# GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Ph.D. in Education Program

**Doctoral Specializations: Teaching & Teacher Education, International Education** 

## **EDUC 853.001**

## World Perspectives of Teacher Education Fall 2016 - 3 Credits CRN 71672

## **Meeting Times/Days:**

4:30 p.m. – 7:10 PM

Mondays: August 29 – December 12

**Location:** 

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## **Course Outline and Requirements**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Explores theory, research, and practice related to education with a global perspective focusing on cross-cultural contexts and analysis related to current US and internationally-based teacher preparation and continuing professional development, pedagogical models, policy reforms and their historical contexts.

Prerequisite: admission to the Ph.D. Program, or with permission of the instructor.

#### LEARNER OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES:

As a result of this course, students participating in EDUC 853 will be able to:

1. Articulate a personal definition of international-mindedness and how it relates to teacher education,

- 2. Support their understanding of the emergent nature of teacher education in the international domain by drawing on historical and current research and literature in the field to inform both local and broader reaching decision making,
- 3. Examine their immediate local educational context in light of the international sector, as it pertains to diversity practices and policies in teacher education,
- 4. Summarize, synthesize and compare specific aspects of U.S. based teacher education to selected international perspectives and approaches in consideration of the global perspective,
- 5. Examine an essential practice or policy cross-culturally, e.g., parental involvement, indigenous languages, first languages, second languages, World Englishes, and consider their role in schools,
- 6. Formulate an inquiry question or area of research and articulate a subsequent plan of action that is relevant to their educational context and career goals.

### REQUIRED TEXT/ RELATED READINGS

Hayden, M., Levy, J., & Thompson, J.(Eds.). (2015). *The SAGE handbook of research in international education* (Second Edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Electronic Resources** and other journal articles, periodicals, and online resources, as identified, will be used in the course and made available on E-reserves or via Blackboard 9.1. **International Teacher Education Journals,** such as the following will provide current research data for discussion and examination:

The *European Journal of Teacher Education* is an international academic journal that provides a forum for the examination of policies, theories, and practices related to the education of teachers at pre-service and in-service levels in the countries of Europe. The official journal of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE), its audience includes all those who have a professional concern with or interests in the training of teachers for all age groups. <a href="http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/02619768.asp">http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/02619768.asp</a>

The *Journal of Education for Teaching* is an established international refereed periodical which publishes original contributions on the subject of teacher education. The journal interprets 'teacher education' in the widest sense, to include initial training, inservice education and staff development. The editors welcome scholarly discussions of new issues, reports of research projects or surveys of research work in particular fields, and contributions to current debates in teacher education throughout the world, generally or on specific issues. http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/02607476.asp

The *Journal of Research in International Education* is a peer-reviewed journal in international education for schools, examiners and higher education institutions throughout the world. The *Journal of Research in International Education* seeks to advance the understanding and significance of international education. It sets out to undertake a rigorous consideration of the educational implications of the fundamental relationship between human unity and human diversity that 'education for international understanding' requires

**Teacher Development** is a fully referred international journal publishing articles on all aspects of teachers' professional development. It acts as a forum for critical and reflective attention to practice in teacher development and aims thereby to contribute to the quality

of professional development. The journal takes a 'whole-career' view of teacher development, and work from both international and inter-professional perspectives is welcome. Articles may deal with teacher development in varying political and professional contexts, and may be in a variety of styles, in keeping with the diversity of activity in professional development. The journal carries accounts of personal experience, evaluations of teacher development policies and practices, research reports and theoretical discussions. http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13664530.asp

International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning [USA]

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

**Course Delivery.** Dialogic in nature, EDUC 853 is predicated upon expanding professional development and international understanding through interactive discussion, critical reflection, and research. Course delivery is learner-centered and in a combination of ways in order to meet the course objectives and the needs of participants employing a variety of in-class, on-line, cooperative, and individualized instructional strategies. Instruction includes:

- Student Directed Presentations and Discussions;
- *Discussions* (i.e., active involvement of students in learning by asking questions that engage doctoral students in deep critical thinking and engaged verbal interaction);
- *Cooperative and Collaborative learning* (i.e., small group guided learning interactions emphasizing learning from and with others);
- Guest lectures:
- *School/education-based research*;
- *Blackboard 9.1* <sup>TM</sup> web-based course management system to extend classroom learning and foster personal and collaborative reflection.

