))*
12. Identify classroom management strategies. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)*
13. Recognize the steps in the special education process. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i)) (290-3-3-.03 5.5)*
14. Describe how to access school, community, state and other resources and referral services. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i))*

# **6. TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT & SCHEDULE**

*Note:* Learning outcomes compiled from: Friend, M. & Bursuck, W. (2019). *Including students with special needs: A practical guide for classroom teachers.* (8th ed). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.

| **Date** | **Lecture** | **Assigned Readings**  **(to be completed prior to class)** | **Learning Activities (due prior to class/class start time or during class)** |
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| Week 1-August 17 | **Syllabus**  **Chapter 1 (Sections 1.1 and 1.2)** - The Foundation for Educating Students with Special Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain fundamental terms and concepts that describe special education, including those in federal law* * *Explore significant factors that have shaped contemporary special education services* | Syllabus  Chapter 1 (1.1-1.2)  \*Self-checks recommended | **Student Survey** and **Expectations Activity**    Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas |
| Week 2- August 24 | **Chapter 1 (1.3 and 1.4)** - The Foundation for Educating Students with Special Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Analyze key themes that characterize today’s educational priorities for students with disabilities, including prevention, high expectations and accountability, evidence-based practices, and inclusiveness* * *Describe categories of disabilities addressed in federal law and note other special needs students may have*   **Chapter 2 (All sections)** – Special Education Procedures and Services  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Analyze the roles and responsibilities of the individuals who may participate in educating students with disabilities.* * *Identify the steps teachers should take in deciding whether an identified student need might indicate the presence of a disability* * *Describe the process through which a student may become eligible to receive special education services, including the role that parents play throughout that process* * *Name the components of individualized education programs (IEPs) and provide examples of them* * *Outline the types of services that students with disabilities may receive and the settings in which they may receive them* | Chapter 1 –  (1.3-1.4)  Chapter 2 (all) | Chapter 1 Quiz Due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas |
| Week 3- August 31 | **Chapter 3 (All sections)** – Building Partnerships Through Collaboration  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain the technical meaning of the term* collaboration*, analyze the role of collaboration in providing services to students with disabilities, and clarify how it is influencing the roles and responsibilities that you have as a general education teacher* * *Describe common collaboration-based applications for students with disabilities and other special needs, including shared problem solving, co-teaching, teaming, and consulting, and consider your role in each of them* * *Identify ways you can work effectively with parents to successfully educate students with special needs, even if their views about their child differ from yours* * *Explain your responsibilities when working with paraprofessionals, and explore ways you can enhance collaboration with them* | Chapter 3 (all) | Chapter 2 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas  NOTE: BEGIN GROUP WORK on Applied Learning Activities – Instructional Methods Presentations (see chapter 9) AND identify Advocacy Project Topic (see chapters 6 and 7) |
| Week 4-Sept. 7 | **Chapter 4** – Assessing Student Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain how general education teachers can contribute significantly to the assessment process* * *Describe the use of high stakes, standardized achievement, psychological tests, and alternate assessment in making education decisions for students with special needs* * *Provide accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities on standardized tests* * *Define curriculum-based assessment; explain its benefits; construct types in basic academic skills, content-area knowledge and independent learning skills; and use to make decisions involving special education* | Chapter 4 (all) | Chapter 3 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas  Chapter 4 Quiz due by end of week |
| Week 5- Sept. 14 | **EXAM 1**  **In-person, during class** | | |
| Week 6- Sept. 21 | **Chapter 5** – Planning Instruction by Analyzing Classroom and Student Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Describe how to apply the steps of the INCLUDE decision-making process to adjust instruction for students with disabilities and other special needs in your classroom* * *Analyze the major components of classroom organization with respect to how they can have an impact on students with disabilities* * *Describe the various ways students can be grouped for instruction in an inclusive classroom and analyze the impact they may have on students with special needs* * *Analyze classroom materials and instructional methods with respect to their potential impact on students with disabilities* | Chapter 5 (all) |  |
| Week 7- Sept. 28 | **Chapter 6** – Students with Low Incidence Disabilities  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Describe what it means to say that a student has a low-incidence disability and apply the INCLUDE strategy to effectively instruct these students in your classroom* * *Outline the characteristics of students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the supports they need* * *Describe the characteristics of students with moderate, severe, and multiple disabilities, including intellectual disabilities and deaf-blindness, and the supports general educators can provide for them* * *Explain the characteristics of students with sensory impairments (vision or hearing loss) and the supports general educators can provide for them* * *Explain the characteristics of students with physical, medical, and health impairments and the supports general educators can provide for them* | Chapter 6 (all) | Chapter 5 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas |
