

# EPSY 8440

## Educational Psychology Apprenticeship Seminar

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## College of Education, Dept. of EFLT Fall 2009 Course Syllabus

**1. Course Number:** FOUN8440 —TBA—Hybrid format

**Course Title:** Educational Psychology Apprenticeship Seminar

**Credit Hours:** 3 semester hours (3 lecture)

**Prerequisites:** Admission to Educational Psychology doctoral program

### 2. Term: Spring 2010

**Day/Time (TBA)** Note that this course is being offered in hybrid format which means nearly all the lecture and assignment materials are to be accessed on Blackboard but we will also meet a few times as well.

Class session 1 will be Friday, January 11th from 4:00pm to 7:00 p.m. (LOCATION: 4082-Haley [Agenda: *Course introduction, Blackboard clinic*] This is a whole-class required session.

Any meetings, if missed, will need to be rescheduled and attended the following week.

This particular section of this course will be in HYBRID format which means that most of the course material, including lectures (videos) and other things, will be on Blackboard. Most of the time, assignments in the course will be conducted and submitted on a week to week basis online via Blackboard. Most of the time you will attend lectures and discussion boards online from week to week but you will watch the material and take online assessments at a time that works within your weekly schedule and submit any and all assignments by the weekly deadlines. The lectures are accessible 24/7.

The course is not entirely online however and we will meet on campus approximately 5 times on dates/times to be decided with you as we progress in the class. All course meetings/sessions/appointments will be required. These will be decided once you know your schedule for other courses and will be decided for each meeting at a time.

One or more of the meetings above may include meeting with the instructor individually/or possibly with at least a few other class teammates at agreed upon appointment times we plan together for discussion and testing purposes. Class meetings, other than our first one (see above), will be planned with you as the semester progresses and then the dates will be announced after we agree the date/time for a particular meeting works for us both. Meetings, after our first session, are to be planned with students (either in a few large class wide sessions or a few team meetings). It will be planned with students using *Doodle* website software. If we meet in small teams, we may end up meeting either in my office, or room 4009 if available or room 1456 if available, whichever of these is available based on the date/time and number of people at the meeting. The LRC may also be used for one or more of our meetings if available. The meetings will need to be scheduled a few weeks in advance of each meeting. This is so because scheduling a room to meet requires advance planning and coordination/permission of others. It's the only way that these meetings can be planned in order for me to locate room/s or resources in time to allowably reserve for our use. Please avoid scheduling any class meetings/appts with this instructor during service learning time day/time you have agreed to serve.

For dates and times we meet as a class, as a team or by individual appointment, in case we can't use Haley Center for unexpected reasons, our "just in case" meeting location will be at the new student union, the building directly next to Haley. Meet on second floor near the help desk area which is next to the really old Aubie costume. Many tables and sitting areas are there along with a few standing computers. This area should suffice as a contingency location when/if Haley is inaccessible. This is only to be used if we can't meet in Haley for some unexpected reason.

In addition to the times we meet for class, I may (time allowing) see you at your service learning site once or twice to observe and briefly talk. It will be a surprise visit- not planned. All missed class sessions must be made up as soon after a missed session/appointment as possible. If there are problems then we'll need to schedule and hold an appoint to help solve the problem but this appoint will not count toward fulfillment of the formal class meetings.

**Office Hours & Contact Information:**

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Phone 334-844-3077: Message machine is at same number. Please leave a message if you call. (checked once a day M-F---earliest email check time each morning (M,T and F) is around 9am but latest check time is by 6:00 pm. For office hour days (T and W), the earliest official email check time is 8:10 a.m. Any email check time before usual check time or after the end of day check time is only where I need to do so out of planning for other work obligations while also trying to respond to your questions to be helpful. So, please rely on the usual times listed but if you send email or post assignments after the 6:00 pm time, then know that you most likely will hear from me not that evening, but instead the next morning on email (M-F).

Office Door Pick-Up Pouches: Attached on office door # 4082 labeled, 3100 Pouch A and B

Tigermail and Blackboard email: [stromps@auburn.edu](mailto:stromps@auburn.edu)

Office Hours and Appointment Opportunities: My weekly office hours will be on T and W, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and by appointment. Office hours, appointments, and email/phone correspondence are put on hold while I'm away during research conferences and business trips. You may email me or call me while I'm gone but I may very likely not be able to respond until my return. I'll post on my door if I'm away for a day or longer along with when I return. My office hours begin on the first week of our class and end on the last day of our final project due date deadline. Aside from normal office hours, I will be available by appointment (time outside of normal office hours) but appointments will need to be scheduled on email. I'll send you email confirmation that the time works. If I have to change my office hours for a particular day due to a required AU meeting or some other obligation or event, then I'll post on my door if I'm away that day so that you know and then also post on email and BB announcements when I will serve make-up office hours time.

I will allow for appointments to be scheduled within reason up to when finals are submitted but not after. If you call the campus office phone and I'm not there please leave a message and contact phone and when I can call back or if I can email you the information you need. I will return the call or email shortly thereafter accordingly. If you are there at my door, please wait a few moments as I may need to briefly use other facilities. Also, if you are onsite, please knock on my door loudly as I often leave the door shut in order to alleviate unnecessary hallway distractions/interruptions when I'm in my office working. You are welcome!

