

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Teaching Culturally, Linguistically Diverse & Exceptional Learners Program

EDRD 515.6F3 - Language and Literacy in Global Contexts
VDOE Provisional

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Prerequisites/Co-requisites

None

University Course Catalog Description

Focuses on the relationship of language to reading and the connection between language structure and how we learn to read. Theories of language acquisition, the complexity of language development, and that of the reading process are examined. Key factors that influence and enhance language learning and development are explored. Introduces literacy instruction and literacy assessment for all learners, and sociocultural perspectives on literacy are explored. *Requires 20 hours of PK-12 classroom fieldwork.*

Course Overview

N/A

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using both synchronous and asynchronous format via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. will log in to the Blackboard course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on **January 24, 2017 8AM EST**.

Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a

face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.

Technical Requirements

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with a standard up-to-date browser, either Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox is required (note: Opera and Safari are not compatible with Blackboard). Internet Explorer is not compatible with Tk20.
- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a microphone (or cellphone) for use with the Blackboard Collaborate Ultra web conferencing tool. Chrome and Firefox are recommended for use with Collaborate Ultra, which we are using for synchronous meetings. Browsers on cellphones are not supported. If you need to use your cellphone, please download the [Bb Student](#) app to join sessions.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download: [Add or delete options, as desire.]
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - Windows Media Player:
<https://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/windows-media-player/>
 - Apple Quick Time Player: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

Expectations

- Course Week:
Our week will **start on Tuesdays, and finish on Mondays**. We have one synchronous meeting on Thursdays for odd numbered modules/sessions while the even numbered modules/sessions are asynchronous to be completed between Friday and Monday. It is expected that you will spend approximately 3-4 hours on each session.
- Log-in Frequency:
Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, at a minimum this should be **4** times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.
- Participation:
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- Technical Competence:
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

- Technical Issues:
Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.
- Workload:
Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.
- Instructor Support:
Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.
- Netiquette:
The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.
- Accommodations:
Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to:

1. Develop an understanding of literacy, how students develop as readers and writers, and how to support that development
2. Develop a deep understanding of the theoretical orientations that have and continue to be influential in teaching reading and writing
3. Develop an awareness of the cultural factors that influence a student's development of literacy skills
4. Develop an understanding of ways to assess students' understanding and use of literacy and to provide instruction related to what they need to learn
5. Determine ways in which to engage students in literacy activities
6. Develop an awareness of literacy assessments and resources for developing student literacy skills

Professional Standards

ACEI Standards:

1.0 Development, Learning, and Motivation--Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children and young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students' development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation.

2.1 Reading, Writing, and Oral Language—Candidates demonstrate a high level of competence in use of English language arts and they know, understand, and use concepts from reading, language and child development, to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills and to help students successfully apply their developing skills to many different situations, materials, and ideas.

3.1 Integrating and applying knowledge for instruction—Candidates plan and implement instruction based on knowledge of students, learning theory, connections across the curriculum, curricular goals, and community

3.2 Adaptation to diverse students—Candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.

3.4 Active engagement in learning—Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster active engagement in learning, self motivation, and positive social interaction and to create supportive learning environments.

4.0 Assessment for instruction—Candidates know, understand, and use formal and informal assessment strategies to plan, evaluate and strengthen instruction that will promote continuous intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of each elementary student.

5.2 Collaboration with families, colleagues, and community agencies—

Candidates know the importance of establishing and maintaining a positive collaborative relationship with families, school colleagues, and agencies in the larger community to promote the intellectual, social, emotional, physical growth and well-being of children.

TESOL Standards:

Standard 2. Culture as It Affects Student Learning

Candidates know, understand, and use major theories and research related to the nature and role of culture in their instruction. They demonstrate understanding of how cultural groups and individual cultural identities affect language learning and school achievement.

Standard 4.a. Issues of Assessment for English Language Learners

Candidates demonstrate understanding of various assessment issues as they affect ELLs, such as accountability, bias, special education testing, language proficiency, and accommodations in formal testing situations.

Standard 4.c. Classroom-Based Assessment for ESL

Candidates know and can use a variety of performance-based assessment tools and techniques to inform instruction for in the classroom.

Standard 5.b. Professional Development, Partnerships, and Advocacy

Candidates take advantage of professional growth opportunities and demonstrate the ability to build partnerships with colleagues and students' families, serve as community resources, and advocate for ELLs.

INTASC Standards:

Standard 1: The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

Sub-standard 1g: The teacher understands the role of language and culture in learning and knows how to modify instruction to make language comprehensible and instruction relevant, accessible, and challenging.