| Week 8-Oct. 5 | **Chapter 7** – Students with High Incidence Disabilities  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain what is meant by high-incidence disabilities and describe their prevalence and the key elements of the federal definitions for each of the high-incidence categories* * *Apply the INCLUDE strategy to adjust your classroom instruction to meet the needs of students with communication disorders* * *Analyze classroom demands and the academic characteristics and needs of students with learning, behavioral, and mild intellectual disabilities and explain how you can adjust your instruction to meet their needs using the INCLUDE strategy* * *Analyze the social and emotional characteristics and needs of students with learning and behavioral disabilities, including how you can meet these needs in the classroom* | Chapter 7 (all) | Chapter 6 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity - Advocacy Project Part A - Identify Advocacy Project Topic & Strategy  After class – meet with group to make final edits to your Advocacy Project Draft |
| Week 9- Oct. 12 | **Chapter 8** – Students with Special Needs Other Than Disabilities  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Describe student protected under Section 504 and general educators’ responsibilities for effectively teaching them* * *Explain accommodations and other instructional adjustments general education teachers can make to address the special needs of students with attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)* * *Outline how general educators provide appropriate instruction for students who are gifted and talented* * *Discuss how cultural diversity influences education, critically analyzing your own response to students from cultures other than your own and your skills for addressing their needs, including those who also have disabilities* * *Discuss how general educators can effectively teach students at risk for school failure, including students affected by poverty, abuse or neglect, substance abuse, and other factors, including those who have been identified as having disabilities* | Chapter 8 (all) | Applied Learning Activity - Advocacy Project Part B- Advocacy Project DRAFT  Chapter 7 Quiz due by end of week |
| Week 10- Oct. 19 | **Exam 2 (Chapters 5-8)**  **In-person, during class**  **Meet with your group and make final edits to your Instructional Methods Presentations** | | |
| Week 11- Oct. 26 | **Chapter 9** – Adjusting Instruction  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Discuss how you can analyze your basic skills instruction and describe how you can adjust it for students with disabilities and other special needs* * *Discuss how you can analyze your content-area lessons and explain how you can make them more accessible* * *Discuss how you can analyze and adjust independent practice activities for students* * *Describe strategies for involving parents in teaching their children* * *Discuss how you can analyze classroom materials and activities and modify them for students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities* | Chapter 9 (all) | Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity - Instructional Methods Presentations (Group work- prior to class - Group Presentations during class) |
| Week 12-  Nov. 2 | **Chapter 10** – Strategies for Independent Learning  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *State ways that teachers can encourage student self-awareness, self-advocacy, and self-determination* * *Explain how teachers can create their own learning strategies* * *Describe the steps involved in teaching learning strategies, analyzing each step and discussing why it is important for building independent strategy usage* * *List, describe, and justify the teaching of research-based learning strategies in the areas of reading and reading comprehension; listening and note taking; written expression; math problem solving; and time and resource management, and explain how they can be applied to the students you will be teaching* * *Explain how methods of teaching learning strategies can be applied to helping students perform strategies independently* | Chapter 10 (all) | Chapter 9 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas |
| Week 13- Nov. 9 | **Chapter 11** – Evaluating Student Learning  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Analyze demands that occur before, during, and after classroom testing and describe adjustments that can be made for students with special needs* * *Describe and provide a rationale for grading practices that can benefit all of your students* * *Explain when and how report card grades can be individualized for students with special needs* * *Explain the potential benefits of using performance-based and portfolio assessments with students with disabilities. Identify features of each that may cause problems for students with disabilities, and describe adjustments that could be made to ameliorate these difficulties* | Chapter 11 (all) | Chapter 10 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas |
| Week 14- Nov. 16 | **Chapter 12** – Responding to Student Behavior  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Outline classroom strategies that promote students’ positive behavior and prevent misbehavior* * *Explain simple techniques for responding to individual student misbehavior* * *Describe the purpose of a functional behavior assessment (FBA) and steps for deciding how to respond to chronic, inappropriate individual student behavior* * *Outline systematic approaches for increasing positive behaviors and decreasing negative behaviors* * *Identify how to help students manage their own behavior* | Chapter 12 (all) | Chapter 11 Quiz due by class start time  Active Learning  Applied Learning Activity possible-check Canvas  Chapter 12 Quiz due by end of week |
| **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  **Nov. 22-26** | | | |
| Week 15- Nov. 30 |  |  | Applied Learning Activity - Advocacy Project Part C - Presentations |
| **Final Exam**  **Week-**  **Dec. 6-10** | **Exam 3** (Chapters 9-12)  **In-person, during class** | | |