#### **Principle Class Assignments and Requirements**

	Class Assignments for EDUC 853				
Project	Percent age of Grade	<b>Due Date</b>			
III	Each person is responsible for reading all of the materials designated for class discussion. Students are expected to actively participate in every class session, both in class discussions and in electronic postings, by critically analyzing, asking questions, or making observations about the readings, thereby indicating they have thoroughly prepared for the class.  Students are expected to attend all classes, arriving on time, and should inform the instructor of a need for absence from class. Please note that more than one class absence may potentially result in a reduction in the grade earned by a student.	30 percent	Each class meeting during the semester		
			Reflections		

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Written Reading	Students will write two focused article reflective responses (3 pp. each) in response to course readings of their selection,	20 percent	due on 10/3 &
Responses &	And		10/31
Critiques	One longer response in the form of a critique of a selected	(5 % per reflection	Article
	reading from EDUC 853 (see guidelines on page 8 of the	& 10 % for the	Critique
	syllabus). (5 pp. max.)	critique)	due on or before
			Nov. 14
Discussion Leader	Each student will be responsible for leading an in-class		
	discussion focusing on one of the evening's assigned	10	Individual
	readings and topic. The criteria for the discussion are	percent	Due Dates
	provided on page 7 of this syllabus and will also be		
	discussed in class. The guided topic discussion should		
	include 1) additional research references, and 2) a handout to		
facilitate discussion, expand thinking, and broaden the scope			
	of the assigned readings.		
Study or Action Plan	The EDUC 853 Performance-Based Assessment		
	Research study, Integrated work plan, or Action/Inquiry	4.0	
	Study incorporating the Contexts of World Perspectives and	40	Dec. 12th
	International Research; will include a <i>synthesis</i> of the	percent	
	relevant literature selected from a strong representation of		
	the EDUC 853 readings and a <i>final critical reflection</i> of the		
	project and results /next steps		
	Oral Sharing of project with colleagues in the final class		

*Performance-Based Assessment (Major Project) (40%)* – in consultation with your professor, each participant will select a major project to be conducted during the semester and presented as the final capstone project, synthesizing knowledge. These projects/research studies should reflect the incorporation of the world perspectives course content, and must include a synthesis of a strong representation of relevant EDUC 853 literature covered in the course, using APA 6th. The performance assessment should also be relevant to the educational role/context of the individual participant and will include a "sharing of scholarship" in the final class. Some suggestions for the Application of World Perspectives include:

- i. writing an article in preparation for publication submission that relates to the 853 course content;
- ii. identifying potential funding sources for a particular study or project, and writing a grant proposal, using 853 as foundational literature and rationale;
- iii. creating a seminar series for teacher/educator professional development that incorporates the principal 853 components;
- iv. creating a community education series for parents and community leaders based on international mindedness or any of the themes covered in 853;
- v. submitting a proposal for a major conference presentation based on the 853 research literature, and creating drafts of the presentation components and materials;

vi. Another study or project, as identified through consultation with the professor, may be selected; this option should be of similar scope and depth, and have instructor approval.

Each of the projects/studies will include the following six components: 1) a clear context and point of departure; 2) rationale or justification for the study, or project; 3) a synthesizing review of a strong representation of relevant EDUC 853 readings and other related literature; and 4) method, analysis, and findings with preliminary conclusions; or the body of work for the selected project; and 5) an individual reflection on the project and its results (personal and professional meaning, major learning from the project, with focused connections to principal learning from 853 literature).

6) Presentation of Major Project/Dissemination of research/work — Projects/studies will be shared orally with the class and any attending guests during the last class meeting. An evaluation rubric for the course performance-based assessment is included at the end of the syllabus.