**Date Syllabus Prepared:** This syllabus as updated between January 5—13, 2010 is being distributed for Spring 2010 for Dr. Strom's section of EPSY8640, is posted on BlackBoard in Course Content in the "Starter Module", in electronic PDF copy in the EFLT Department main office.

**3. Text and Class Materials: \*Required Textbook:** "*Educational Psychology : A Century of Contributions*"  
B. Zimmerman and D. Schunk © 2003 Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Publishers

**\*Required: Note pad & CD Case:** Taking notes from lectures will be important periodically so pads or spiral pads are fine. Also, at least a few readings, a few note-handouts, or other course material will be handed out in class. Some readings (from sources other than the text) and some lecture highlights from class may be posted on BlackBoard for your convenient access to read or print out. Organization of class material is key to effective studying so please maintain notes in binder or three-ring. The CD you will get will be for your course material portfolio you will submit to me at the end of the semester. You can get a CD free from LRC but a hard

shell case (*not a plastic envelope*) can be either bought or salvaged from an old music CD. This will be for your materials you turn in as a portfolio, containing a lot of your work for the semester on the CD (required).

**Required:** Daily access to effectively functioning computer with functioning high speed internet connection either at home, work or on campus. This is a hybrid course so this is vital- no exceptions.

**Recommended:** One pair of earphones (such as *earbuds*) would be helpful-even just the inexpensive type will do. This is just in case you need to hear a lecture and are in a sitting where you can't play it aloud around others (like at a campus computer for example). If you are in the LRC and don't have earphones by the way, the LRC has a very large number of them that you as a student can check out for use in the LRC. Be mindful of LRC hours of operation they post.

#### **4. Course Description:**

This sequence of seminars is designed to reflect, address, and promote skills and dispositions essential to the professional development of doctoral students. The focus of this seminar is the historical and conceptual foundations of educational psychology as well as possibilities for future disciplinary development. Application of select concepts and theories is also of focus.

#### **5. Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. define Educational Psychology.
2. defend their philosophy of education.
3. describe their emerging research interests.
4. explain the history of Educational Psychology.
5. describe the philosophical perspectives undergirding Educational Psychology.
6. discuss the scope of Educational Psychology.
7. understand faculty research interests.
8. apply given concepts and theories in contemporary settings

#### **6. Course Content:**

##### **I. Course Introduction (Week 1)**

- A. Review syllabus, requirements, expectations
- B. Library, technical, human, and research resources and support
- C. Definitions of Educational Psychology

##### **II. History of Educational Psychology (Weeks 2-4)**

- A. The Background of Educational Psychology
- B. British Influences on American Educational Theory
- C. American Predecessors of Educational Psychology through the 1980s
- D. Psychology and Education in the early years of the 20th century
- E. Educational Psychology in the Textbooks (1926-1956)
- F. Instructional Psychology in the 1960s and beyond

- III. **Philosophical Perspectives (Weeks 5 & 6)**
  - A. Philosophy and psychology in interaction
  - B. Philosophy and educational psychology: Historical background
  - C. Educational Psychology as science
  - D. Models, metaphors, and the scientific method
- IV. **The Scope of Educational Psychology (Weeks 7–9)**
  - A. Educational Psychology, learning, and motivation
  - B. Educational Psychology and school subjects
  - C. Educational Psychology and assessment
  - D. Educational Psychology and professional development
  - E. Educational Psychology and research on teaching
- V. **Introduction to Educational Psychology Faculty and Research Agendas (Weeks 10–13)**
  - A. Research presentations by Educational Psychology Faculty members
  - B. Discussion of articles as assigned by presenting faculty members
- VI. **Student Presentations (Weeks 14 & 15)**
  - A. Students present research on emerging interest

**Exact Course Content Outline:** The schedule above is an approximation of time on the identified content. Exact layout of content is seen in each learning module's PLAN that you will follow to doing the work for each learning module which includes reading assignment, video to watch, websites to visit, etc. The PLAN is always the first (top) file in each module in Blackboard.

**7. HYBRID LEARNING FORMAT SECTION OF EPSY 8440:** Course material (almost all of it) is to be accessed via Blackboard files, some have assignment instructions, while other files have video lectures. It is entirely the obligation of the student in this course, since it is in this hybrid format, to ensure they have proper, reliable access to a computer (at home, work or school) to access this internet based material. This may mean for example, downloading RealPlayer (free) to be able to view the lectures and downloading Adobe Acrobat Reader (free) to open and view text files and assignments posted on Blackboard. No other substitute, replacement or arrangement for Blackboard is possible in terms of accessing lectures or other course material (not DVDS, VHS tapes, CDs, printed course packets, etc.). Taking the appropriate steps to access the material online will be required.

Offering this section in a hybrid format was approved by EPG Committee. One of the main goals (in the immediate time frame) for this format is such that I as an instructor wanted for you to visit with me during times that are more concentrated in small group or individual settings. Here's the even bigger point. The lectures, which constitute the vast majority of class instruction for this section, I have placed on video (on Blackboard) and organized in a very orderly, easy to use manner for you. The reason for doing all this is that I wanted for your time to be spent reading extensively, working on assignments and watching lectures / taking notes in such a way where you are allowed a much larger level of choice as to when you observed the lectures. In turn, this freedom also allows for there to be no course scheduling conflicts which numerous students were having before this section was offered. No scheduling conflicts exist with other courses nor with service learning times ( M-F from 2:30—6pm).

