

# Sul Ross State University

## College of Education and Professional Studies

Department of Education

EDUA 5317-8 Week Class

History, Philosophy, and Trends in Education

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**Semester Dates:**

**Class Opens: August 28, 2023**

**Class Ends: October 20, 2023**

**Class Closes on Bb: October 27, 2023**

Required Textbooks:

Gutek, Gerald L. (2011). Historical and philosophical foundations of education: A biographical introduction. (5<sup>th</sup> ed.) Boston: Pearson. **ISBN-13:** 978-0137152735

Aldridge, J and Goldman, R (2007). Current issues and trends in education. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) Boston:

Pearson **ISBN-13:** 978-0205486205

Recommended Reference:

American Psychological Association. (2010). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association. (x ed.) Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

**ISBN:** 978-1-4338-0559-2

Student Learning Outcomes: By the end of this course, students will:

- Understand the historical and philosophical foundations of the educational ideas and practices from a global perspective.
- Understand the ways in which the roles of teacher and student have evolved over time.
- Examine educational goals, teaching methods, and curricula from a variety of philosophical perspectives.
- Analyze and discuss major educational trends and areas of educational conflict in America, both historically and in the present day.
- Recognize the contributions of educational reformers and their impact on American education.
- Formulate an internally consistent, comprehensive, and articulate personal philosophy of education.
- Develop a clear understanding of the current trends and issues in education

MED Program Learning Outcomes (some or all addressed in this course)

Outcome 1 Master of Education students will demonstrate mastery of content in the required core courses.

Outcome 2 Master of Education students will design a research proposal drawing upon qualified, current courses and completing the paper with a good introduction, overview of the research and effective presentation of the problem.

Outcome 3 Master of Education students will demonstrate knowledge and leadership in their chosen area of specialization.

Course Description:

This course is a survey of the historical, philosophical and contemporary landscape of schools in the United States. Emphasis is placed on enduring debates about the purposes of education in a democratic society. Additionally, this course will explore the current trends and issues facing education in today's world.

## Key Assignments:

Please keep in mind that the due dates for all assignments are deadlines. All assignments are due at midnight on the day stipulated in the calendar. Late assignments could lose up to 20% of possible points if prior arrangements are not made. All written assignments must follow APA format.

- 1) Discussion Board—per posted due dates
  - Write your response to the posted question, read others' responses, and post comments on 2 or more of your classmates for each discussion board.
- 2) Written analysis of historical legacy on Big Thinkers in Education today.
  - Select one of the educators from the text whose thinking may have influenced the “Big Thinker” and give your rationale.
  - Explain your rationale for selecting the “Big Thinker”.
  - APA format

3) Written Comparison of Two Educators of your choice from the textbook or from your past experience

- Compare the historical context, life, educational philosophy, and contributions of the two educators.
- Identify the ideas that you most embrace from one or both of the educators.
- Identify the impact of the two educators on education today.
- Identify areas of disagreement you may have with either of the educators, if any
- APA format

4) Written critique/discussion of an American Educator

- Discuss the philosophy of an American Educator who specifically strikes you
- Identify the various aspects of his/her philosophy with which you agree and use in your practice
- Identify the various aspects of his/her philosophy with which you disagree
- Discuss the impact this educator has had on American Education
- APA format

5) Written discussion of current trends in Education

- Identify a current trend with which you are familiar

- Discuss the nature and scope of this trend
- Discuss the impact this trend has had on your practice as a teacher
- Discuss your expectation of how this trend will continue to influence Education
- APA format

6) FINAL Class Project: Your Personal Educational Philosophy

- Present your own educational biography (following the Gutek format) including
  - Part I** Your historical context (key events influencing you)
  - Part II** Your biography (identification of formative persons and events that shaped your educational philosophy or ideology/ reference one or more educators of influence from the text)
  - Part III** Analysis of your personal educational philosophy, addressing the following: concepts of truth, values, education and schooling, teaching and learning, and role of technology in education.
  - Part IV** Conclusion (contributions you have made to education and future goals)
- Format: This is a written composition.
  - RESEARCH PAPER
  - Address all 4 parts listed above
  - Five to 7 pages
  - APA style
  - List five or more references in credits

6) Final Exam: The final exam will be a written exam which is all essay in style. You will be given approximately 2 weeks to complete the exam. You will need to answer each question independently of the other questions.

- SRSU purchased SMARTHINKING (an online academic support system) for all students to use. It is located on Blackboard under tools, and it connects you to the SMARTHINKING website where you can post writing and get editorial feedback. Prior to submitting your final composition, you may post it on SMARTHINKING for feedback and include the feedback report when you submit your final composition.