Sub-standard 1h: The teacher respects learners' differing strengths and needs and is committed to using this information to further each learner's development.

Sub-standard 1j: The teacher takes responsibility for promoting learners' growth and development.

Sub-standard 1k: The teacher values the input and contributions of families, colleagues, and other professionals in understanding and supporting each learner's development.

Standard 2: The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

Sub-standard 2j: The teacher understands that learners bring assets for learning based on their individual experiences, abilities, talents, prior learning, and peer and social group interactions, as well as language, culture, family, and community values.

Sub-standard 2k: The teacher knows how to access information about the values of diverse cultures and communities and how to incorporate learners' experiences, cultures, and community resources into instruction.

ACTFL Standards

Standard 2.1: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied

Standard 2.2: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied

Standard 4.2: Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

Standard 5.1: Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting

Standard 5.2: Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Further, EDRD 515 addresses the following essential understandings in the **IB Teaching & Learning Certificate**

F. Teaching methodologies and the support of learning

G. Differentiated teaching strategies

H. Selection and evaluation of teaching and learning materials

I. The principles of assessment

N. The principles of reflective practice

Required Texts

Herrera, S. G, Perez, D. R., & Escamilla, K. (2015). *Teaching Reading to English Language Learners: Differentiating Literacies* (2nd ed.). New York: Pearson. ISBN: 9780132855198

Moats, L.C. (2010). *Speech to print: Language essentials for teachers* (2nd ed.). Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co. ISBN: 9781598570502

Recommended Texts (required for specific book club):

Beck, I., McKeown, M., & Kucan, L. (2013). *Bringing words to life: Robust vocabulary instruction* (2nd ed.). New York: Guilford Press. ISBN: 978-1462508167

Duffy, G. (2014). *Explaining reading: A resource for explicit teaching of the Common Core Standards* (3rd ed.). New York: Guilford Press. ISBN: 978-1462515561

Mora-Flores, E. (2009). *Writing instruction for English learners: A focus on genre*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Corwin Press. ISBN: 9781412957298

Toohy, K. (2000). *Learning English at school: Identity, social relations, and classroom practice (Bilingual education and bilingualism; 20)*. Clevedon [England]: Multilingual Matters. ISBN: 978-1853594816

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

- **Assignments and/or Examinations**

- 1) Creating a Culture of Literacy (15%) – 18 points – Blackboard**

The purpose of this assignment is to create a representation of what you think is critical for creating a literacy rich and friendly environment in which reading and writing is authentically supported for all learners. Each student will collect and catalog ideas, strategies, and activities from the readings, discussions, your colleagues' classrooms, and your field experience that you believe might enhance your own practice and classroom environment. You may choose to collect and catalog ideas, strategies, and activities in whatever format makes sense for you—photo gallery, Pinterest, Evernote, etc.

For this assignment, each student will curate and reflect upon the resources they have collected based upon the following questions:

- 1) In what ways will you work to develop a culture of literacy? In other words, what classroom routines and practices will you establish to promote and sustain literacy development?

- 2) How will you ideally set up a literacy space in your classroom? Define the space physically, describe the resources that would be available in the space, and explain how you envision the space being used.

Students will have a choice in their presentation format for this assignment, but the aforementioned questions must be addressed, the presentation must be organized/curated thoughtfully, and your reasoning must be supported by readings from the course.

Presentation options include:

- 4-6 page paper with embedded images or weblinks to examples
- 10-12 slide narrated presentation format, such as a PowerPoint, Screencast (screencastomatic.com), or Glogster (edu.glogster.com)
- curated wiki, such as Bb wiki or Padlet (padlet.com)

Students should think of their teacher colleagues as the audience for the curated information and resources. Please be selective about what you share about and consider what might be **the most useful practices and routines** for your colleagues to know **and why**. Less is more.

Follow APA (6th edition) writing and citation guidelines in order to correctly cite your sources. Please use the APA website (<http://www.apastyle.org/>) or the OWL at Purdue (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>) as both are excellent resources.

Scoring rubrics can be found in the corresponding Assignment folder in the Assignments tab on Blackboard.

2) Book Club & Discussion Facilitation (20%) – 24 points – Blackboard

Each student will select a current text in the field of literacy education and participate in a book club to discuss the ideas put forth by the authors. A list of contemporary and seminal literature has been suggested according to a focus topic, but your group may request to read another book as well. Texts must be pre-approved in by the instructor.