Watch all the lectures but do so according to times of day that meet your schedule best as long as you complete each module on or by the posted finish date shown in this syllabus. In addition, you can pause, start and stop the lectures anytime, replay them as many times as you wish, etc. You can stand or

exercise while you listen or watch them, or sit at your home or school computer to view them. All of these choices help with the main goal of allowing more time for actual focused watching, listening, non-stressed note taking, more in-depth thinking and writing. The time factor is in your hands as long as components and assignments of the course are completed by the specified dates/times (*indicated on Blackboard for each module and UNIT*).

I think you will enjoy the freedom of this format but be aware that with the freedom comes responsibility and expectation of going through the material in its entirety and in a timely manner. Again, please be 100% sure to read and watch all module materials and to do so in a timely manner in order to maximize your potential for success in the course and as a future teacher. This will be a core expectation. Remember that I'll also see you a few times and we'll have online discussion activities so our interactions and dialogue will still be an important part of the course but instead this social component will be at times that meet our needs as well as be under conditions that allow for more person to person and small group dialogue. Discussions will occur when we meet and a few times in Blackboard Discussion areas. Office hours (see section) will be held at stated times on-campus and students are encouraged to utilize this time (or appointment times made) to meet in person or on the phone regarding their questions. Unless an appointment is necessary, all other questions or dialogue will be addressed via email (on Tigermail) and on Blackboard email so please check both daily.

## **8. Course Requirements/Evaluation/Earning Grades for Course**

**Procedures for Grading:** Grades earned may vary for assignments on any of the tasks or exams but all must be completed (fulfilled) to receive course credit. Any assignments missing must be made up if missed due to absence, not submitting them on time, or not submitting them at all (regardless of excused or unexcused absence status). Based upon meeting the above conditions, the following is the remainder of the grading framework. You will receive a full description of guidelines, points and requirements for each assignment when each is assigned in class.

**Grading Requirements:** Criteria 1 below is a basic course expectation which, if satisfied, can enable an A for a course grade (if and only if) a student's academic grade (on exams and course assignments) is 90% or higher. If a student falls short on criteria 1 then, even if he/she has 90% or higher on their academic work, a final course grade may be one letter grade lower because criteria 1 reflects basic behaviors in teaching/research duties and professionalism the field. Anything less does not reflect what Auburn would consider "A" quality performance because "A" means excellent. Well done written assignments done by a student who is poor in service learning or in other ways equates to less than excellent for his/her course grade by anyone's standards in the teaching profession.

**Criterion 1: Required:** (A) Proper, consistent attendance, punctuality and participation at any and all class sessions and appointments held AND; (B) submitting ALL assignments and completing all quizzes in their entirety and on time. Absences which are not made up, do affect final course grade, regardless of points earned on items below. Active participation and communication is required throughout the course. All missed absences must be made up by meeting at a later date that the instructor and student arrange.

A final grade of "A" demonstrates work throughout the course that has consistently gone above and beyond the course requirements and reflects a deep-level, conceptual understanding on the part of learner. It is possible to receive 90+ percent of the possible points in the course and receive a B or less due to less than excellent attendance and/or participation at service learning, etc.. Further, please note that success in this course is contingent upon the completion of the Service Learning requirements. One will fail the course if the Service Learning is not completed satisfactorily. Problems reported to us by your Service Learning site supervisor or by our EFLT service learning coordinator (such as not reporting, not completing assigned duties, etc.) may also result in a reduction in your final course grade or failure in the course.

**Course Grading Scale by %**

90% – 100% = **A**  
 80% – 89.99% = **B**  
 70% – 79.99% = **C**  
 60% – 69.99% = **D**  
 -59.99% = **F**

The final grade for the course will be based on the following:

Research Roundtable Presentation	30%
Philosophy of Education Statement	15%
Literature review of Annotated Bibliography	<u>55%</u>
Total	100%

**Course Requirements:**

- A. Attend all class sessions and participate in all class discussions and exercises
- B. Prepare and present a presentation
- C. Complete a preliminary philosophy of education statement
- D. Complete a literature review or annotated bibliography of emergent research interest

**Course Grade Feedback/Notification:** I will post attendance and your status on assignments and tests online for your private view in an area (link) called GRADEBOOK on Blackboard so that you know where progress has been made, credit been given and where improvement is needed. This serves as formal notification of your grade at ongoing points in time to help you keep up with the course in a timely, self-directed manner. Attendance will be marked under each class session's date with "Present", "Present-LT 10 ms" = present but late to class by 10 minutes, or "Present-LE 15ms" = present but left class 15 minutes early. Other due work in the course may include small papers, class presentations, discussions, or other tasks. In your GRADEBOOK each assignment will be labeled with a title. This is done to help you identify and monitor your grades. Unsubmitted work will be marked as **NOT YET SUBMITTED**). *Once you submit late work, the grade for that assignment changes from a zero to whatever the grade earned is with consideration to how late it was submitted.* In a few cases, total unsatisfactory work will be identified with the label, **RESUBMIT** "*resubmit with improvements*" if the initial work turned in is unsatisfactory. I do this with assignments occasionally to help a person know they're expected to put effort into their assignments. In such a case, I allow the opportunity to resubmit the work with changes but there will be at least some late points deducted. If you are doing this after the deadline then of course the late deductions take effect also as the work is late but late work is much better than work that's so poor that it constitutes an F.

