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## **ED 320 Course Syllabus**

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**Course Number:** ED 320

**Course Title:** Elementary Language Arts Methods 1

**College/School/Division:** School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Term:** Fall 2025

**Credits:** 3

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### **University Course Catalog Description**

This course guides teacher candidates in exploring the meaning of literacy and how it is taught with research-based strategies. Topics include a comprehensive view of the development of reading and writing from emergent to fluent stages; the role of oral language, culture, and new literacies; creating a literate environment; and developing expertise in using children's literature to support learning in all areas of language arts: reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and visually representing. The emphasis is on lower elementary grades, K-2, with next semester's Elementary Language Arts II having a stronger focus on upper elementary.

### **Conceptual Framework:**

The Education Division's Conceptual Framework is based upon a set of beliefs that flow from the University's vision and mission statements, the Division's vision and mission statements, and the core academic beliefs of Chaminade University. These values and beliefs are based on the Catholic Marianist principles; a commitment to mentor teacher and educational leader candidates to their fullest potential; a commitment to teaching, scholarship and research; and a commitment to serve the university and the larger community. This rigorous alignment is designed to prepare education professionals who demonstrate professional dispositions and empathy, content knowledge, and the pedagogical/leadership skills to work effectively with a diverse community of learners.

### **Education Division Mission Statement:**

The Education Division's mission is to foster the development of knowledgeable, proficient, and reflective teachers and educational leaders. Our programs are based in the liberal arts tradition, Catholic Marianist values, current research, best practice, and professional standards. In this context we develop educators who demonstrate ethical, effective and culturally responsive practices, and a commitment to building a just and peaceful society.

### **Marianist Values**

1. Educate for formation in faith
2. Provide an integral quality education
3. Educate in family spirit
4. Educate for service, justice and peace
5. Educate for adaptation and change

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

- Apply knowledge of learner development, learner differences, diverse students and the learning environment to optimize learning for Elementary students.
- Describe central concepts, tools of inquiry and structures of the subject matter disciplines for Elementary students.
- Utilize formative and summative assessments, to determine, select, and implement effective instructional strategies for Elementary students.
- Analyze the history, values, commitments, and ethics of the teaching profession within the school community.
- Explain the Marianist tradition of providing an integral, quality education within diverse learning communities.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of literacy processes and scientifically based instructional practices.
- Explore a wide range of instructional practices, approaches, methods, and technologies to support learners from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- Identify a variety of assessment tools and practices to plan, guide, and evaluate effective instruction.
- Demonstrate understanding of foundational skills of reading: print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, and word recognition, fluency, and comprehension.
- Describe practices used in the early identification of at-risk readers, especially problems with print concepts, phonological awareness, basic phonics skills, and ability to read high-frequency words.

### Essential Questions Addressed in This Course

Essential Questions	Related CLOs	Related PLOs
What is research-based literacy instruction?	1, 4	1, 2, 3, 5
What is the role of literature in a child's literacy development?	1, 2, 4	2, 5
How is literacy development assessed in ways that support learning among diverse students?	3	1, 2, 3, 5

### Learning Materials

- Supplemental texts will be provided.

### Assessment

Assignments	Points
Discussions	45
Assignments	42
Lesson Plan	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

May be subject to change based on the dynamics of current events. Late assignments submitted one-day late will receive a 10% deduction and two-days late with a 25% deduction. No late assignments will be accepted after. If there is an emergency, make sure to contact me before the due date of an assignment. No work will be accepted after the last day of the course.

**Syllabus Change Policy:** This syllabus is a guide and every attempt is made to provide an accurate overview of the course. Occasionally, it is necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester due to the progress of the class, experiences of the students, and

unforeseen changes in the schedule. Changes to the syllabus will be made with advance notice whenever possible.

#### Grading scale

100-90%	A
89-80%	B
79-70%	C
69-60%	D
59-0%	F

#### Schedule

Week	Topic	Tasks
Week 1	Purpose of Literacy	Discussion Assignment
Week 2	Foundational Teacher Knowledge	Discussion Assignment
Week 3	Foundational Teacher Knowledge	Discussion Assignment
Week 4	Phonemic Awareness	Discussion Assignment
Week 5	Phonological and Phonemic Awareness	Discussion Assignment
Week 6	Phonemic Awareness	Discussion Assignment
Week 7	Phonics	Discussion Assignment
Week 8	Phonics	Discussion Assignment
Week 9	Spelling	Discussion Assignment
Week 10	Writing	Discussion Assignment

Week	Topic	Tasks
Week 11	Orthographic Mapping	Discussion Assignment
Week 12	Explicit Instruction	Discussion Assignment
Week 13	Introduction to Assessment	Discussion Assignment
Week 14	Professionalism	Discussion Lesson Plan Due
Week 15	Wrap up	Discussion Assignment

\*May be subject to change

### **Credit Hour Policy**

This is a three-credit hour course requiring 135 hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Students in this course are anticipated to spend 39 hours watching lectures and participating in weekly discussions, 8 hours designing and writing the lesson plan, 5 hours researching and writing the author study, and 5 ½ hours each week on weekly readings, reflections, video analyses, lesson concept outlines, etc.

### **Model Code of Ethics for Educators**

The Model Code of Ethics for Educators is intertwined throughout the various activities within this course, as well as the other courses you will take within this program. The responsibility to profession, of professional competence, to our students, to the school, and with the use of technology are integral to all aspects of this course.

