

EDUC 4673 CIN4: Teaching English as a Second Language

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Syllabus

Course Description

This course will provide you with the basic skills required to plan and teach ESL classes in a variety of contexts. Course content, in the form of readings, short lectures, and sample teaching materials, will be combined with assignment work that will challenge you to explore a range of language teaching techniques, and enable you to analyze and develop effective course materials for your lessons.

Instructor

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Course Overview

By the end of the course you will be able to:

1. Critique and compare approaches to TESOL.
2. Discuss the main considerations, including classroom management, when teaching reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, pronunciation, and lexis.
3. Analyze existing TESOL classroom materials and create your own.
4. Recognize and manage important ethical considerations related to your teaching practice.
5. Discuss professional practice and development.
6. Plan, prepare to teach, and evaluate an ESL class.

Required Textbook

Brown, J. D., & Lee, H. (2015). *Teaching by principles: An interactive approach to language pedagogy (4th ed.)*. New York, NY: Pearson Education, Inc.

ISBN (Print): 978-0-13-392585-2

ISBN (eText): 978-0-13-392606-4

Links to Online Teaching Resources

[Tutela - Online Community for ESL/FSL Professionals](#)

[Breaking News English](#)

[One Stop English](#)

[BBC World Service - Teaching English](#)

[ESL Gold](#)

[Merriam-Webster - Learner's Dictionary](#)

Links to Useful Blogs and Websites

[TESL Canada](#)

[TESL Nova Scotia](#)

[An A-Z of ELT](#)

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Evaluation

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| Quizzes | 15% |
| Major Assignment I: Observation Report | 15% |
| Major Assignment II: Lesson Plan 1 | 20% |
| Major Assignment III: Lesson Plan 2 | 25% |
| Cumulative Reflective Journal | 25% |
| Total Grade | 100% |

Course Schedule

| Module | Topic | Required Reading | Assignments |
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| 1 | Approaches to Second Language Teaching | Chapters 1-3 | Quiz & Journal |
| 2 | Classroom Management | Chapters 12-14 & Thornbury (pdf) | Quiz & Journal |
| 3 | Planning Lessons and Developing Materials | Chapters 10 & 11 | Journal & Major Assignment I: Observation report |
| 4 | Teaching Reading and Writing | Chapters 17 & 18 | Journal & Major Assignment II: Lesson Plan 1 |
| 5 | Teaching Language - Grammar and Lexis | Chapter 19 | Quiz & Journal |
| 6 | Teaching Language - Pronunciation | Chapter 16 excerpt (pp. 371-379) & Hebert (pdf) | Quiz & Journal |
| 7 | Teaching Listening and Speaking | Chapters 15 & 16 | Journal & Major Assignment III: Lesson Plan 2 |
| 8 | Assessment and Evaluation | Chapters 20 & 21 | Journal |
| 9 | Intercultural Communication | Chapter 8 & Alptekin (pdf) | Journal |
| 10 | Professional Practice and Development | Chapters 22 & 23 | Journal |

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- Cheating is copying or the use of unauthorized aids or the intentional falsification or invention of information in any academic exercise
- Plagiarism is the act of presenting the ideas or words of another as one's own. Students are required to acknowledge and document the sources of ideas that they use in their written work.
- Self plagiarism is also a form of plagiarism. It is the presentation of the same work in more than one course without the permission of the instructors involved.
- A student who knowingly helps another to commit an act of academic dishonesty is equally guilty.
- Penalties are levied in relation to the degree of the relevant infraction. They range from requiring the student to re-do the piece of work, through failure on that piece of work, to failure in the course, and to dismissal from the university.

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