If a mark in your gradebook is of concern but not understood then email me and I'll gladly communicate back with you. If you aren't sure about how well you are doing overall even after examining your GRADEBOOK in mygradebook.com, then ask me and we can meet to go over how to interpret the course at that point in time (either via phone or in person). The sooner you ask the sooner I will be able to communicate to you about it. Note that your gradebook in Blackboard will post the numerical score grades for the assignments and quizzes and will show a score for a learning quizzes as well so you know your score right after taking it. BlackBoard will also post a record about which assignment, if any, is late, how late, and how many points deducted, as well as any notes on attendance and punctuality for each class session/appointment and in relation to your service learning days--if I'm informed of problems. I'll update grades on Blackboard once every other week or close to this after I receive work from students. During the

semester, scores for your work, when graded, will be posted on Blackboard for your password protected, private access until the end of the semester when the final letter grade for the course then goes on the AU grade post area for your final view.

**9. Assignments and scheduling study time:** You will have assignments for readings and video lectures posted in each module of Blackboard. Carefully follow each modules PLAN file in doing all work (readings, videos, and other tasks in exact order). You may submit all assignments earlier than the shown deadlines if you wish. It is recommended to begin working on each assignment early on rather than late. I've posted them for view all at the beginning of the course in order to make this feasible and have also embedded in the schedule on Blackboard a safe window of work time according to how substantial each assignment is in completing. Note, the time between when one assignment ("Assignment X" for example) is due and when the next assignment, "Assignment Y" is due does not indicate the recommended time to begin work on "Assignment Y". Looking ahead of time on this list of assignments (*as I've arranged them in the modules*) and at the instructions for each assignment will help allow you time to adequately plan on what needs to be done for each assignment and then allow enough time to actually do the assignment, work on it, reflect, etc.. Please examine the assignment dates and the assignments descriptions at or near the beginning of this semester so you can plan ahead and make the time to work on things. I've provided a display on Blackboard of each UNIT's page and ordering of modules so you can see the overall rhythm/timing for when to do each modules materials, (abide by the listed start date and completion date for each module), along with when to start working on assignments, especially the large assignments, which will require extensive time to work on to produce decent quality work.

**10. Submitting Assignments:** Note that for your assignments (except for quizzes and Blackboard Discussions) I will be requiring they be submitted in a Word file attachment on BlackBoard, preferably in the ASSIGNMENTS INBOX (located under the *Course Tools* tab. Each assignment as its own INBOX labeled for that assignment. Refer to the HOW-TO INSTRUCTIONS FOLDER if you need help to do this and you may also call me if need be if you still have questions I'll accept work sent in email attachment (Word file) in Blackboard email as well if need be. Sending attachments on Tigermail is accepted but only in situations where the two other approaches are problematic since emailed attachments on Tigermail consumes too much email space.

I will have, for big assignments, a short email back in your Blackboard email (possibly also on your gradebook) that shows confirmation that I indeed received your work in condition for me to examine it towards grading. This is not a grade, simply a status of it being ok for me to begin to read versus being a file that I cannot open. If something does not send to me correctly it will have an **MISSING or NOT YET SUBMITTED** and I often email the student so they know about the situation and to resend. It is up to the student, if they send an assignment or take a quiz, to make sure the work comes to me properly. If you take a quiz for example, you must hit the *"SUBMIT"* button at the end in order for the quiz to then be graded and your point score earned. With written assignments you send to me in the INBOX ( using the assignments tab) or as attachments in Blackboard email, this means you should look under your sent\_email or on Blackboard to make sure the attachment you sent indeed is there and opens successfully.

If I can't open a file with your work on it, the assignment is considered not submitted. If the assignment is sent past a deadline then it is late as I cannot reasonably be at a computer for a full day up until a clock deadline just to check for every student's work that they sent material to me correctly in openable condition. This is on a student to self-check that it was posted or sent to me correctly, it contains an attachment which can be opened, and that the attachment is in a software I can open and mark. I'll check a few times for student work on the day when work is due but if work is not received or sent correctly to me by the deadline then its late. Send in your assignments with time to spare like a recommended full 24 hours earlier than the deadline, even earlier is better.

I will not accept work that is not sent in an attachment. I do this for record keeping and for academic honesty purposes so I can cross check where need be similarities between one student's work in the class and that of another student. So, hard copies only of assignments will not be accepted unless and until accompanied by electronic copies. *Read-only* files will not be accepted. I will not accept files that I

cannot open with Word software or Inspiration software (*Inspiration will be shown later to you*). In order to be safe, always have your assignments on at least two other drives as backup in case a computer fails you. Have it on a thumb drive and in your blackboard email (as an email attachment to yourself) and possible of the university's H drive which helps as storage in cyberspace. Do not yank out thumb drives from the computer. Follow the proper steps to remove it safely. Ask me and I'll show you.

