

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY
SUMMER EVENING PROGRAM
JULY 10 - SEPTEMBER 11, 1999
FORT SHAFTER

COURSE: ED 406 Psychological Foundations of American Education
DAY & TIME: Saturdays: 0800 -1210
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I. TEXTBOOK:

Eggen and Kauchak, 1999. Educational Psychology: Windows on Classrooms. 4th Edition. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

II. INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION:

ED 406 will cover the theories and basic concepts of Educational Psychology. Tools and strategies will be presented, to assist students in elementary and secondary classrooms in becoming creative, independent, and self-directed individuals. Prerequisite: ED 200.

From the perspective of practitioners in the classroom, the students in this course will explore: the characteristics of an excellent teacher; human development; individual differences; behavioral and cognitive learning; motivating and managing students; teacher and student centered approaches to teaching; and assessment. A variety of teaching and learning activities will be **utilized** including, large and small group discussions, lectures, student presentations, written projects, **quizzes** and an exam.

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES: The students participating in this course will understand:

1. How learners' intellectual capacities and language abilities develop over time.
2. How **learners'** personal **characteristics**, moral reasoning, and socialization develop over time.
3. How intelligence, culture, socioeconomic status, and gender affect learning.
4. How **learner** exceptionalities **affect** learning.
5. Learning from a behaviorist and social cognitive perspective.
6. Learning from a cognitive perspective.
7. Concept **learning**, problem solving, and the development of **strategic learners**
8. Factors that **affect** students' motivation to learn.
9. The role of orderly **learning** environments in promoting learning.

10. The purpose and benefits of **effective** planning.
11. Both teacher-centered and student-centered approaches to instruction.
12. Different types of teacher made assessments.
13. The function and impact of standardized testing on learning and learners.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR **ASSIGNMENTS** AND PARTICIPATION:

Attendance and Participation	36 points
Oral Presentation (first 3 chapters of research project)	20 points
Research Paper	30 points
Quizzes (5)	30 points
Final Exam	50 points
TOTAL	166 points

NOTE: Points will be deducted for late submittals of assignments. A zero (0) will be given for any assignment not turned-in. An incomplete (I) grade will be given only under emergency situations.

V. EXPLANATION OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance and Participation - 36 points:

Since this is an accelerated course, every absence or partial attendance will mean that vital course content will be missed and the ability to participate in class activities will be diminished. Emphasis is placed on class discussions. All students are highly encouraged to participate in these discussions.

There is *NO EXCEPTION for absences*. Each four hour class is worth four points (one point per class hour for attendance and participation). Example: arriving to class one hour late means receiving 3 points for that class session. Your attendance will be noted during each **class** period on an attendance sheet. For partial attendance, it is important to check that the correct attendance is noted on the attendance sheet, so that it is not construed as a four point absence.

Oral Presentation (**of first 3 chapters of research project**) 20 points:

Each student (no partners) will orally present the first 3 chapters of the research project. A *short synopsis (written)* of the presentation will be given to the instructor prior to the presentation. The purpose of this assignment is to give the student the experience in gathering and presenting information pertinent to the chosen research topic. Each presentation will last 20 - 30 minutes. The time limit will vary due to the number of students enrolled in this course; as well as questions and answers being asked during each presentation. A student may use visual aids to assist in the understanding of the presentation.

Research Paper ~~roject~~ - 30 points:

The research will provide the student (no partners) with the opportunity to understand the concepts of an empirically designed project emphasizing the following contents: introduction to the research, problem statement, review of literature, methodology, findings and conclusion. The paper will be between 12 - 15 pages in length, double spaced and include (not limited to) **instruments**, footnotes and bibliography. Any recognized form and style may be used to complete the paper, so long as consistency is displayed. One (1) point a day will be subtracted for late submittals.

Quizzes - 30 points:

Each quiz will consist of several items, to serve as a brief review of the previous week's information. The quizzes require the student to gather, reflect, integrate and understand the vital theories, concepts, and terminologies. Also, the five quizzes serve as a comprehensive study guide for the final exam.

Final Exam - 50 points:

The final exam will be administered on the tenth week to determine the understanding of the course content. There will be a final exam review on the ninth week.

VI. GRADING SYSTEM:

The total point value of assignments and participation is 166. Letter grades are based on the following point system:

150 - 166 = A

133-149 = B

117 - 132 =

100 - 116 = D

Below 100 = F

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WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE: READINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Chapters will be discussed on the assigned week. Reading and activities from handouts may periodically be assigned. Points will be deducted for late submittal of assignments. The weekly class schedule may be adjusted to meet the needs of the students and the instructor.

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| WEEK 1 | Course Introduction and Requirements
Chapter 1: Teaching in the Real World
Research topic due on WEEK 3 (research title and one paragraph containing a brief problem statement and hypothesis) |
| WEEK 2 | Independent Study: use time to complete the problem statement, hypothesis; and begin the research paper |
| WEEK 3 | Chapter 2: The Development of Cognition and Language
Chapter 3: Personal, Social, and Emotional development
Research topic due
Select oral presentation dates |
| WEEK 4 | Quiz #1, Chapters 1, 2 and 3
Chapter 4: Learner Differences
Chapter 5: Learners With Exceptionalities |
| WEEK 5 | Quiz #2, Chapters 4 and 5
Chapter 6: Behaviorism and Social Cognitive Theory
Chapter 7: Cognitive Views of Learning
Oral presentation: First 3 chapters of research project |
| WEEK 6 | Quiz #3, Chapters 6 and 7
Chapter 8: Complex Cognitive Processes
Chapter 10: Increasing Learner Motivation
Oral presentation: First 3 chapters of research project |
| WEEK 7 | Quiz #4, Chapters 8 and 10
Chapter 9: Cognition in the Content Areas
Chapter 11: Creating Productive Learning Environments
Oral Presentation: First 3 chapters of research project |

- WEEK 8 Quiz #5, Chapters 9 and 11
Chapter 12: Teacher - Centered Approaches to Instruction
Chapter 13: **Learner** - Centered Approaches to Instruction
Oral Presentation: First 3 chapters of research project
- WEEK 9 Research paper due today
Chapter 14: Assessing Classroom Learning
Appendix (pages 625 - 641)
Review for final exam
Oral presentation: First 3 chapters of research project
- WEEK 10 Final Exam
Class discussion of research papers (concentration on last 2 chapters)
Last day to **turn-in** late assignments