The focus topics for the suggested books are:

- Vocabulary- Beck, McKeown & Kucan (2013)
- Comprehension- Duffy (2014)
- Writing- Mora-Flores (2009)
- Engagement & Identity- Toohey (2000)

Each book club will participate in meetings, collaborate on a book review, and lead small group online discussions for the week their book club is scheduled to present. The book club may choose to meet online (e.g. Skype, Google Hangouts, Bb Collaborate Ultra) or offline. These meetings should address questions, confusions, and critical analysis of the texts. These meetings should lead to the creation of a book review AND a plan to lead small group online discussion.

The purpose of the book review is to critically examine how the texts address key concepts and ideas related to your focus topic address **IN ADDITION** to our larger course focus on the relationship between language and literacy, and how it affects CLD students. The book review should be **1,000-1,200 words**. The book reviews will be posted to Blackboard so that all participants in the class will have the opportunity to get a quick glimpse of the text and prepare for the online discussion. Your book club may choose to post the book reviews as a downloadable document (e.g. Word document, PDF) or as a wiki. Please let the instructor know what format you prefer.

Remember that these book reviews are meant to **put forth an argument about the book**. Please use the following resources to support your thinking and writing:

- <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/book-reviews/>
- <https://academicskills.anu.edu.au/resources/handouts/writing-critical-book-review>

Each book club should also plan to **lead/co-lead a small group online discussion** by preparing an 8-12 page selection of the text for colleagues to read beforehand and 1-2 questions to guide discussion. It is suggested that these discussions are narrowly focused and will likely draw upon unanswered or lingering questions from book club meetings. Each book club member will moderate the discussion by:

- 1) asking questions
- 2) providing more information
- 3) pushing thinking when needed
- 4) making sure discussion stays on topic and grounded in the text.

Follow APA (6th edition) writing and citation guidelines in order to correctly cite your sources. Please use the APA website (<http://www.apastyle.org/>) or the OWL at Purdue (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>) as both are excellent resources.

Only one group member needs to submit the book review for the book club. Scoring rubrics can be found in the corresponding Assignment folder in the Assignments tab on Blackboard.

3) Field Experience Documentation (REQUIRED for licensure/endorsement) – Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory – Tk20

The **field experience is a required component** of the teacher preparation program at George Mason University. All students will complete **a minimum of 20 hours** in field experience for this course. Documentation of your field experience is required as well as a signed statement from your field experience teacher(s) or supervisor(s). The Fieldwork documents are located on Blackboard in the Assessments tab.

Due to the nature of this intensive course, the ideal schedule for your field experience for this course is to visit your site approximately **once every 1.5 weeks**. There will be activities that align with your readings that should be done in a timely manner to support your completion of your PBA.

In-service teachers: Field experience can often be conducted in your own classroom if you have access to the population of students required for the PBAs. Please consult your instructor if you have questions about the viability of your classroom for fieldwork in this class. You must register for your school as your field experience site in the online Field Experience Request form available here: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse/ferf> You will check the box indicating that: “*I will arrange my own field experiences (observations and/or case studies) because I am a full-time contracted school system employee and will complete field experience at my workplace.*” The deadline to submit your field experience placement is September 15 (Fall) or February 15 (Spring). Failure to do so will result in an unsatisfactory grade for your fieldwork assignment. **If you are taking this course as part of a cohort program, please indicate “TCLDEL Cohort” on your request form FIRST, then select your program and placement location. HINT: Cohort courses have section numbers beginning with “6F” (e.g. EDUC 511.6F1).**

The fieldwork will be performed in conjunction with the Project Based Assessment for the course: the *Student Literacy Study*. The fieldwork will be marked as:

Satisfactory: completion of all assignments with high quality in a timely and efficient manner.

Unsatisfactory: incomplete and/or low quality of assignments submitted or work submitted than one week late from due date.

NOTE: Failure to submit documentation of successful completion of your **field experience in a timely manner** will make you ineligible to register for coursework, be recommended for licensure, or receive a grade for this course.

Field Experience Documentation is required to be submitted through the Tk20 link in the Assessments tab in Blackboard.

4) Student Literacy Study (SLS) – Performance Based Assessment (PBA) (30%) – 36 points – Tk20

The Student Literacy Study (SLS) is the PBA for this course. The purpose of the study is to begin to learn about literacy learners in a holistic sense; it provides the student with an opportunity to learn about one student, the community in which he/she lives, and how the student views him/herself as a literacy learner. Students will conduct interviews and observations, perform reading inventories, and engage the learner in developmentally appropriate literacy activities. It is important to note that these activities are **introductory** in nature. Each student will be required to select a child or adolescent with which to work for this project.