**Deadline Clock Times for Submitting Assignments, Quizzes and Discussions on Blackboard:** Assignments that involve sending an attachment on email or posting an attachment to an assignment INBOX in Blackboard will all have 5 p.m. deadlines ( 5 p.m. Auburn, AL time). These are clearly marked with 5pm deadlines . Discussions on Blackboard as well as all module quizzes may be submitted no later than by 11:59 pm ( Auburn, AL time) on the stated due date for each quiz or discussion. Please note that my latest time in checking/responding to email officially will be by 6:00 pm each day M-F. So, its your assumed risk if you choose to submit a quiz, discussion, or any other assignments on the due date but after the time when I'm finished checking email for the day. You risk it being late since its beyond the time when I can respond to help, etc. For this reason, its always strongly recommended to submit work earlier than my official email end time for a day (which is 6 pm) when things are due. Also, it looks more professional as well when you submit work in a manner that is not "last minute", which does not reassure my perception of a person who is ready for teaching. In teaching, getting things done ahead of time is actually only being on schedule.

**11. Submitting Late Exams & Assignments:** Make-up exams will be given only for University-approved excuses as outlined in the Tiger Cub. Arrangements to take the make-up exams must be made in advance. Students who miss an exam because of illness need a doctor's statement for verification of sickness and should clear the absence with the instructor on the day of the return to class. Other unavoidable absences from campus class time must be documented and cleared with the instructor in advance.

It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed/late work. Any assignment, learning quiz , discussion, mid-term project or final project that is late must be submitted but it will have as much as a 20% point deduction from the total possible points for that particular assignment, quiz, discussion, mid-term project or final project. To help minimize a grade penalty for a late assignment, it should be submitted as soon as possible after a missed date either the next day or the following day after the original due date or sooner if possible. This policy applies to all quizzes and assignments.

Turning work in on time makes a difference in how soon instructors can grade it and provide feedback to students. More importantly, this habit reflects an essential skill/disposition that the education field will demand. Circumstances like when computers or printers fail or run out of ink or anything of this nature are not an appropriate reason for lateness of work based on expectations of principals, school districts and parents. My professional and helpful advice is don't do things at the last minute and, make sure you have a contingency plan so that you can (A) use a CD or jump drive to send your assignments via another computer, (B) send yourself an email containing your work (in progress and done) and keep it there (C) keep on an online AU drive or (D) have quick access to another reliable computer in case the one you use fails right up to the last hour before an assignment is due. There are computers in the main library, there is a whole computer room on 3rd floor of Haley and of course there is our LRC with their computers.

As for the learning quiz in each module, the following applies. These are important as they constitute learning and feedback right away to you on correctness of your responses to each item. They are for you to take and learn from right away. Please take these seriously. They help you with understanding specific concepts in a way which is designed to actively engage you and provide feedback immediately. These work directly in correspondence with your 007 cards. Please always refer to the exact 007 card number that the feedback points you to refer back to regarding where to read about a certain concept that the quiz item entailed (*i.e.* conservation, *mid-brain*, *ZPD psychosocial/ developmental/ stages*, etc.) will be how any late testing will be conducted. The 007 cards you may keep as they are a good source to find information in the book that is of focus (and important for you to know in your video lectures and readings

and important to use towards completing your assignments. There will be several dates which are listed in this syllabus and all over in Blackboard which remind you of when all of learning quizzes for a particular UNIT will be due and must be taken by on Blackboard. I have set Blackboard to automatically cut off quiz access at the listed deadline date and time (**11:59 p.m.--Auburn, Alabama time**) on any and all due dates for the module quizzes. This means that if a student fails to take a learning quiz or a few of them or any part by the deadline date and time, then the access is cut off at the date and time of the deadline and I make a record of this in Blackboard gradebook so we both know reason for point deduction. The very next day no later than by 11:59 a.m, I'll enable access again to the module quizzes for that were missed for any remaining people who still need to take the learning quizzes even though they are late in doing so. Again, it will mean though that the grade deduction policies applies since the quiz will be completed late.

Personal extenuating circumstances address absences (i.e. excused absences) for on campus absences but typically do not apply as "excused" when submitting late assignments or quizzes in this course. This is because no assignment, which is due in writing or online format, requires any on campus attendance of a student at the time of its submission on the deadline due date. This includes all quizzes, Blackboard Discussions, polls, and assignments require posting an attachment (Midterm, Final, and one or two other assignments). The submissions are all due online on blackboard, not in person. So, when so much time in advance has been provided to a student to work and submit quizzes or other class assignments and one may turn them in at any time before and up to a deadline, there really is almost zero excuse for late work. Please learn to begin working on assignments and quizzes right when they are assigned or earlier if you end a particular module before its completion date. Furthermore, for the large assignments, all those assignments (with assignment letters noted with a square in the Assignments list), these are provided to you in the scheduling of the order of the modules specifically to allow you ample time to begin work on the module's assignment and then to continue work on it bit by bit, improving, enhancing it, until the time it is due. The sequence of the learning modules are laid out for this purpose, to help discourage procrastination and massed practice and instead to promote reflection, correction, and "distributed practice" and high quality thinking and work products. If you don't follow carefully the modules by their start date and completion date and instead revert to procrastination, then as a future teacher, one is turning their back to the very learning processes they will be obliged to use and instill with your own future students.

