



# EDUC 3301

## Math/Science Methods

### For the Elementary Teacher

### Fall 2019

#### **Instructor Information:**

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#### **Course Description:**

A study of effective teaching practices to enhance delivery of Math/Science in the elementary grades K-6.

#### **Class Sessions:**

Tuesday 4:30-5:45 p.m. Teleconference/Split-Web. Del Rio 103, Eagle Pass B113 , Uvalde B110. Thursdays – Discussion Board and Group Work.

#### **Course Requirements and Grading:**

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| ✓ Professionalism, Participation and Attendance<br>10% | A = 90-100%  |
|  | B = 80-89%   |
|  | C = 70-79%   |
| ✓ Midterm Exam –10%                                    | D = 60-69%   |
| ✓ Presentations – 30%                                  | F = 59 and ↓ |
| ✓ Lesson Plans – 10%                                   |              |
| ✓ Classroom Field Experience – 20%                     |              |
| ✓ Discussion Board Assignments – 10%                   |              |
| ✓ Evidence of Learning<br>Binder & Oral Defense – 10%  |              |

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Total of 100%

## 3301 Student Learning Outcomes

The learner will:

1. Construct lesson plans following the Madeline Hunter lesson cycle. TEKS and objectives, alongside PPR Standards will be included in the lesson plans.  
*Assessment:* Presentations, Lesson Plans
2. Utilize instructional technological resources to enhance student learning.  
*Assessment:* Presentations
3. Review responsibilities related to the STAAR standardized assessment.  
*Assessment:* Classroom Discussions, Presentations
4. Identify the range of individual developmental differences and how to differentiate instruction for students in early childhood through grade 6.  
*Assessment:* Videos, Presentations, Lesson Plans
5. Become familiar with and keep documentation of the math and science TEKS, grades K-6. The learner will keep an organized system of file folders for the different lessons presented and will be able to orally explain the purpose of the different TEKS.  
*Assessment:* File Folders/binder, Oral Defense
6. Make a group presentation in both math and science, which will be graded utilizing a rubric. This lesson will be presented to fellow classmates, and will include visuals, demonstrations, and activities as to how to teach concepts.  
*Assessment:* Presentations, Class Discussion, Exam
7. View videos in class that demonstrate best practices of teachers teaching math and science lessons via a virtual classroom format. Students will turn in a notebook summarizing their learning experience.  
*Assessment:* Videos, Field Experience, Notebook
8. Review competencies and domains in the Math and Science areas in the Core Content exam.  
*Assessment:* Access to the Core Content Exam study guide
9. Take part in a 10-hour field experience that exposes them to actual teaching.  
*Assessment:* Field Experience

## **SACSCOC—Accreditation**

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

#### **SLO's in RGC BA Interdisciplinary Program**

SLO 1 Students will observe and identify the range of individual developmental differences that characterize students in early childhood through grade 8 (EDUC 3304).

SLO 2 Students will identify instructional strategies to analyze children's strengths and needs for planning instruction.

SLO 3 Students will identify and select pertinent materials and resources including technological resources to enhance student learning and engagement in the planning process.

#### **Evaluation:**

The learner will be evaluated utilizing the following methods in order to ensure that the learning outcomes are being addressed: The learner will make a small group classroom presentation over both a Math and Science lesson. Classroom discussions will follow these presentations and these presentations will be graded using a rubric. Additionally, the learner will write lesson plans in both Math and Science. Also, the learner will participate in a 10 hour field experience alongside with viewing videos of master teaching. Submission of written summaries and a reflection paper will be required. A midterm exam that focuses on utilizing TEKS and writing lesson plans will be administered. An individual oral defense exam will take place at the end of the semester with file folders/binder turned in.

## **TEXES Standards**

### **Generalist EC-6 Standards**

#### **Math Standards:**

**Standard VII. Mathematical Learning and Instruction:** The mathematics teacher understands how children learn and develop mathematical skills, procedures, and concepts, knows typical errors students make, and uses this knowledge to plan, organize, and implement instruction; to meet curriculum goals; and to teach all students to understand and use mathematics.

**Standard VIII. Mathematical Assessment:** The mathematics teacher understands assessment and uses a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques appropriate to the learner on an ongoing basis to monitor and guide instruction and to evaluate and report student progress.

**Standard IX. Professional Development:** The mathematics teacher understands mathematics teaching as a profession, knows the value and rewards of being a reflective practitioner, and realizes the importance of making a lifelong commitment to professional growth and development.

## **Science Standards:**

***Standard VIII.*** The science teacher knows and understands the science content appropriate to teach the statewide curriculum (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills [TEKS]) in physical science.