Grading:

Assignment	Points	Due Date
Discussion Boards 5 @ 5 points each <b>Each entry includes your response and your response to 2 or more classmates</b>	20	Per discussion board
Written Essay #1-Comparison of Educators from Text or Personal Experience	10	9/10/23

Written Essay #2-Critical discussion of an American Educator	10	10/09/23
Written Essay #3-Current trends in Education	10	10/15/23
Final Semester Project	20	10/16/23
Final Exam	30	10/19/23
Total points	100	

Letter Grades:

90-100 - equates to an A

80 -89 - equates to a B

75-79 equates to a C

70-74 equates to a D

69 or less equates to an F

Grading Policy:

1. All papers should be typewritten according to the APA manual.
2. All writings, including the Discussion Board postings, will be graded for correct writing conventions including grammar, as well as content.
3. ALL papers MUST be submitted through Blackboard. I do NOT accept emailed assignment submissions.
4. All papers are EXPECTED to be submitted on Blackboard by the due date, unless specific arrangements are made prior to the due date and include specific and extreme mitigating circumstances. Otherwise, late work may receive a point penalty of 15% of the point value for that assignment/discussion per day late.

Academic Integrity:

All students are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honest in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared and focused. Meaningful and pertinent participation is required.

Attendance Policy:

Although this course is web delivered, participation and timely assignment completion is required. Students in web-based classes are expected to log in several times each week to the

Blackboard course site on the internet. “Logins” will be monitored. Students are to make themselves aware of the SRSU policies on Absences and Class Attendance posted in the SRSU Student Handbook.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Week	Assigned Reading	Assignment
August 28-Sept 7	Chapter 1-Read this chapter by Sept 3	Discussion Board #1-Original post due Aug 28, responses due Aug. 31  Present a 2 to 5 power point slide through Blackboard which introduces you to the class. You are to respond to a minimum of two of your classmates.
September 8-14	Chapter 2-Read this chapter by September 12	Composition 1-Comparison of 2 Educators September 10-Composition I Due
September 14-20	Chapter 3,4	Discussion Board #2-Initial Post due Sept 15, responses due Sept 18  After reading chapters 1 & 2 in your textbook about John Seely Brown, compare and contrast the views of both Confucius and Brown in regards to the importance of convention, tradition, and change. Do you agree or disagree with their assessments? Why? Be sure to respond to a minimum of two of your classmates posts.
Sept 21-27	Chapters 5,6	Discussion Board #3-Initial post due Sept 23, responses due Sept 25  Compare and contrast Plato and Aquinas on the concept of <i>hierarchy</i> . Describe how hierarchy in schools today is similar or different to their definition of the concept? Be sure to respond to a minimum of two of your classmates’ posts.
Sept 28-Oct 7	Chapter 7,8	Discussion Board #4-Initial post due Sept 29, responses due Oct 2

		In your opinion, what would be Calvin's position on the following issues: added security to control violence in schools, prayer in public schools, multiculturalism, vouchers for nonpublic schools, and the posting of the Ten Commandments in public schools? Be sure to respond to a minimum of two of your classmates' posts.
Oct 8-14	Chapters 9,10	Composition 2-Due on Blackboard by Oct 9 at midnight. Critical comparison of two educators from text book or from personal experience
Oct 15-20	Chapters 11,12	Discussion Board #5-Original Posts due Oct 15, responses due Oct 17 Analyze Jefferson's concept of civic education and view Harry Jenkins' video. Compare and contrast their approaches to civic education and engagement. Would they have agreed or disagreed on this topic? Explain your answer. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P3UsqeYUbl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P3UsqeYUbl</a>
Oct 15-20	Chapters 1-6, Aldridge Text	Composition 3-Due on Blackboard by Oct 15 at midnight Current Trends in Education
Oct 16	Term Project	Written Term Project due on Blackboard on Oct 16 by midnight Personal Philosophy of Education
Oct 1-Oct 23	Final Exam	Final Exam-due on Blackboard on Oct 19 by midnight Final exam questions will be available for you to view by Oct 1 and will no longer be available to you after Oct 23.

NOTE: All reading assignments are from the primary text (Gutek) unless otherwise noted. Throughout the course, additional activities and/or reading may be added to enhance your learning experience with or without additional points.

## **Netiquette**

Use of good “Netiquette” is essential in an online environment. Please observe the following rules of common courtesy:

1. Check the course website frequently and respond appropriately and on subject.
2. Be professional and careful with your online interaction. Remember that you should be comfortable with your statements if they were published on the front page of the local newspaper.
3. Cite all quotes, references and sources.
4. Never forward someone else’s messages without his/her permission.
5. All discussion postings should be of top quality, on time, and rich in text. (The above “netiquette guidelines were adapted from Rinaldi, A. (1994) The Net User Guidelines and Netiquette, Florida Atlantic University, available from Netcom).

### **SRSU Disabilities Services:**

The University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Disabilities Services Coordinator in Counseling and Student Support Services has the responsibility to ensure students with disabilities the opportunity for full participation in programs, services, and activities.

Students seeking disability services need to contact the Disabilities Services Coordinator located in the Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is Sul Ross State University, PO Box C-171, Alpine, TX 79832. The telephone number is 432.837.8178; the fax number is 432.837.8724.