**12. Email Communication-Vital:** As far as communication goes for this course, this will be an expectation to check your regular Tiger email but also your BlackBoard email for this course. I'll certainly respond to Tiger emails but we need to use BlackBoard email most often because it is for classes like this one (hybrid format) as well as for courses that are entirely in distance education format. Blackboard Email is 100% protected from all spam and other announcements unlike regular Tiger email. It also enables me to send class-wide announcements to you (about content, deadlines or assignments regarding this class only) which link and send to all of you instantly where as Tigermail does not allow for this. Lastly, it enables for a more organized record keeping system in terms of keeping regular generic email (Tigermail) separate from material you as my students send me for this semester on BlackBoard email, containing your correspondence and assignments to this class. The only times when you will get email from me on Tigermail is of course at the beginning of the course as we get things started and in cases during the semester if and when/if I'm not hearing back from you on email when I should, or are late with an assignment(s), etc.. I may send occasional class wide announcements as well on Tigermail just to make sure you get important information. In those cases, I really try the utmost to communicate on both email platforms to reach a person about problems so they can take the steps necessary to correct things in a timely manner.

It is a student's obligation to inform this instructor of problems right away instead of waiting until the end of semester and claiming that course tasks could not be met. If there are problems, please tell the instructor while there is still plenty of time to hopefully solve them. This also pertains to potential IN (incomplete) for the course. It's the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor if illness, death in the family or some other extenuating circumstance which prevents the completion of course assignments in

order for an IN (Incomplete) to be granted. This must be stated to the instructor by the student (or designee) before grades are due for the course before the end of the semester.

### **13. Class Attendance & Participation Policies:**

#### **Attendance:**

Tiger Cub, Attendance (2) states:

*Students are expected to attend all their scheduled University classes. College work proceeds at such a pace that regular attendance is necessary to receive proper instruction. Specific policies regarding the class attendance are the prerogative of individual faculty members in writing at the beginning of the course regarding effect of absences in the determination of grades.*

In this course section, since we have only about 5 different dates when we meet for discussions and other on campus activities, then all five dates are required attendance. If any are missed then each must be made up as soon afterwards as humanly possible. Emailing this instructor as to make up date and time will be expected. Then, an email from the instructor to you confirming a particular date and time that works will be important to receive so you know for sure when the make-up session can be held. If you know you can't make a certain meeting please tell me in advance if possible and then just reschedule. In the grading area, it lays down that missing a meeting and not making it up leads to a grade drop- please refer to that area.

**Punctuality and Participation as components of attendance:** This policy applies to my grading policies which consider time spent in class as indicative, to a certain extent, of attendance. So, I reserve the right to lower a student's grade by one letter grade if I observe a pattern of missing class time or service learning lab time by coming late, leaving in the middle, or leaving early. By examining BlackBoard, you will be notified of my posted records of where/when there are problems that I'm aware of. Students are expected to participate in all class and team discussions and in all assignments in class and online.

**Weather or illness or other extenuating circumstances:** In case of severe weather problems or personal extenuating circumstances, I do allow for absences without impact on course grade or course credit but on the condition that the absence for each class session or meeting/appointment missed is indeed made up on-site on a day/time that works for us both. In this way, student needs towards missing a class session/meeting are respectfully met according to the situation, but for balance and accountability, the make-up expectation meets the university's requirement towards a "professional follow-through (i.e. completion)" by a student of such course obligations which require attendance on-campus or at a service learning site.

### **14. Other Class Policy Statements:**

#### **A. Understanding the syllabus and Blackboard course material:**

Please carefully read the syllabus and Blackboard course material so you know the policies, duties, assignments, due dates, etc.. Knowing them and fulfilling them will lead you on your path to success in this class and to becoming a successful teacher.

#### **B. Retrieval of Missed Class Material & Assignments:**

Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for becoming informed about missed work that was assigned on the class day of their absence (Tiger Cub). Being a self-directed, self-disciplined learner is a must for all those preparing to be teachers. Using the four retrieval methods listed below will aid in this goal and empower you to keep up with assigned readings or to prepare assignments due in forthcoming

sessions.

**-Study Buddies:** It is preferable to get any missed info, lecture notes or handouts as soon as possible so one way is to check with *study buddies* regarding class material covered that session. Choose 2 or 3 such people in class either whom you know or whom you grow comfortable with once you become acquainted when we form cooperative learning teams. Information you should seek includes: main concepts covered, what the day's activity was, and any announced due assignment, project, or test dates.

**-BlackBoard:** Material posted on Blackboard will be the key information on course content, sequence, deadlines, etc. You will be provided many handouts on Day one of class but some materials you still may decide to print out if you wish which may only be on Blackboard.

**-Office Hours Visits and/or Appointments:** During my office hours, you are welcome to ask me about coursework. I'll gladly help you if you need help. Don't wait until its late in the game.