It is expected that your 20 hours of fieldwork will be performed in conjunction with the SLS. ***If you cannot use your fieldwork site to complete your SLS then you will need to arrange other opportunities to complete this assessment.***

It is important to begin planning for your SLS very early in your Field Experience in order to complete sufficient activities and observations with your target student. The SLS and the SLS Portfolio will count for a total of **35%** of your final grade.

A sample SLS paper is available in the Student Literacy Study folder in the Assessments tab. The paper should be written in **narrative form, double-spaced, and between 12 to 15 pages in length.** If you submit a paper longer than 15 pages, extra pages will not be read. Please follow APA (6th edition) writing and citation guidelines in order to correctly cite your sources. Further information on the project and the rubric can be found at the end of this syllabus.

The SLS is required to be submitted through the Tk20 link in the Assessments tab in the SLS folder.

- **Other Requirements**

Participation (35%) – 42 points – Blackboard

Class participation is vitally important in a course such as this. Each class session we will have readings to discuss, ideas to unpack, and activities to do. You are expected to participate in the class discussions and activities in a substantive way, as this not only enriches the class, but also helps ensure that you will get the most out of the sessions.

Students are expected to participate in activities and discussions. Not participating will be reflected with a zero for the week and as an absence. ***Students with two or more absences will not receive credit for the course.***

****The professor reserves the right to modify or alter assignments, tasks, due dates, and other requirements during the duration of the course to maximize the learning experience.****

a. Weekly activities and discussion

Activities

In addition to the readings, you may be asked to watch a video, collect information, or explore other online resources prior to class. Guiding question(s) or tasks related to the readings and these resources will be posted to establish a purpose for reading. These guiding questions or activities will be directly related to discussion for the session. Activities may require you to respond to a specific question, create a representation of ideas from the reading (e.g. concept map, picture), or analyze a piece of text or student work based on your understandings of the readings and other resources.

Discussion Guidelines

Different discussion structures will be organized to maximize participation and community building. This includes small groups and whole group discussion on the Blackboard Discussion Board and in Collaborate Ultra. You will be responsible for participating and facilitating discussion according to the expectations and norms decided upon on the first day of the course.

For Discussion Board:

- Postings should be evenly distributed during the discussion period (not concentrated all on one day or at the beginning and/or end of the period).
- Postings should be a minimum of one short paragraph to a maximum of two paragraphs.
- Avoid postings that are limited to 'I agree' or 'great idea', etc. If you agree (or disagree) with a posting then say why you agree by supporting your statement with concepts from the readings or by bringing in a related example or experience.
- Address the guiding questions as much as possible (don't let the discussion stray).
- Be mindful that discussion comments are evidence of thinking in progress.
- Ask questions when you want clarification or have a wonder about content or others' experiences.
- Paraphrase and cite from the texts that support your postings. Include page numbers when you provide direct quotes.
- Build on others responses to create threads.
- Bring in related prior knowledge (work experience, prior coursework, readings, etc.) as appropriate.
- Use proper etiquette (appropriate language, typing, etc.).

You will be responsible for participating in discussion within designated small groups, but please do read other discussion threads when able.

b. Exit Slips

At the end of each session, you will complete an Exit Slip that details your current thinking on the questions and/or topics given our readings, activities, and discussion. The Exit Slip entry is to help you process your learning and to provide me insight into your developing understanding and perspectives; your entry will also help me to adjust instruction and/or provide direct support for our next session or ongoing assignments. **These entries will only be read by the instructor.** It is expected that your response is brief, but connected to your discussion responses, the readings and activities in relationship to your evolving/changing thinking on the relationships between language, literacy and culture, and perspectives on how to provide opportunities for CLD students to learn.

There will be a grade assigned for **12 of the sessions during the semester.** When grading will occur will not be announced. This is done to ensure that the quality of participation stays at a consistent quality level. The following rubric will be used:

Discussions, Activities & Exit Slip Rubric				
Criteria	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Timely contributions/activities completed	Activities/assignments completed and actively contributes to classwork.	Activities/assignments completed and contributes to support classwork.	Activities/assignments partially completed and does not support classwork.	Activities/assignments not available.
Responsiveness to discussion and demonstration of knowledge and understanding gained from assigned reading	It is very clear that readings were understood and incorporated well into responses.	The readings were understood and incorporated into responses.	The postings demonstrate a questionable relationship to reading material.	It is not evident that readings were understood and/or not incorporated into discussion.
Adherence to expectations & norms	All expectations & norms followed	1 expectation & norm not adhered to in the session.	2-3 expectations & norms not adhered to in the session.	4 or more expectations & norms not adhered to in the session.
Exit Slip	Concisely addresses the week's focus question. Provides evidence for thinking from all 3: readings, activities AND experiences. Submitted on time.	Concisely addresses the week's focus question. Provides evidence for thinking from 2 of the 3: readings, activities, and experiences. Submitted on time	Concisely addresses the week's focus question. Provides evidence for thinking from 1 of the 3: readings, activities, OR experiences. Submitted on time.	Addresses the week's focus question but does not provide evidence to support thinking. OR Submitted late without previous communication.
Points	3	2	1	0

c. Student Literacy Study Portfolio Entries

To scaffold your thinking and completion of your Performance Based Assessment (PBA), activities will be planned to connect our readings and resources to the interviews, inventories, observations, and interactions needed to complete the *Student Literacy Study* (described in

depth on the next page). These activities will be organized through the submission of artifacts and preliminary analysis into a portfolio, which you will refine and revise for final submission in your PBA.

Two submissions of portfolio entries will be graded for completion. Each check of completion will be worth **3 points**.

Entry	Focus/Purpose	Suggested artifacts to collect & activities
#1	Sociocultural context of language & literacy learning	Observation, interview (student/parent/teacher), running records, miscue analysis, informal reading inventories (diagnostic), bilingual book reading, checklists
#2	Phonemic Awareness, Word ID, Fluency, Vocabulary & Comprehension (as appropriate for grade and language development level)	Interview (student/parent/teacher), running records, miscue analysis, bilingual book reading, informal reading inventories, early literacy assessments, spelling assessment, vocabulary assessment, writing samples, guided reading levels & assessment results/Lexile scores, lesson plans, checklists
#3	Writing	Observation, interview, writing samples, spelling assessment, vocabulary assessment, lesson plans, checklists
#4	Motivation & Engagement	Observation, interview, informal reading inventories, updated assessment results & scores, checklists

A “Student Literacy Study Portfolio” Template is available in the Portfolios Homepage in the Main Navigation bar on the right in Blackboard, in the Participation folder in the Assignments tab, and in the Student Literacy Study folder in the Assessments tab.

- **Course Performance Evaluation Weighting**

Assignment/Assessment Description	Grade %	Standards Addressed	Due Date
Creating a Culture of Literacy	15	ACEI 1.0, 2.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 5.2 TESOL 2, 4a	2/27 11:59PM EST
Book Club book review &	20	ACEI 1.0, 2.1, 3.2, 4.0	<i>varies</i>

Discussion facilitation		TESOL 2, 4a, 4c, 5b	
Field Experience Documentation	S/U	Requirement for licensure/endorsement	3/9 11:59PM EST
Student Literacy Study (PBA)*	30	ACEI 1.0, 2.1, 5.1 TESOL 1b, 2, 4c, 5b	3/13 11:59 PM EST
Participation	35	All	<i>ongoing</i>

bold = submit via Tk20

*Designated Performance Based Assessment

- **Grading**

At George Mason University course work is measured in terms of quantity and quality. A credit normally represents one hour per week of lecture or recitation or not fewer than two hours per week of laboratory work throughout a semester. The number of credits is a measure of quantity. The grade is a measure of quality. The university-wide system for grading graduate courses is as follows:

Grade	GRADING	Grade Points	Interpretation
A+	=100	4.00	Represents mastery of the subject through effort beyond basic requirements
A	94-99	4.00	
A-	90-93	3.67	
B+	85-89	3.33	Reflects an understanding of and the ability to apply theories and principles at a basic level
B	80-84	3.00	
C*	70-79	2.00	Denotes an unacceptable level of understanding and application of the basic elements of the course
F*	<69	0.00	

Note: “C” is not satisfactory for a licensure course; “F” does not meet requirements of the Graduate School of Education

APA format:

All written papers are **expected to be double-spaced, with 1” margins, and in 12-point font** (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). **APA format is expected.** If you do not have a 6th Edition APA manual, please use the APA website (<http://www.apastyle.org/>) or the OWL at Purdue as a resource (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>).