***Standard IX.*** The science teacher knows and understands the science content appropriate to teach the statewide curriculum (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills [TEKS]) in life science.

***Standard X.*** The science teacher knows and understands the science content appropriate to teach the statewide curriculum (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills [TEKS]) in Earth and space science.

# TE<sub>x</sub>ES Standards

## Pedagogical and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) Standards (EC-Grade 12)

***Standard I.*** The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.

Teacher Knowledge: What Teachers Know Teachers of Students in Grades EC-12  <i>The beginning teacher knows and understands:</i>	Application: What Teachers Can Do Teachers in Grades EC-12  <i>The beginning teacher is able to:</i>
<p><b>Students</b></p> <p>1.6k appropriate strategies for instructing English language learners.</p>	<p><b>Students</b></p> <p>1.1s plan lessons that reflect an understanding of students' developmental characteristics and needs;</p> <p>1.2s adapt lessons to address students' varied backgrounds, skills, interests, and learning needs, including the needs of English language learners.</p>
<p><b>Content and Pedagogy</b></p> <p>1.7k the importance of the state content and performance standards as outlined in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS);</p> <p>1.9k the significance of the vertical alignment of content, including prerequisite knowledge and skills;</p> <p>1.11k current research on best pedagogical practices.</p>	<p><b>Content and Pedagogy</b></p> <p>1.6s use the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to plan instruction</p> <p>1.9s plan instruction that reflects an understanding of important prerequisite relationships;</p> <p>1.11s use a variety of pedagogical techniques to convey information and teach skills.</p>
<p><b>Selection of Instructional Goals and Objectives</b></p> <p>1.12k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are clear, relevant, meaningful, and age-appropriate;</p> <p>1.13k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that can be assessed;</p> <p>1.14k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are suitable for students with varied learning needs; and</p> <p>1.15k the importance of aligning instructional goals with campus and district goals.</p>	<p><b>Selection of Instructional Goals and Objectives</b></p> <p>1.12s develop instructional goals and objectives that are clear, relevant, meaningful, and age-appropriate;</p> <p>1.13s develop instructional goals and objectives that are able to be assessed;</p> <p>1.14s develop instructional goals and objectives that reflect students' age, developmental level, prior skills and knowledge, background, and interests; and</p> <p>1.15s develop instructional goals and objectives that reflect different types of student learning and skills.</p>
<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>1.16k the use of appropriate materials and resources for preparing instruction, presenting lessons, and</p>	<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>1.16s use various types of materials and other resources to aid in preparing and implementing</p>

assessing learning.	instruction.
<p><b>Designing Coherent Instruction</b></p> <p>1.19k the importance of designing instruction that reflects the TEKS;</p> <p>1.21k the importance of planning lessons and structuring units so that activities progress in a logical sequence;</p> <p>1.24k the importance of engaging in continuous monitoring and self-assessment of instructional effectiveness.</p>	<p><b>Designing Coherent Instruction</b></p> <p>1.19s plan instructional activities that progress sequentially and support stated instructional goals based on the TEKS;</p> <p>1.20s select instructional resources that support instructional goals, enhance student achievement, and engage students in learning;</p> <p>1.21s use varied activities and instructional groupings to engage students in instructional content and meet instructional goals and objectives;</p> <p>1.23s provide students with opportunities to explore content from many perspectives.</p>
<p><b>Assessment of Student Learning</b></p> <p>1.25k the role of assessment in guiding instructional planning;</p> <p>1.26k the importance of creating assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives;</p> <p>1.30k the connection between the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS, and instruction.</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Student Learning</b></p> <p>1.24s use a variety of assessment methods, including technology, that are appropriate for evaluating student achievement of instructional goals and objectives;</p> <p>1.25s communicate assessment criteria and standards to students;</p> <p>1.26s design assessments, where appropriate, that reflect real-world applications of knowledge and understanding;</p> <p>1.27s promote students' use of self-monitoring and self-assessment.</p>

**Standard II.** The teacher creates a classroom environment of respect and rapport that fosters a positive climate for learning, equity, and excellence.

<p>Teacher Knowledge: What Teachers Know Teachers of Students in Grades EC-12</p> <p><i>The beginning teacher knows and understands:</i></p>	<p>Application: What Teachers Can Do Teachers in Grades EC-12</p> <p><i>The beginning teacher is able to:</i></p>
<p><b>Establishing an Environment for Learning and Excellence</b></p> <p>2.4k the importance of communicating enthusiasm for learning; and</p> <p>2.5k the necessity of communicating teacher expectations for student learning.</p>	<p><b>Establishing an Environment for Learning and Excellence</b></p> <p>2.4s communicate to all students the importance of instructional content and the expectation of high-quality work; and</p> <p>2.5s ensure that instructional goals and objectives, activities, classroom interactions, assessments, and other elements of the classroom environment convey high expectations for student achievement.</p>

**Standard III.** The teacher promotes student learning by providing responsive instruction that makes use of effective communication techniques, instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process, and timely, high-quality feedback.