**C. Academic Honesty / Misconduct Code:** All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the Tiger Cub will apply to university courses. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee. The Department of EFLT recognizes university policy regarding academic misconduct. In accordance with University policy regarding academic misconduct, students may be subject to several sanctions upon violations of the Student Academic Honesty Code. Unless I state otherwise, tests and all assignments will assess your personal (individual) knowledge of course material (*see list of assignments for individual markings which mean these are to be done individually only*). In these cases, having someone help you is considered cheating. Our university now utilizes the services of plagiarism detection software for professors to screen student work. I may, on any assignment, test or paper require your work to be submitted in hard copy and in electronic format. I will not award a grade or points toward a grade for the work unless and until it is submitted in the manner and format required. Work submitted electronically must be written the same word for word as is submitted to me in hard copy--no exceptions or exemptions. Keep in mind that not all work will need to be submitted in this way. I will inform you of submitting your work in electronic format when the time comes to submit certain assignments or tests.

**D. Special Accommodations:** Students who need special accommodations in class, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, should arrange for a confidential meeting with the instructor during office hours (or appt) during the first week of classes( or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately). The student must bring a copy of their Accommodations letter and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. If the student does not have these forms, they should make an appointment with the Program for Students with Disabilities, 1288 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

**E. 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.

**F. Required Auburn Email Account and Synchronization:** Keep your email account for active so that needed student-school communication can take place in the proper timely fashion. This is now an active rule/policy of the entire university. Also, synchronize your password /account so that you can use computers in the LRC computer labs. Ask the campus (O.I.T.) Office of Information Technology staff for immediate assistance if you need to activate or reinstate your Auburn email account. Inquire with LRC staff about synchronizing your password for access to LRC computers. Some computer programs I assign you to use will have to be used at

school, specifically in the LRC. In other words, your home computer may not have capabilities for streaming video from sites such as [www.glef.org](http://www.glef.org), or for programs like Inspiration, WIMBA audio files or United Streaming. In these cases, it is not necessary at all to buy any software but instead to budget your time to visit the LRC to use their computers to watch the films, or use software needed for a class assignment. Please take note of their hours of operation for the LRC which are posted right outside their entry doors. If you have any more specific questions regarding certain days or hours of operation or other LRC related questions just ask someone at their LRC help desk. Note that for your assignments I will be requiring they be submitted to me via email on **BlackBoard**. As far as communication goes for this course, this will be an expectation to check your regular Tiger email but also your BlackBoard email for this course. I use BlackBoard email most often because it is protected from spam unlike regular email. It also makes it more organized in terms of keeping regular generic email separate from email from you as my students for this semester, your correspondence and assignments. The only exception will be CC emails (regarding service learning) from our EFLT Coordinator, Lisa Lively and possibly from your site supervisor. In those cases, you may receive occasionally some emails on your regular Tiger email.

**G. Alternate (just in case) class locations and times:** On all class meetings or appointments in which Haley Center is not an option, we will use the student union near the help desk on the second floor (near Aubie costume), as an alternate location. Many tables and sitting areas are there along with a few standing computers. This area should suffice as a contingency location when/if Haley is inaccessible. This is only to be used if we can't meet in Haley for some unexpected reason.

In case of bad weather, then read my email close to or on the date (near time) of missed class session which prompts you to email me makeup/reschedule time as soon as possible so we can plan a makeup/rescheduled session. The main expectation is on the student to communicate immediately an available day and time for a makeup session so this can be planned and then held.

**H. Materials on loan:** All materials loaned to you must be returned by the end of the semester. I loan these to you so you don't have to purchase them and since we normally would use them in an on-campus class as a part of class activities weekly. Returning them at the end makes loans possible.

**I. Scaffolding (help) Policy:** After some help has been given in a formative manner, I will sometimes need to limit the amount later on so that you rely more on your own skills and effort which hopefully become internalized. In other words, I provide limited scaffolding (help). In addition, the help must have limits or instead of being scaffolding which is defined as helping a student perform a task so that she/he learns to do it on their own, the opposite can happen without expressed limits. In other words, to write well, some help on mistakes or grammar are provided from time to time but not on everything or almost everything. Some areas of improvement on a task will be left unsaid so that a student can learn to apply criteria so they can effectively search, locate and correct and improve their work. Again, without this understanding between a student and instructor, the opposite may happen-total reliance of the student on the instructor. So, if the goal is student autonomy, then not all things I see as wrong with an assignment can be reasonably expressed to a student in a formative assessment manner. A few things can be communicated but not all things. Remember, a student won't begin to be self-regulatory until and unless some expectation for autonomy is reinforced by an instructor and placed back onto a student. So when someone says in an email or in class, *"Let me know if my paper looks ok or if there is anything wrong with it before I turn it in for a grade."* Again, if I've already helped a reasonable amount, and/or if the assignment was to perform the assignment without help, then this is not an appropriate request.