***Please Note:** The GMU Writing Center offers online support via email. They will provide feedback on your writing within one hour. Graduate and professional writing can be difficult;

I encourage you to take advantage of this service.
http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177

Late work policy:

At the graduate level all work is expected to be of high quality and submitted on the dates due. *Work submitted late will be reduced one letter grade for every day of delay.* Because we live in uncertain times, if you have any extraordinary circumstances (*think* flood, earthquake, evacuation) that prevent you from submitting your work in a timely manner, **it is your responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible after the circumstances occur and make arrangements to complete your work. It is up to the discretion of the instructor to approve the late/makeup work.**

Revise & Resubmit:

If a student submits an assignment that may indicate limited understanding or confusion about the content as indicated by scoring on the assignment rubric, the instructor may request for a student to revise and resubmit the assignment based on feedback. This is an opportunity for a student to clarify understanding of the content and demonstrate growth. In most cases, the original assignment and revision will be averaged for a new final grade. The instructor will communicate with the student to determine a reasonable timeframe within which to complete the revision.

Professional Dispositions

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

Integrity of Work & Honor Code

TCLDEL students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code (<http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/>). The principle of academic integrity is taken very seriously and violations are treated as such.

Violations of the Honor Code include:

1. Copying a paper or part of a paper from another student (current or past);
2. Reusing work that you have already submitted for another class (unless express permission has been granted by your current professor **before** you submit the work);
3. Copying the words of an author from a textbook or any printed source (including the Internet) or closely paraphrasing without providing a citation to credit the author. For examples of what should be cited, please refer to: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02/>
4. You may also not “reuse” fieldwork hours. Each placement must have 20 documented hours that are solely for each course that you are in; you may be at the same site, but the

same hours may not be counted towards the same course.

Class Schedule

Session 1	<i>How are language & literacy related? Why is awareness of this relationship important for our CLD students?</i>
Date	1/26 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moats, Chapter 1 – <i>Why Study Language</i> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 1 – <i>Language, Literacy, and the CLD Students</i> • Syllabus
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction Survey • Exit Slip DUE 1/27 8pm EST

Session 2	<i>What aspects of our CLD students should we attend to? Why?</i>
Dates	1/27—1/30 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 2 – <i>Contextualizing Literacy Development for the CLD Student in the Grade-Level Classroom</i> • Harper & de Jong—<i>Misconceptions about teaching English-language learners</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select book club & rent/purchase book • Exit Slip DUE 1/29 5pm EST

Session 3	<i>How do our CLD students use language & literacy outside of school?</i>
Date	2/2 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lam – <i>Literacy and learning across transnational online spaces</i> • Orellana, Reynolds, Dorner, & Meza – <i>In other words: Translating or “para-phrasing” as a family literacy practice in immigrant households</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete first visit to field experience site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decide or discuss w/ cooperating teacher which student to select for <i>Student Literacy Study (SLS)</i>. ○ Obtain permission as required to collect data on this student. • Exit Slip DUE 2/3 8pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #1

Session 4	<i>Becoming a Reader: How might the sounds of English be challenging to our CLD students? What can we do to support their learning?</i>
Date	2/3—2/6 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wong Fillmore & Snow – <i>What Teachers Need to Know about Language</i> • Moats, Chapter 2 – <i>Phonetics: The Sounds in Speech</i> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 3 – <i>Rethinking Phonemic Awareness: A Cross-Linguistic Transfer Perspective</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 2/5 5pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #1

Session 5	<i>Becoming a Reader: How might developing fluency in English be challenging to our CLD students? What can we do to support their learning?</i>
Date	2/9 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 7 – <i>Fluency in Practice: More than “Reading” the Text</i> • Valencia & Riddle Buly – <i>Behind test scores: What struggling readers really need</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 2/10 8pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #1

Session 6	<i>Becoming a Reader: How might developing English vocabulary be challenging to our CLD students? What can we do to support their learning?</i>
Date	2/10—2/13 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moats, Chapter 7 – <i>Semantics: Word and Phrase Meanings</i> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 5 – <i>Vocabulary Development: A Framework for Differentiated and Explicit Instruction</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 2/12 5pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #2
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beck, McKeown & Kucan discussion facilitation

Session 7	<i>Becoming a Reader: How might comprehension of text in English be challenging to our CLD students? What can we do to support their learning?</i>
Date	2/16 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 6 – <i>Strategies-based Comprehension Instruction: Linking the Known to the Unknown</i> • Pritchard & O’Hara – <i>Reading in Spanish and English: A comparative study of processing strategies</i> • WIDA level definitions for Reading
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 2/17 8pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #2
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duffy discussion facilitation • Beck, McKeown, & Kucan book review DUE

Session 8	<i>What should we consider when selecting literature to teach?</i>
Date	2/17—2/20 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKay – <i>Literature in the ESL Classroom</i> • Kim & Snow—<i>Text modification: Enhancing English Language Learners’ Reading Comprehension</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 2/19 5pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #2 • Select a text you think may engage your SLS student
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duffy book review DUE