The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the class instructor. Students will be notified in a timely manner of any syllabus changes via email.

# **7. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

General Course Requirements

Students are required to: (a) successfully complete all learning activities and submit them to the instructor **no later than the date designated for each assignment**, (b) take and pass all required tests, (c) attend/view class and participate in class discussions and activities/quizzes, and (d) read assigned materials prior to class sessions. These requirements will be assessed through performance on **Learning Activities (25%)** and **Exams (75%)** (see description and point values below).

1. **Learning Activities (25 points - TOTAL 25% of final grade)** Throughout the semester you will earn points for learning activities. There are four ways to earn your learning activity points: (A-1) active learning, (A-2) in-class activities, (A-3) quizzes, and (A-4) an advocacy project. In case of an absence, a University approved excuse must be presented to make up any learning activities. You must be present in order to earn your active learning points and complete AND turn in all in-class learning activities **(see Attendance Policy and** [**Student Policy eHandbook**](https://cas.auburn.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=6030eed59dec435abc9061fa4edc1426&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.auburn.edu%2fstudent_info%2fstudent_policies%2f)**)**.

(A-1) ACTIVE LEARNING (TOTAL 6 points)

To earn your active learning points ─ be an active learner. Attend each class session, participate, and be engaged in the learning process. You can earn ½ point for active learning engagement each class session. Active learning includes involvement engagement before, during, and after classes. Analytics of engaged time with Canvas is another measure that will be used to determined active learning. Classes sessions during which exams are scheduled are not included in the calculation of active learning.

**To earn your active learning points, BE an active learner.**

**Attend** each class session, **participate**, and **be engaged** in the learning process.

1. **Summarize your learning** for this class by describing two or three big ideas you know now that you didn't know before you came to class. Also, provide your feedback on how the class went and how it could be better by going to the anonymous  survey.
2. Explain **the relevance of your learning** by submitting a comment about **why you need to know** the information covered in class.

(A-2) APPLIED LEARNING ACTIVITIES **(TOTAL 6 points)**

Applied learning activities will be conducted to support and/or expand upon the information you are learning. These learning activities may be conducted individually, in pairs, or in small groups. These activities may include small group and independent assignments (e.g., group projects, quizzes, reflections, and summary papers) and may or may not be announced ahead of time. The applied learning activities may begin in class and have follow-up assignments to be completed outside of class time (see learning activities listed boldface font in Course Schedule).

**(A-3) Chapter Quizzes (TOTAL 5 points)**

A portion of your learning activity points is devoted to chapter quizzes. These quizzes should be taken after each class session (see quizzes listed boldface font in Course Schedule). You can earn up to **5 points** by completing chapter **quizzes**.