**EVALUATION**The University-wide system for grading graduate courses is as follows:

Grade	Standards	Grading	Grade Points	Graduate Courses
A+	Substantially Exceeds Standard	98 - 100	4.00	Exemplary / Passing
A	Meets Standard	93 – 100	4.00	Excellent / Passing
A-	Meets Standard	90 – 92.9	3.67	Satisfactory / Passing
B+	Approaches Standard	88 – 89.9	3.33	Satisfactory / Passing
В	Approaches Standard	83 – 87.9	3.00	Satisfactory / Passing
B-	Approaches Standard	80 – 82.9	2.67	Satisfactory / Passing
С	Attempts Standard	70 – 79.9	2.00	Unsatisfactory / Passing
F	Does not Meet Standard	Below 70%	0.00	Failing

#### GMU POLICIES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- a. Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <a href="http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/">http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/</a>]
- b. Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <a href="http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/">http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/</a>]
- c. Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school,

and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.

- d. The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experiences and academic performance [See <a href="http://caps.gmu.edu/">http://caps.gmu.edu/</a>]
- e. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <a href="http://ods.gmu.edu/">http://ods.gmu.edu/</a>]
- f. Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during the class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- **g.** The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See <a href="http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/">http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/</a>]

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITIONS

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

#### **CORE VALUES COMMITMENT**

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to *Social justice, Innovation, Research-based practice, Ethical leadership, and Collaboration.*Students are expected to adhere to these principles. [See <a href="http://cehd.gmu.edu/values">http://cehd.gmu.edu/values</a>]

EDCI 853 reflects the mission and core beliefs of the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University through its commitment to engage doctoral students in critical reflection and research literature that promotes ethical educational leadership, deep understanding of a world perspective in educational decision-making, knowledgeable teacher education professionals who can teach their content and work effectively with diverse language learners, understand and implement research-based practice, and collaborate productively with colleagues. CEHD's five Core Values are integrated with and actively incorporated in the course content, discussions, and student work associated with EDUC 853:

Collaboration Ethical Leadership Innovation Research-based Practice Social Justice

#### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, Graduate School of Education, please visit our website [See <a href="http://gse.gmu.edu/">http://gse.gmu.edu/</a> ]

## I. Course Schedule: Fall 2016 for EDUC 853-World Perspectives in Teacher Education

[NOTE: This schedule of readings may be changed to better meet the context and needs of class members enrolled during the semester or to accommodate special speakers or related professional opportunities that might arise. If changes are made, they will be posted on the class Blackboard site and noted in advance.]

		Weekly Schedule
Class	Theres/Torsio	· ·
Class	Theme/Topic	Topics, Schedule, and Assigned Readings
Class One August 29	Course Introduction & Overview	Introduction to EDUC 853 course content; Syllabus is located on our class site on <i>Blackboard</i> 9.1 You are welcome to print your own hard copy if you prefer to work from a paper version.  Setting the Context: International Mindedness & World Perspectives in Teacher Education — What do these terms mean to you? What is our role as educators to advance the academy's thinking, research, and application of IM and what role does intercultural competence play in our work as educators?
Two Sept. 12	Theme One  Historical Context of International Education & Developing Definitions	Theme One: Historical Contexts & Defining International-Mindedness Introductory Reading: Please read the Introduction to this second edition text, pp. 1-11, as background, and Ch.1 if you have not already read this for another International Education course: Chapter 1 - Historical Resources for Research in International Education – Robert Sylvester Readings (continued): Chapter 2 – The History and Development of International Mindedness – Ian Hill Chapter 7 – The Global Education Terminology Debate: Exploring Some of the Issues – Harriet Marshall  Tate, N. (2012). Challenges and pitfalls facing international education in a post-international world. Journal of Research in International Education, 11, 205-217. DOI: 10.1177/1475240912461219  Today: Identification of Discussion Topics (list in class) & dates, with projected topic/articles selection