Session 9	<i>Becoming a Writer: How might the structure of English orthography be challenging to our CLD students? What can we do to support their learning?</i>
Date	2/23 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moats, Chapter 4 – <i>The Structure of English Orthography</i> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 4 – <i>Phonics: More than the A,B,Cs of Reading</i> • Cheung, McBride-Chang, & Tong – <i>Learning a Nonalphabetic Script and Its Impact on the Later Development of English as a Second Language</i>

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of English Orthography online quiz • Exit Slip DUE 2/24 8pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #3
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Session 10	<i>Becoming a Writer: How can we teach writing in meaningful ways for our CLD students?</i>
Date	2/24—2/27 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au & Raphael – <i>Using Workshop Approaches to Support the Literacy Development of ELLs</i> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 8 – <i>Implications of Culture and Language in Writing</i> • NAEP Writing Framework (2011)- Chapter 2 • Pearson – <i>Thinking about the Reading-Writing Connection</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 2/26 5pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #3
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a Culture of Literacy Assignment DUE 2/27 11:59PM

Session 11	<i>Becoming a Writer: How might composing sentences and texts be challenging to our CLD students? What can we do to support their learning?</i>
Date	3/2 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moats, Chapter 6 – Syntax • Kim et al. – <i>Influence of Cultural Norms and Collaborative Discussions on Children’s Reflective Essays</i> • WIDA level definitions for Writing
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 3/3 8pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #3
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mora-Flores discussion facilitation

Session 12	<i>How can we assess our EL readers and writers in authentic ways?</i>
Date	3/3—3/6 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 9 – <i>Outside the Lines: Assessment Beyond the Politics of High Stakes Tests</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soltero-González, Escamilla & Hopewell—<i>A Bilingual Perspective on Writing Assessment</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 3/5 5pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #4
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mora-Flores book review DUE

Session 13	<i>Why does motivation & engagement matter for CLD students? How do we create classroom environments that support motivation & engagement?</i>
Date	3/9 Blackboard Collaborate 4:30-6:30pm
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambria & Guthrie – <i>Motivating and Engaging Students in Reading</i> • Gambrell – <i>Seven Rules of Engagement: What’s Most Important to Know about Motivation to Read</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit Slip DUE 3/10 8pm EST • SLS Portfolio Entry #4
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Experience Documentation DUE 3/9 11:59PM EST • Toohey discussion facilitation

Session 14	<i>How do we thoughtfully enact the relationship between language & literacy in our practices for our CLD students?</i>
Date	3/10—3/13 Blackboard Discussion Board
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au – <i>Social Constructivism and the School of Literacy Learning of Students of Diverse Backgrounds</i> • Herrera, Perez, & Escamilla, Chapter 10 – <i>Inclusive Literacy Instruction for CLD Students</i> • Warren et al. – <i>Rethinking Diversity in Learning Science: The Logic of Everyday Sense-Making</i>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Course Evaluation DUE TBA
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Literacy Study (PBA) DUE 3/13 11:59PM EST • Toohey book review DUE

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule, as necessary, with notification to students.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason 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.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursesupport.gmu.edu/>.
- The Writing Center 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 <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>).
- The 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 experience and academic performance (see <http://caps.gmu.edu/>).

- The Student Support & Advocacy Center staff helps students develop and maintain healthy lifestyles through confidential one-on-one support as well as through interactive programs and resources. Some of the topics they address are healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use, and sexual health (see <http://ssac.gmu.edu/>). Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone at 703-993-3686. Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community by going to <http://ssac.gmu.edu/make-a-referral/>.

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Guidelines for Student Literacy Study

The Student Literacy Study is a robust profile of one focal student that you observed and worked with in a school context. The study is based on your written observations, interactions with the student, and literacy activities with which you engaged the student. The study should include general descriptive information about the student, a contextualization of the student's home, school and community, and an analysis of the student's relationship with literacy. The purpose of this assignment is to not only to observe your student, but also to collect data systematically so that you gain insight into his or her literacy skills, literacy development, and relationship to literacy.

Data for this project can be collected through a variety of means: **lesson plans, narratives, sampling, anecdotal records, review of academic records, teacher or parent interviews, checklists, observations, directed activities, reading protocols, or other student work products.** It is not necessary to use all of these means to collect data; however, it is very important to use a variety of means to collect your evidence.

