SYLLABUS
Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College
EDUC 7310 – Public School Buildings
Fall, 2014 – 3 Semester Hours

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Course Description:
A course designed to acquaint the school administrator with past and present school building architecture with special emphasis on building types.

Course Objectives:
Students will become cognizant of the planning and decision making regarding construction, maintenance and renovation of school buildings with emphasis on classroom design; legal issues associated with school buildings; educational specifications; working with architects and construction managers; bidding mechanics; construction materials; safety, energy and access considerations; and emergency planning.

Student Objectives:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand, value and:

- Apply procedures for planning, funding, renovating, and/or constructing school facilities.*
- Implement strategies that enable the district's physical plant, equipment, and support systems to operate safely, efficiently, and effectively.*
- Apply strategies for ensuring the safety of students and personnel and for addressing emergencies and security concerns.*
- Apply procedures for ensuring the effective operation and maintenance of district facilities.*
- Apply pertinent legal concepts, regulations, and codes.*

*SBEC Standards for Superintendents (Domain III, Competency 009)

Course Format and Requirements:
The course will require students to do independent work in the research realm and complete outside assignments between class meetings. Class meetings are very important and should not be missed. Students will be responsible for submitting on time all assignments assigned by the instructor. Late work submitted will be worth a maximum of half the available points.

Examinations
There will be a mid-term exam that will assess your knowledge and understanding of principles and major concepts presented in the first half of the course.
There will be a comprehensive final exam that assesses student ability to synthesize course objectives and to analyze school building issues.

GRADING:

Final course grade will be determined through examinations and assignment products.

Point System for Grading:

Exams (Mid-Term - 25, Final - 30).....	=	55
Assignments*…….....	=	145
		200 Total points

180+	points = A
160 - 179	points = B
140 - 159	points = C
Below 140	points = D or F

*7 assignments worth 15 each; 1 worth 40 – Annual Inspection Checklist

EDUC 7310 Assignments

All assignments on the various topics covered in this course are due on the date assigned by the Professor. Late work will be worth a maximum of one-half the available points for that particular assignment. Assignments are to be completed outside of class time and are expected to be completed in whole individually by each student. The assignments that are to be completed as group work will be designated as so by the Professor; otherwise all work is individual work. An active Sul Ross email address is required for all assignments turned in via the internet. Email correspondence outside the Sul Ross server is sometimes blocked and is therefore unreliable.

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Public School Buildings Class Schedule

Important Dates	Activities
Sept. 3 – Wed.	Syllabus and Class Schedule sent. Good School Maintenance Handout and Assignment sent
Sept. 17 – Wed.	Good School Maintenance Assignment due. Handout and Assignment #1 sent
Sept 24 – Wed.	Assignment #1 due. Handout and Assignment #2 sent
Oct. 1 – Wed.	Assignment #2 due. Handout and Assignment #3 sent
Oct. 8 – Wed.	Assignment #3 due. Handout and Assignment #4 sent
Oct. 15 – Wed.	Assignment #4 due. Handout and Assignment #5 sent
Oct. 22 – Wed.	Assignment #5 due Mid-Term Exam sent
Oct. 29 – Wed.	Mid-Term Exam due Handout and Assignment #6 sent
Nov. 5 – Wed.	Assignment # 6 due School Campus Annual Inspection sent School Campus Evaluation sent
Dec. 3 – Wed.	School Campus Annual Inspection due School Campus Evaluation due (Final Exam)

Note: The above schedule and the activities listed are subject to change at the discretion of the professor. It is only a preliminary guide.