Teacher help should be given often but shouldn't be entwined with a student's grade in such a way that blame for a lower than expected grade is presumed to be the fault of a teacher for not giving an unending amount of help on an assignment before it is submitted for grading. Again, help is fine but needs to have some limits. But the grade still has to be a separate process and the grading, within reason, must

be done so with the understanding to the student that help is limited for developmental reasons. As an adult, even a young adult, this expectation is the only appropriate way of moving through this class or any other in that learning will involve help but then the assessment (grading) will often be of what you do on your own, with what you've learned, practices, skills, thinking, etc. A student can't grow if all of their improvement rests solely on the extent of their teacher to help them with things they need to internalize to then apply in a self-help, self-regulatory manner. This includes but is not limited to such things as writing papers, analysis, thinking, etc. So, from time to time, it may be necessary to remind someone that they may be asking for an undue (excessive) amount of feedback or help. I'll be respectful in doing this by simply pointing out that your own efforts are needed as you work on your assignment and I've played my helper role for this particular assignment to the fullest. I may at times ask for a phone call so I can provide some help via phone or meeting during office hours or appointment. Not all feedback can be necessarily fit into an email due to the excessive time it may take as well as the limits in understanding as a possible outcome from feedback in writing only versus an augment of oral/verbal dialogue as added feedback.

The psychology here as it directly affects your motivation is that there are limits in the amount of help that should be provided to a teacher in training student on any one assignment to help and these limits are so that a student expects more of her/himself in effectively producing their own work and understanding rather than being overly dependent/reliant on an instructor. You too one day will need to establish this overall expectation (to some extent) with your own students (even with most children) in order to help them see a need to do things on their own and to do them well. As an illustration, you will have to *"teach them how to fish so they can gather their own meals"*. An outcome of this kind is a most basic part of human learning, cognition, autonomy, development, motivation and educational progress.

**J. Ethics of grading and receiving a grade (sound and fair grades):** A student may ask a question on assignments (within reason) on what things constituted a lower grade than they perhaps expected. But where things become a problem, an ethics problem, are when sometimes a student will make a request for a higher than deserved course grade for such reasons as for example, *"I need an A"*, or *"I have a scholarship that makes me need an A for the course"*. Not for any reason does any student "need" an A. Such requests or comments are extremely inappropriate, unethical, and disrespectful from the perspective of our university, our college, and the field of teaching you are studying to enter. A basic rule and need that teachers are hired to honor is to honestly grade a student based on criteria and grading systems established and to do so as fairly as possible and with the least amount of bias. So, I ask in advance to please, at all costs, refrain from making any such comments or requests at all to me in person, on email, in writing, or on the phone. Such statements, (whether intended this way or not), are simply unethical and misguided ways to apparently appeal to an instructor's supposed sympathy, sense of forgiveness, etc.. In reality, our job (our paid duty) is such that, just as important as is our instruction, is our grading (judgment) on the level of student attainment of course objectives. You soon will be held to just as high (maybe even higher) standards for grade distribution per each class you teach and particularly when your students' grades are compared inevitably by district and state administrators with each student's performance on standardized tests in relation to *No Child Left Behind* requirements each school must meet. So, to sum it up, you too will very soon be in the same seat as a judge of student performance. Teacher judgments on student progress must be sound and fair to properly serve children, parents, schools, and society. Please also refer to the [Alabama Educator Code of Ethics. \(5\)\(c\)5.\(i\)](#) to further your understanding of ethics in teaching which you will need to know. These are fairly uniform across all 50 states. No matter where you teach, these will be important to know and abide by.

**K. Add/Drop, Incompletes and Withdrawals:** Grades associated with incomplete course work or a withdrawal from class will be assigned in strict conformity to University policy (see A.U. Bulletin latest edition). If you wish to drop this course, you may do so no later than by the date indicated by the Registration Office. Students who drop at this time will receive a "W". After the official university

deadline for withdrawals, a withdrawal from this course will only be granted under very unusual circumstances and must be approved by the Dean of the College of Education. Please be advised that an Incomplete mark for this course may be reported first, temporarily (in a student's GPA), as an F which will negatively affect a GPA. This is a protocol of the registrar's office. It is not my protocol nor is it within my authority to prevent or change this protocol. According to AU Policies, Incompletes (I) are given only for certain conditions and situations (see Tiger Cub). If service learning hours by the end of a semester's deadline are below 25 hours then this will constitute an "F" Failure for the course. According to the AL. State Dept. of Education, a sufficient amount of service must be done during the time in which a student is taking this course to the number of 25 clock hours. They actually make zero allowances for anything less than 25 hours.

L. Any changes in syllabus policy, assignments, points, etc. will be announced on email in Blackboard and in the class announcements area on Blackboard. Assignment posts (instructions, etc) will be announced so you know when you can open and begin each UNIT of MODULES. Students are responsible for being aware of changes and checking their Blackboard email and Blackboard class announcements as well as their Tigermail. For remaining parts of syllabus, see the Syllabus Supporting Material files which are provided in hard copy to student on meeting 1 of class and posted in Blackboard in the STARTER MODULE in the Syllabus folder. Also part of this syllabus (*in your hard copy- in three ring binder*) includes the mid-term project and final project. These are additional parts to this syllabus but shown on Blackboard in their own files for the sake of better organization, less clutter and consume less space in their own files. They will be discussed at length when we meet for Meeting Two.

*Thanks for reading this syllabus and becoming informed about the course so you can succeed!!*