### **Student Responsibilities**

- It is important for you to bring the textbook to each class and to keep up with the assigned readings/course material.
- Professional behavior is expected in and beyond our class environment.
- Appropriate, meaningful technology such as tablets and laptops may be used through my facilitation during class. Laptops and tablets should not be misused, such as checking distracting websites. Use your best judgment and please respect my time and your classmates. Cellphones/Smartphones should be placed on silent and please answer messages after class. Continued inappropriate usage of electronic devices will result in deduction of participation points.

### **Online Guidelines**

- Our main online learning management system (LMS) platform utilizes Canvas. Please make sure to review the Student Tutorial located on your course dashboard regarding instructions on accessing and submitting materials and assignments. Also, if you have any questions, please make sure to contact me and I can assist you on navigating the course. We will also utilize Zoom or a similar platform for live online class sessions if the need arises.
- Netiquette Guidelines: Students should communicate with each other using the same common courtesy, politeness, and appropriate online behaviors as we would in a face-to-face environment: a) Respect the opinions of others and their right to disagree; b) Keep replies and comments

focused on the relevant topic; d) Post discussions and assignments in a timely fashion so that others can have sufficient time to review and reply.

### **Writing Standards**

All work submitted by Chaminade University students must meet the following writing standards. Written assignments should:

1. Correctly use the grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure of Standard Written English.
2. Develop ideas, themes, and main points coherently and concisely.
3. Adopt modes and styles appropriate to their purpose and audience.
4. Be clear, complete, and effective.
5. Carefully analyze and synthesize material and ideas borrowed from sources. In addition, the sources of the borrowed material should be correctly acknowledged to avoid plagiarism (see Plagiarism).

## **Important Information**

### **Academic Honesty**

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, and plagiarism, in addition to more obvious dishonesty.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of Academic Division and may include an “F” grade for the work in question, an “F” grade for the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University.

For the most up to date information, please refer to the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) on the Chaminade University Catalog website.

### **TITLE IX AND NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:**

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes the dignity of all people, inclusivity and mutual respect and is free

of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. For pregnant and parenting students, I am also obligated to provide you with similar resources for support and protections available to you. My goal is to make sure that you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources and support you need.

### **Nondiscrimination Policy & Notice of Nondiscrimination**

The university is committed to comply with all State and Federal statutes, rules, and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The university is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender identity and expression, age, religion, color, national origin (including shared ancestry and ethnic characteristics), ancestry, citizenship, disability, genetic information, marital status, breastfeeding, arrest and court record (except as permissible under State law), sexual orientation, or status as a covered veteran. Inquiries about Title IX or general Civil Rights concerns may be referred to the University's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both and contact information may be found [HERE](#). *On-campus Confidential Resources may also be found here at [CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES](#).*

The University's Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures can be located on the University webpage at:

<https://chaminade.edu/compliance/title-ix-nondiscrimination-policies-procedures/>

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the [Campus Incident Report form](#). Chaminade University of Honolulu prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates.

The NOTICE of NONDISCRIMINATION can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).

### **Hazing Prevention Resources and Athlete Helpline:**

Assists athletes, parents, coaches, and any allies interested in ensuring physical and mental safety for sports communities by offering confidential emotional support, crisis intervention, informational athlete-focused resources, and guidance related to concerns about any type of abuse—including hazing.

Chaminade University's Hazing Policy:

<https://catalog.chaminade.edu/studenthandbook/codeofconduct>

<https://hazingpreventionnetwork.org/athlete-helpline/>

<https://hazingpreventionnetwork.org/how-to-report-hazing/>

**Basic Needs Resources:** <https://chaminade.edu/basic-needs/>

### **Campus Safety/ SafeSwords**

A program for students, faculty and staff, who may feel uncomfortable or unsafe walking alone on campus, at any time of the day. Call security, and a security professional will meet you at your location on campus. The security professional will escort you to your residence hall, car, etc. Students may utilize this when walking to and from night classes around campus or after late night events. [SafeSwords Webpage](#)

### **CUH Alert Emergency Notification**

To get the latest emergency communication from Chaminade University, students' cell numbers will be connected to Chaminade's emergency notification text system. When you log in to the Chaminade portal, you will be asked to provide some emergency contact information. If you provide a cellphone number, you will receive a text from our emergency notification system asking you to confirm your number. You must respond to that message to complete your registration and get emergency notifications on your phone.

### **Assessment for Student Work**

With the goal of continuing to improve the quality of educational services offered to students, Chaminade University conducts assessments of student achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes. Student work is used anonymously as the basis of these assessments, and the work you do in this course may be used in these assessment efforts.

### **Student with Disabilities Statement**

Chaminade University of Honolulu offers accommodations for all actively enrolled students with disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act (2008).

Students are responsible for contacting Kokua Ike: Center for Student Learning to schedule an appointment. Verification of their disability will be requested through appropriate documentation and once received it will take up to approximately 2–3 weeks to review them.

Appropriate paperwork will be completed by the student before notification will be sent out to their instructors. Accommodation paperwork will not be automatically sent out to instructors each semester, as the student is responsible to notify Kokua Ike via email at [ada@chaminade.edu](mailto:ada@chaminade.edu) each semester if changes or notifications are needed.

### **Kōkua 'Ike: Tutoring & Learning Services**

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua 'Ike's](#) website for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click on Account > TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at [tutoring@chaminade.edu](mailto:tutoring@chaminade.edu) or 808-739-8305.