<p><b>Communication</b></p> <p>3.1k the importance of clear, accurate communication in the teaching and learning process;</p> <p>3.2k principles and strategies for communicating effectively in varied teaching and learning contexts;</p> <p>3.3k spoken and written language that is appropriate to students' ages, interests, and backgrounds; and</p> <p>3.4k skills and strategies for engaging in skilled questioning and leading effective student discussions.</p>	<p><b>Communication</b></p> <p>3.1s communicate directions, explanations, and procedures clearly, accurately, and with an appropriate level of detail, both orally and in writing;</p> <p>3.2s use effective interpersonal skills (including both verbal and nonverbal skills) to reach students and communicate the teacher's commitment to students;</p> <p>3.3s use spoken and written language that is appropriate to students' ages, interests, and backgrounds;</p> <p>3.4s use effective communication techniques, including questioning and discussion techniques, to foster active student inquiry, higher-order thinking, problem solving, and productive, supportive interactions;</p> <p>3.5s use carefully framed questions to enable students to reflect on their understanding of content and to consider new possibilities; and</p> <p>3.6s apply skills for leading discussions that engage all students in exploring important questions and that extend students' knowledge.</p>
<p><b>Engaging Students in Learning</b></p> <p>3.5k criteria for selecting appropriate instructional activities and assignments for students with varied characteristics and needs;</p> <p>3.11k techniques for structuring and pacing lessons in ways that promote student engagement and learning.</p>	<p><b>Engaging Students in Learning</b></p> <p>3.7s create lessons with a clearly defined structure around which activities are organized;</p> <p>3.8s create activities and assignments that are appropriate for students and that actively engage them in the learning process;</p> <p>3.9s select and use instructional materials, resources, and technologies that are suitable for instructional goals and that engage students cognitively;</p> <p>3.13s engage students intellectually by teaching meaningful content in ways that promote all students' active and invested participation in the learning process; and</p> <p>3.14s encourage students' self-motivation and active engagement in learning.</p>

# Course Outline

## **Pedagogy**

(TEXES PPR Standards: 1.6k, 1.1s, 1.2s , 1.7k, 1.9k, 1.11k, 1.6s, 1.9s, 1.11s)

- Implementation of TEKS in math/science lesson
- Relationship to prior/future learning
- Content sequence
- Instruction serving English Language Learners

## **Designing Instruction**

(TEXES PPR Standards: 1.12k-1.16k, 1.12s-1.16s, 1.19k, 1.21k, 1.24k, 1.19s-1.12s)

- Development of instructional goals and objectives
- Utilize content sequence
- Develop goals that are measurable and can be assessed

## **Assessing Student Learning**

(TEXES PPR Standards: 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k, 1.24s-1.27s)

- Monitor student learning and provide feedback
- Monitor lesson presentation and connect with original instructional goals and objectives and with the STAAR exam.

## **Meeting Students' Academic Needs**

(2.4k, 2.5k, 2.4s, 2.5s, 3.1k-3.4k, 3.1s-3.6s, 3.5k, 3.11k, 3.7s-3.9s, 3.13s, 3.14s)

- Engaged learning
- Teacher expectations
- Clear administrative directions
- Relates instruction to interests and emphasizes value/importance
- Provides enrichment/extension



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
August 27	Introductions/Syllabus/Course Description, Expectations Math Concepts
August 29	Discussion Board Assignment Due
September 3	Mathematical Development Video, review website <a href="http://tx.nesinc.com">tx.nesinc.com</a> and become familiar with how to access preparation manuals.
September 5	Discussion Board Assignment due over Pearson website
September 10	Vocabulary & Writing Strategies/Math Learning Video Grades 1-2 Vocabulary & Writing Strategies/Math Learning Video Grades 3-6 Divide into groups
September 12	Contact your group members and introduce yourselves to each other. Share contact info.
September 17	Review Presentation Rubric and Lesson Plan Rubric, TEKS - <a href="http://www.tea.texas.gov">www.tea.texas.gov</a>
September 19	Discussion Board Assignment due over TEKS
September 24 September 26	Math Presentations Grades K-2 Prepare for math presentations
October 1 October 3	Math Presentations Grades K-2 Prepare for math presentations
October 8 October 10	Math Presentations Grades K-2 Prepare for Midterm and science presentations
October 15	<b>MIDTERM</b>
October 22 October 24	Science Presentations Grade 6 Prepare for science presentations
October 29	Science Presentations Grade 6 <b>Field Experience Journal Due</b>
October 31	Prepare for science presentations