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Class	Theme/Topic	Topics, Schedule, and Assigned Readings
Three		International-Mindedness, Global Competence, and Teacher Education Chapter 3 – International Mindedness and its Enemies – Terry Haywood
Sept 19	International- mindedness,	Chapter 4 – Cosmopolitanism and Cosmopolitan Cultural Identity as a Model to Enrich International Education – <i>Konrad Gunesch</i>
	Global Competence, and Teacher Education	Wang, E., Lin, E., Spalding, E., Odell, S., & Klecka, C. (2011). Understanding teacher education in an era of globalization. <i>Journal of Teacher Education</i> , 62(2), 115-120.
		Zhao, Y. (2010). Preparing globally competent teachers: A new imperative for teacher education. Journal of Teacher Education, 61(5), 422-431.
Four		Theme Two: Social and Cultural Contexts Chapter 14 – Development and Assessment of Intercultural Competence – Kenneth Cushner
Sept 26	Social and Cultural Contexts	Byram, M., & Feng, A. (2005). Teaching and researching intercultural competence. In E. Hinkel (Ed.) <i>Handbook of research in second language teaching and learning</i> (pp. 911-930), Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.
		The Intercultural research of Geert Hofstede: <a href="http://www.geert-hofstede.com">http://www.geert-hofstede.com</a> Hofstede, G. (2011). Dimensionalizing cultures: The Hofstede model in context. <i>Online Readings in Psychology and Culture</i> , 2(1). <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.9707/2307-0919.1014">http://dx.doi.org/10.9707/2307-0919.1014</a>
Five	Theme Two	Theme Two: Social, Linguistic, & Cultural Contexts  Chapter 15 – Critical Perspective on Language in International Education – Trevor Grimshaw
Oct. 3	Social, Linguistic, &	Fox, R. K. (2012). Critical role of language in international classrooms. In B. Shaklee and S. Bailey, (Eds.), <i>Internationalizing U.S. teacher education</i> , pp. 59-76. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Class	Theme/Topic	Weekly Schedule  Topics, Schedule, and Assigned Readings
Six Oct. 11 (Kindly note the Tuesday class date-Fall Break on Mon. Tuesday classes do not meet)	Theme Three  International Education in the Context of Teaching and Learning  Focus on Student	Kachru, Y. (2005). Teaching and learning of world Englishes. In E. Hinkel (Ed.) <i>Handbook of research in second language teaching and learning</i> (pp. 155-173), Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.  Çubukçu, F. (2010). Empowerment or disempowerment: That is the question (English as an international language) in EIL. <i>International Online Journal of Educational Sciences</i> , 2(1), 98-109.  **Due By Today: Reflective Article Response One (please submit electronically by email attachment to instructor)  **Theme Three: International Education in the Context of Teaching and Learning Student Populations (e.g. Who are the global learners? What languages do they speak? What are their needs, and how do we meet them? What role does ICC play here?)  Reljić, G., Ferring, D., & Martin, R. (2015). A meta-analysis on the effectiveness of bilingual programs in Europe. Review of Educational Research, 85(1), 92-128. DOI: 10.3102/0034654314548514  Wang, L., & Byram, M. (2011). 'But when you are doing your exams it is the same as in China' – Chinese students adjusting to western approaches to teaching and learning. Cambridge Journal of Education, 41(4), 407-424.  Chapter 13 – Culture and Identity: A Method for Exploring Individuals within Groups – Richard Pearce
Seven October 17	Theme Three	International Education in the Context of Teaching and Learning  Chapter 21 – Student Interpersonal Communication in International Education – Perry den Brok and Jan van Tartwijk
	the context of Teaching and	Fox, R., & Diaz-Greenberg, R. (2006). Culture, multiculturalism, and world language standards:

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	Learning	Toward a discourse of dissonance. European Journal of Teacher Education, 29(3), 401-422.
		Phuong-Mai, N., Terlouw, C., Pilot, A, & Elliott, J. (2009). Cooperative learning that features a culturally appropriate pedagogy. <i>British Educational Research Journal</i> , <i>35</i> (6), 857-875.
Eight	Theme Four	Theme Four: Teachers and Their Professional Learning
October 24	Professional	Chapter 19 - Pre-service Teacher Preparation for International Settings – <i>Jack Levy and Rebecca Fox</i> [provided separately in our articles folder in Bb]
		Chapter 20 – Preparing Globally Competent Teachers for the International School Context – <i>Iris</i> van Werven
Nine	Theme Four	Theme Four: Teachers and Their Professional Learning
October 31	Teachers and Their Professional	Loomis, S., Rodriguez, J., & Tillman, R. (2008). Developing into similarity: Global teacher education in the twenty-first century. <i>European Journal of Teacher Education</i> , 31(3), 233-245.
Note – this will likely be an online		Dooly, M., & Villanueva, M. (2006). Internationalisation as a key dimension to teacher education. <i>European Journal of Teacher Education</i> , 29(2), 223-240.
class		Due By Today: Reflective Article Response Two (please submit electronically by email)
		<i>Email to your instructor this week: Projected</i> Research/Study Topic for your final 853 product—half to one-page general plan and/or brief overview of your idea
	Theme Four	Theme Four: Teachers and Their Professional Learning
Ten		Lunenberg, M., & Willemse, M., (2006). Research and professional development of teacher educators. <i>European Journal of Teacher Education</i> , 29(1), 81-98.
1407. /	O	Sercu, L. (2006). The foreign language and intercultural competence teacher: The acquisition of a

		Weekly Schedule
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		new professional identity. <i>Intercultural Education</i> , 17(1), 55-72.  DOI: 10.1080/14675980500502321
		Fox, R. K., Muccio, L. S., White, S. C., & Tian, J. (2015). Investigating advanced professional learning of early career and experienced teachers through program portfolios. <i>European Journal of Teacher Education</i> , 38, 154-179. DOI: 10.1080/02619768.2015.1022647
		Send Today Please: Your list of (emergent/potential) references projected for your Research/Study/Course Project so that we might begin to dialogue about your resources
Eleven	Theme Five	Theme 5: Current Issues and Future Challenges
November 14	Current Issues and	Chapter 5 – International-mindedness and the Brain: The Difficulties of 'Becoming' – <i>Martin Skelton</i>
		Chapter 17 – The Intersection of Learning, Globalization and Technology: Historical Perspectives and Future Outlooks – <i>Apostolos Koutropoulos and Alan Girelli</i>
		Heyward, M. (2002). From international to intercultural: Redefining the international school for a globalized world. <i>Journal of Research in International Education</i> , 9(1), 9 - 32.
		Due By Today: Article Critique (please submit electronically)
Nov. 21	Work week	No F2F class meeting this week – work on your final studies/projects, collect data, and read ahead

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Twelve Nov. 28	Theme Fire Current Issues and Future Challenges  A focus on Policy	Themes Five: A focus on Policy Chapter 31 - Investigating Education Policy Transfer – David Phillips  Chapter 33 – Monitoring Standards of Education Worldwide: PISA and its Consequences – Denns Niemann and Kerstin Martens  Engel, L., & Olden, K. (2012). One size fits all: Balancing internationalization and standardization of the U.S. education system. In B. Shaklee and S. Bailey, (Eds.), Internationalizing U.S. teacher education, pp. 77-92. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
Thirteen Dec. 5	Moving our Work Forward:  Toward a Research Agenda for Our Times	Toward a Research Agenda for Our Times: Application of Research toward International Mindedness and "Global Fluency"  Chapter 10 – Voices from Abroad: A Contextual Approach to Educational Research and Cultural Diversity – Michael Allen  Vasquez, O. (2006). Cross-national explorations of sociocultural research on learning. Review of Research in Education (Special Issue on Rethinking Learning: What Counts as Learning and What Learning Counts) 30, 33-64.  Goodwin, A.L., Smith, L, Souto-Manning, M., Cheruvu, R, Tan, M.Y., Reed, R., & Taveras, L. (2014). What should teacher educators know and be able to do? Perspectives from practicing teacher educators. Journal of Teacher Education, 65(4), 284-302.  Doi: 10.1177/0022487114535266  Bring to class your near-final draft of Study/Applied Plan for refinement and peer editing/review
Fourteen	l	Application of Research in World Perspectives in Your Educational Setting and in Your Professional Work as Leaders