**NOTE**: **You earn points by the number of quizzes you successfully (70% or higher) complete (See point scale below).**

**12 quizzes completed scoring 70% or higher = 5 points**

**10-11 quizzes completed scoring 70% or higher = 4 points**

* 1. **quizzes completed scoring 70% or higher =3 points**

**Less than 8 quizzes, regardless of score = 0 points**

**(A-4)** Advocacy Project (TOTAL 8 points) The purpose of this project is for you to learn how to be an advocate for people with disabilities and encourage others to also become an advocate. This is a group assignment but there are also individual assignments for this project. **Every group member will be expected to work and contribute to the development, implementation, and presentation of the project.** Your participation and contributions to the project will be a part of the evaluation of this project.

This project is broken into three parts:

Part A - Identify Advocacy Project Topic & Strategy – complete or incomplete

Part B - Advocacy Project Draft – 1 point

Part C - Advocacy Project – 7 points

**B. Examinations (TOTAL 75% of final grade – each exam is worth 25% of your final grade)**: There will be **three exams** during the semester. The first exam will cover material from the beginning of the semester through the first exam. The second exam will cover material presented after the first exam through the last class period before the second exam is scheduled. The third exam will cover material presented after the second exam through the last class period before the third exam is scheduled and could contain material from early examination periods.

# **8. GRADING AND EVALUATION:**

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| **Requirements:**  Learning Activities 25%  Exam 1 25%  Exam 2 25%  Exam 3 25%  TOTAL 100 % | **Grading Scale:**  90-100 A  89-80 B  79-70 C  69-60 D  Below 59 F |

**Grades will NOT be rounded up at semester end. Please do not make a request for rounding up your grade regardless of how close to the next grading scale cut-off you may be.**

***Alabama Quality Teaching Standards and Candidate Proficiencies***

*The Alabama State Board of Education requires all students completing teacher certification programs to be assessed using the Alabama Quality Teaching Standards. These standards have been aligned with the 15 candidate proficiencies in the College’s conceptual framework. Students will be informally assessed on a course-appropriate subset of these proficiencies throughout the semester. The candidate proficiencies assessed in this course are highlighted on Attachment A.*

*The primary purpose of this assessment is to provide students with feedback regarding relevant candidate proficiencies. Ratings do not positively or negatively affect the course grade. If the instructor determines that a student is not demonstrating competence in any of the proficiencies, the instructor notifies the student’s department head and the student’s program coordinator to alert them to specific concerns that may require attention. The e-mail is copied to the student.*

# **CLASS POLICIES:**

**Faculty Communication and Feedback: Your Auburn University email address is the university-approved form of communication between instructors and students.** It is your responsibility to read course announcements sent by your instructor. These are posted in Canvas, and you can configure your notification preferences to receive an email each time a new announcement is posted.

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend class and participate in class discussions and activities and will be held responsible for any content covered in the event of an absence.

**Excused Absences**: Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for university classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, military orders, and religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission. The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please see the [Student Policy eHandbook](https://cas.auburn.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=6030eed59dec435abc9061fa4edc1426&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.auburn.edu%2fstudent_info%2fstudent_policies%2f) ([www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies](http://www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies)) for more information on excused absences.

**Valid excuses include**: 1). illness documented by a physician. 2) evidence of personal or family emergency. 3) official university excuses.

**Excuses are only accepted for the exams. No excuses need for general lectures or any bonus credits.**

**Make-Up Policy:** Arrangement to make up a missed major examination (e.g., hour exams, mid-term exams) due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student as soon as possible but no later than one week of the end of the period of the excused absences(s). Except in unusual circumstances, such as the continued absence of the student or the advent of university holidays, a make-up exam will take place within one week of the date that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstance, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins. The format of the make-up exam will be an alternate multiple choice and short answer exam.

**Assignments:** Written assignments are expected to be grammatically accurate and free of spelling and typographical errors. Assignments are to be of a quality that would be expected of a professional. All assignments must be turned in the day they are due and during the regularly scheduled class time. Assignments must be turned in by the student completing the assignment.

**No late assignments** will be accepted unless accompanied by a university approved excuse.

If a student does not turn in an assignment and has a university approved excuse, he or she will have **one week** from the time he or she returns to class to turn in the assignment.