November 5	Science Presentations Grade 6
November 7	Organize portfolio
November 12	Evidence of Learning Portfolio individual presentations
November 14	Prepare for individual presentation
November 19	Evidence of Learning Portfolio individual presentations
November 21	Prepare for individual presentation
November 26	Prepare for individual presentation
November 27 – 29	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 3	Evidence of Learning Portfolio individual presentations

# ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

## **Professionalism, Attendance and Participation: 10%**

All students are expected to attend class regularly and be on time. Absences and tardies will result in a loss of points. Also, students are expected to participate in class discussions and class activities. The format of the class will be lecture, discussion, group activities, role-playing, presentations and Discussion Board assignments. Failure to participate will result in a loss of points. Demonstration of professionalism is expected in the field of education, as well as in this class.

## **Exam: 10%**

There will be a Midterm exam worth 10%. The exam will consist of short answer and/or essay questions. You will have 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete the exam. Part I consists of 4 essay questions worth 10 pts. each. For Part II, you will be given math TEKS and will need to come up with a lesson plan, incorporating all of the steps of the Madeline Hunter Lesson Plan format.

## **Discussion Board: 10%**

The utilization of Blackboard and assignments posted will be an important component of this course. Assignments will be posted on Tuesdays and will be due on Thursdays at 10:00 p.m. Late assignments will not be accepted. Post your Discussion Board assignments as an attachment, typed in Word, using 12 pt. Times New Roman or a similar font, normal margins, double spaced. Do not try to enlarge your font or space out various headlines or use lengthy titles to try to fill in the page.

Refer to the grading rubric that I have posted under "Course Documents". I will be utilizing this rubric to grade Blackboard assignments. Note that I will not individually respond to all of your postings. However, I will use the rubric as a basis for my grading.

Take the time to read other student's posted assignments. You will glean much more from this course if you actively do so.

## **Presentations: 30%**

Students will work on presentations related to math and science. Lessons will be presented to classmates and presentations will be graded utilizing a rubric. You will be required to post Lesson Plans, PowerPoint presentations, as well as handouts and materials needed to the Discussion Board, when it is your turn to present. All others need to print out the handouts and bring to class, as well as bring necessary materials that are required to complete the activity. Please post any materials that students will need to bring to class by **Sunday at NOON.**

## **Lesson Plans: 10%**

Students will be expected to type up lesson plans and turn in prior to presenting their lesson. Lesson Plans will be graded utilizing a rubric. Lesson Plans must be turned in the day prior to presenting.

### **Evidence of Learning: 10%**

You will need to keep a binder with tabs for each of the different math and science lessons taught in this class by you and by your peers. Your binder will be graded on organization and inclusiveness of all items. You will be asked to orally defend what you have learned/experienced by being exposed to the lessons presented.

### **Classroom Field Experience: 20%**

During the semester, you will need to complete 10 hours of classroom field experience in the math and science areas. **For full credit, you must view/experience a minimum of 10 hours of classroom teaching and interaction. At least 5 of the hours must be interactive!** Everytime that you are demonstrating being **interactive** in the classroom, **highlight this section in yellow.**

You will need to keep a Classroom Field Based Experience Journal. After every field experience (10), you will type a summary of your observations and experience. Summarize what you observed and reflect on how viewing an actual teacher can help you as a future teacher. Use **key words** that we utilize in class as you document your field experience and **type them in red.**

After the 10 hours of actual field experience, type a three-page reflection detailing your OVERALL experience. Your typed summary (journal) pages and the typed three-page reflection will need to be turned in on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Do not insert your typed pages in protective plastic sleeves. Note that this journal will also be graded on how visually appealing it is. Refer to the Field Experience rubric that is located under "Course Documents" as I will be utilizing this to grade your Field Experience journal and documents.

A log with dates, times and teacher signatures must also be submitted at the same time as the journal. All this documentation will be kept and filed in your student file in order to demonstrate observation hours as required by the state.

- 1. Turn in complete Field Experience Journal, Reflection and Log on October 29, 2019 to your campus secretary. This will all be forwarded to me via inter-campus mail.**
- 2. I will grade your Field Experience paperwork utilizing the Rubric.**
- 3. I will keep the 10 pages over each field experience hour as well as the log and will forward them to Susan Land once I grade your experience. She will file them.**
- 4. I will grade your 3-page reflection and will make comments.**
- 5. During Individual Portfolio Meetings, I will return your binder with activities, along with the 3-page reflection.**

**Disability Statement**

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**Distance Education Student:**

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.