		Weekly Schedule
Class	Theme/Topic	Topics, Schedule, and Assigned Readings
Dec. 12		Final Discussion: Pulling It All Together
	Application of	
	Research to Practice	Course Evaluations
		Class Sharing/Presentations: Dissemination of Knowledge through your Course Research Studies  Due by today's class: Final version of Course Projects/Studies due to instructor – please email as a Word file attachment by class today

## Rubric for Final Applied Research Study/Project The Designated EDUC 853 Performance-Based Assessment

Elements	Unsatisfactory	Emergent to Good	Very Good	Exemplary
	1-2	3	4	4
	D - F	C	В	A
Rationale or	Rationale for the	Rationale for the significance	Rationale for the	Rationale for the significance
Justification	significance or	or importance of the project is	significance or	or importance of the project is
	importance of the project	provided but lacks clarity	importance of the project	stated, and examples and/or
	is missing or very unclear		is identified and	justification are articulated
			adequately articulated	clearly
Connections to	The project outlines the	The project generally	The project establishes	The project establishes clear
Literature and	project but does not	establishes connections to the	some connections to the	and accurate connections to
Research	provide clear connections	EDUC 853 readings/ research	EDUC 853 readings/	EDUC 853 readings/research
	to readings/research or	but may only provide limited	research and provides	and provides a solid context
	evidence of international	inclusion of international	some inclusion of	of international perspectives
	mindedness or other	mindedness or other course	international mindedness	through references of
	course themes	themes	or other course themes	international-mindedness and
				other course themes/readings
Application or	The project is unable to	The project has potential	The project has a timeline	The project is in place, or
Submission of	be applied or	application or has been	established, and has	ready for activation, with
Design	implemented	partially implemented,	preliminary data, but	identified logistics and
		however the timeline for	some aspects may still be	implementation timeline
		completion is unclear	unclear	clearly articulated in the
				narrative
_	Minimal, or no, 853 or	Few 853, or other, references	Some 853, or other,	A strong, representative
Resources &	complementary	are used in the study;	references and additional	number of 853 and
Dissemination	references are included;	there are multiple APA	references are included;	complementing references are
	does not comply with	irregularities. Study is	some APA irregularities	clearly and accurately
	APA style, or contains	minimally shared with class	may be present. Study is	incorporated, and are in
	multiple irregularities.	members or is not ready for	generally organized when	accurate APA (6 <sup>th</sup> ed) style.
	Study is not organized	dissemination	shared with the class	Study is clearly organized
	when shared with class		members and is generally	when shared with the class
	members, or is not ready		ready for dissemination	members, and is ready for
	for dissemination			dissemination.

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Language/Writing	Author makes more than	Author makes some errors in	Author makes minimal to	Author makes no, or very
	5 errors in grammar,	grammar, mechanics or	few errors in grammar,	few, errors in grammar,
	mechanics or spelling that	spelling that distracts the	mechanics or spelling.	spelling or mechanics. Uses
	distract the reader from	reader from the content. Uses	Uses language with	language masterfully to
	the content, or there are	language that is appropriate	elaboration to express	express ideas. Writing is
	error patterns evident.	but may not be fluent or	ideas. Writing is	clearly at the graduate level
	Writing is not at the level	engaging. Writing approaches	generally at the graduate	and shows careful editing.
	of graduate work.	that of graduate level quality,	level, but may benefit	
		but may need additional	from more careful	
		development.	editing.	
Critical Reflection	The author has reported	The author appears to be	The author has included a	The author includes a rich
	information without	making meaning of the	reflection at the	reflection that draws clear
	elaboration or has drawn	project, but the reflection may	conclusion that generally	conclusions, discusses the
	conclusions without	need further elaboration to	addresses the project's	project's impact on her/his
	justification. There is a	articulate the author's	impact on the field; it is	learning and on the field;
	brief reflection only, or	personal understanding and	reflective in nature,	presents a critically reflective
	the reflection does not	growth in the topic and/or its	however, more	framework to explain a
	articulate the author's	connection to the author's	elaboration or personal	personal understanding and
	personal understanding	professional context.	understanding and growth	growth in the topic and its
	and growth in the topic as		in the topic and its	connections and applications
	a result of this study, or		connection to the author's	to the author's professional
	present a connection to		professional context	context.
	the author's professional		would strengthen the	
	context.		reflection.	