**NOTE: Any assignments completed and/or submitted that do not comply with the above requirements will be returned and will not be accepted for credit.**

**Disability Accommodations:** Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

**PROGRAM POLICIES:**

**Academic Integrity:** Auburn University has adopted an Honor System proposed by its students and faculty to promote academic integrity and has enacted the following code:

“We, the faculty, instructors, and students of the Diversity and Exceptionality of Learners class pledge to fulfill our mutual responsibilities to each other and the academic community at large with honor and integrity in order to build and maintain a climate of respect and trust that will enhance our research, teaching, and learning. We will support the Honor System of the School, and will not tolerate activities that undermine academic integrity.”

Academic dishonesty is an offense that will be reported to the Academic Honesty Committee. Please refer to the following document for further information regarding academic honesty: [Auburn University Student Academic Honesty Code](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/policies/academichonestycode.pdf)

**Course Contingency:** If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

**Professionalism**: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

• Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices

• Contribute to collaborative learning communities

• Demonstrate a commitment to diversity

• Model and nurture intellectual vitality

**Student Academic Grievance Policy:** The purpose of this university policy is to “resolve academic grievances of students, which results from actions of faculty or administration. This resolution should be achieved at the lowest level and in the most equitable way. The burden of proof rests with the complainants.” See University Policy Site for steps toward redress <https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/default.aspx>.

**Mental Health**

If you are experiencing stress that feels unmanageable (personal or academic) during the semester, Auburn University’s Student Counseling & Psychological Services (SCPS) offers a variety of services to support you. The mission of SCPS is to provide comprehensive preventative and clinical mental health services to enhance the psychological well-being of individual students, as well as the broader campus culture. As an instructor, I am available to speak with you regarding stresses related to your work in this course, and I can assist in connecting you with the SCPS network of care. You can schedule an appointment yourself with the SCPS by calling [(334)844-5123](tel:+13348445123) or by stopping by their offices on the bottom floor of Haley Center or the second floor of the [Auburn University Medical Clinic. (Links to an external site.)](http://auburn.edu/map/?id=150)

If you or someone you know needs to speak with a professional counselor immediately, the SCPS offers counseling during both summer term as well as the traditional academic year. Students may come directly to the SCPS and be seen by the counselor on call, or you may call [334.844.5123](tel:+13348445123) to speak with someone. Additional information can be found at [http://wp.auburn.edu/scs (Links to an external site.)](http://wp.auburn.edu/scs/).

**Attachment A - RSED 3000**

**Indicators from the Alabama Quality Teaching Standards**

This standard is taught and assessed in this class.

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| Alabama Standard/Rule | Alabama Quality Teaching Standards |  |
|  | **Program Specific** | **Course Assessment** |
| 290-3-3-.34  (2)(b)2.(i) | Stages of speech and language development, characteristics of communication skills, and the impact of communication on all learning. | Exam 2 |

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| **Standard 4** | **Diversity** (Special Needs) |
| 290-3-3-.03 4.7 | Understands and recognizes the characteristics of exceptionality in learning, including the range of physical and mental disabilities, social and emotional disorders, giftedness, dyslexia, and attention deficit disorder, in order to assist in appropriate identification and intervention |
| 290-3-3-.03 4.8 | Facilitates inclusive learning environments that support and address the needs of learners with learning differences and disabilities |
| **Standard 5** | **Professionalism** |
| 290-3-3-.03 5.5 | Complies with local, state, and federal regulations and policies |
|  | **Program Specific** |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i) | Current federal and state laws and regulations governing and/or impacting on programs for students with exceptionalities. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(iii) | Diverse cultures, including cultural and socioeconomic factors and their impact on eligibility, programming, instruction, interventions, and implementation of services. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(e) 2 | Knowledge of research-based discipline interventions, which include school-wide, classroom, and individual proactive positive behavior supports. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i) | Roles of professionals, students and families as members of a collaborative team. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i) | Strategies for promoting coordination and collaboration between special education services and general education. |