If you are not currently a teacher, be sure to get permission from teachers or parents for activities in which you are an active participant and collecting data. Most schools will allow you to collect general information about a child as a normal part of your field experience. In some schools, you will need specific permission both from a supervisor, your teacher and/or parents, be sure to obtain any needed permissions before you begin. **If you are a practicing professional follow the guidelines in your school policies.**

All reports must use pseudonyms (fictitious names) to protect the confidentiality of the school, parent, student, and teacher. At no point should anyone be able to identify the student or school. Your final report will be given directly to your instructor; no copies should be distributed or disseminated.

Each case study will include the following:

1. Description on the focal student (age, language skills, school context)
2. Description of the sociocultural context (home, school, and community)
3. Description of the student's attitude and response to reading
4. Description of the student's reading profile
5. Recommendations for the student's literacy development
6. Reflection of what you've learned by doing a child study describing your experience

Support your analysis and conclusions with specific examples from your collected artifacts. Do not attach all of your evidence - just submit those samples that support the statements in your analysis. Do not rely on a single source of data (e.g. observations) to support your analysis - you must demonstrate the use of multiple methods to collect your evidence.

The reflection should address how the SLS changed/deepened your understanding of the relationship between language and literacy for CLD students. You may want to include what you would have wanted to improve on or learn more about and why. Refer to readings and theories to support your reasoning.

The paper should be written in **narrative form, double-spaced, and between 12 to 15 pages in length. Use APA format.** Attach relevant samples, field notes, or other artifacts as appendices (e.g. these samples should be the ones you draw upon in your paper as evidence of your analysis).

EDRD 515 PBA Language and Literacy in Global Contexts

Criteria/Level	Exceeds Standards 4	Meets Standards 3	Approaches Standards 2	Not Met 1
Description of the student ACEI 1.0	Description of the student gives a comprehensive picture of the student	Description of the child gives a clear picture of the student	Description of the child gives an incomplete picture of the student	Little to no description of the student is provided
Socio-cultural context TESOL 2	Provides a clear and comprehensive description of the family, school, community and culture, including linguistic background and socio-economic status	Provides a satisfactory description of the family, school, community and culture, including language and socio-economic status	Provides a limited description of the family, school, community and culture, including language and socio-economic status	Description of sociocultural background is vague and unclear
Student attitude and response to reading TESOL 1.b ACEI 2.1	Provides a clear and descriptive picture of the student's attitude towards reading with strong evidence to support the analysis	Provides a mostly clear and descriptive picture of the student's attitude towards reading with ample evidence to support the analysis	Provides a limited description of the student's reading attitude with some evidence to support the analysis	Provides little to no description of the student's attitude towards reading and/or provide little to no evidence to support the analysis
Summary of the student's reading profile ACEI 1.0	Provides a clear and robust description of the student as a reader and writer, and provides an in-depth description of the student's strengths and areas for improvement in reading and writing	Provides a clear description of the student as a reader and writer, and provides a full description of the student's strengths and areas for improvement in reading and writing	Provides a limited description of the student as a reader and writer, and provides a limited description of the student's strengths and areas for improvement in reading and writing	Lacks a clear description of the student as a reader and writer, and/or provides little to no description of the student's strengths and areas for improvement in reading and writing

Recommendations for literacy development TESOL 4c ACEI 2.1	Thoroughly and effectively describes the connection between collected data and literacy development recommendations that are supported by research	Satisfactory description between collected data and literacy development recommendations that are supported by research	Provides a limited description of the relationship between data collected and literacy development implications supported by some research	Description is vague and unclear. No clear research support is given for literacy development implications
Process Reflection ACEI 5.1 TESOL 5b	Demonstrates in-depth and comprehensive reflection on the student literacy study experience	Demonstrates a satisfactory reflection on the literacy study experience	A limited reflection on the literacy study experience	Little or no reflection on the literacy study experience
Overall:	Individual case study is comprehensive and presented in a professional and timely manner	Individual case study is clearly presented in a professional and timely manner	Individual case study is incomplete but presented in a professional and timely manner	Individual case study is incomplete and not presented in a professional or timely manner
TOTAL: 28 points				

In addition to the above standards, this paper must include the following elements of a well-written paper in APA format:

<i>Element</i>	<i>No Errors (1 or 2pts)</i>	<i>Some Errors (0.5 or 1pt)</i>	<i>Multiple Errors (0pts)</i>
Organization: Title Page, Page Numbers, Headings (1)			
Citations in text (2)			
Reference page (1)			
Clarity of Writing (2)			
Grammar/Mechanics (2)			
TOTAL POINTS: 8			