## EDUC 853 Guidelines for Leading an In-Class Discussion

As you prepare to lead a class discussion, please consider ways to make the discussion/ presentation *interactive* and *dialogic* by engaging class members in active learning and discussion through well prepared questions, or creating interactive ways for them to connect professionally and personally with the information presented. Consider the outcomes you would like to achieve through your presentation and the literature you would like for attendees to understand. Articulate these clearly.

Please consider the organization of your discussion, clarity of purpose and presentation of key ideas presented in the article and topic whose discussion you are leading. Your discussion/facilitation should connect the article/chapter you have selected to the *broader context of our course material* on World Perspectives, including international mindedness, and international education, the theme from which it was drawn, etc. Please pose thoughtful questions that encourage dialogue and include interactive participation. Consider the following guidelines as you prepare to help you provide structure to your presentation and to help you facilitate the discussion, make critical connections, and deepen critical thinking skills that enable you to connect to course content and the broader literature. Think of yourself as the expert on your article. You should enhance the knowledge base of your colleagues through *additional resources* beyond our course readings; please include a list of references for participants. Please *send these in advance* for posting with the weekly materials on Bb and provide any necessary in-class supports in paper copy. If you include a Power Point Guide, kindly also email it prior to class for posting on our class *BlackBoard 9.1 (myMason)* site.

## **Article Discussion Guidelines to Support Presentation Preparation & Participation**

Presenter(s)	
Article/Overall Topic	
Process: Discussion Facilitation Clear Opening with sharing of objectives and context	
Key Points clearly articulated	
Organization of the discussion through a series of interactive learning pathways	
Closure	

#### Content: Clear Connections to Course Content and the Broader Literature

Involvement of others in the discussion through critical questions / engagement Connections to EDUC 853 and other relevant readings

**References** included in APA 6th

## EDUC 853 Guidelines for the Article/Research Critique

First, please provide a *reference* for the article selected for your critique; this should be in APA (6<sup>th</sup> edition) style.

Then include the following, as applicable:

- I. Brief Overview
  - Please provide a *brief* overview, including the following information, *as it is applicable/available*:
  - 1) The *purpose* of the study or a brief overview of the chapter a *brief* description, usually a *short* paragraph, of what the study examined or the principle information covered in the chapter. For your research article, you may find that the research questions or hypotheses often provide this information concisely.
  - 2) Briefly describe the *method* used in the study (if this is a research study). You should briefly describe research approaches used, sample size, and notable demographics; length of the study; data analysis.
  - 3) Briefly capture the *results* of the study and conclusions/implications(s).
- II. Discussion of the Article/Study: This section will give you an opportunity to respond to the article and connect personally to what you have read. Your discussion should include three to four principle points that also make connections to your educational context. In the domain of academic writing at the doctoral level, be sure to include connections to literature and readings (853 and other).

The discussion is very important, as it provides you the opportunity to comment on the value of the research as it was conceptualized, presented, conducted, and reported in the study. Is it clear, viable, well conducted? You might also address the research application for the broader global educational community, including teachers, students, and schools. Some elements to examine are: a) contributions, b) research design and validity, as well as the appropriateness of the design to the research questions, c) clarity and adequacy, d) contributions/significance of the study, e) suggestions for improvement, f) applicability of the study to a global context, g) suggestions for future research direction and efforts.

III. **Reflection** – This section should include information about *why* you selected this particular article, its meaning and appeal to you personally, *how it has served to advance your thinking*, and *how* it might apply to your doctoral area of specialization and/or inform your thinking and research. In considering this aspect of your reflection, you might focus on your working definition of international-mindedness and/or intercultural competence as a result of reading and writing about this article.

Length: 5 pp. maximum, please!! Be succinct, direct, focused as you write