



ESL Methods & Materials

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Textbook & Instructional Materials

Peregoy, S., Boyle, O. F. & Amendum, S. (2013). Reading, Writing, and Learning in ESL: A resource book for teaching k-12 English Learners (8th ed). Boston: Pearson (ISBN: 978-013-753547-7).

Herrell, A, L., & Jordan, M. (2020). 50 Strategies for Teaching Language Learners. Boston, MA: Pearson.

Course Description

This course is designed to enable students to explore theories, pedagogical, and current methodology in the teaching of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills for English Learners (ELs) and Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. The course presents five subject areas pertinent to teaching ELs: communication and understanding, applied linguistic and second language acquisition, methods in teaching English as a second language, curriculum development and adaptation, and language assessment. These five subject areas which are the focus of the course modules, promote the understanding of culturally and linguistically appropriate instructional and assessment skills, and present effective means for modifying curricula. More detailed objectives for each of these subject areas are given below.

Course Objectives

All course objectives are aligned to TEA Standards for English Language Proficiency Standards, TExES EC-6 Core subject ELAR standards/examination framework (competency 1-10) Science of Teaching Reading (STR) Standards and Examination Framework: Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR), EC-12 (160), and English as a Second Language Supplemental (154). All standards have uploaded to D2L.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. 1 Develop an understanding of the need for training to work with ELs and LEP students, i.e. the demographic, pedagogical reasons and instructional practices).
2. Develop an understanding influences of various aspects of on teaching and learning and to understand the influence that home, school, and community relationships have on academic achievement and school adjustment of ELs and LEP students.
3. Synthesize and articulate how principles of second language acquisition research in bilingual education frame and support inclusive instructional practices.
4. Understand and implement methods of English language development to use with all levels of English language learners (beginning, intermediate, advance, and advance high).
5. Develop instructional strategies that integrate language (e.g., listening, speaking, reading, and writing, etc.) and curricular content learning (e.g., ELAR, Science, Math, Social Studies, and STEM, etc.)
6. Understand how to use formative and summative assessments with ELs and LEP students.

Course Outline

Provide equal education opportunities for the English Learners (ELs) and Limited English Proficient (LEP) students

- 1.1 Demographic changes into the 21st century and their implications
- 1.2 Rationale for providing service to the ELs and LEP students.
- 1.3 National efforts in providing equal education opportunities for ELs and LEP students.
- 1.4 State (Texas) efforts (Laws, school policies, and resources, etc.) in providing equal education opportunities for ELs and LEP students.
- 1.5 Examples of programs designed to meet the needs of ELs and LEP students (national and state) as they are situated within social and political contexts of language policy.

Providing teacher resources in order to bridge home/community/school gap

- 2.1 States of learning adjustment
- 2.3 Factors that influence EL and LEP parent involvement in the school
- 2.4 Strategies and activities that promote parent, school and community relationship in the classroom

Second language acquisition issues

- 3.1 Approaches to language acquisition
- 3.2 Literacy processing and schema building
- 3.3 Literacy levels and multiple literacies
- 3.5 Communicative Competence & Literacy

- 3.6 BICS & CALP and Cummins' Quadrants
- 3.7 Technology assisted second language acquisition

Methods of English language development

- 4.1 Historical methods of English language development instruction
- 4.2 ESL goals and standards
- 4.3 ESL strategies in content areas
- 4.4 Whole language techniques
- 4.3 Cooperative learning strategies
- 4.5 English language development through technology

Content Area Instruction

- 5.1 Promoting literacy in the classroom
- 5.2 SDAIE Model
- 5.3 Teaching learning strategies
- 5.4 Approaches to teaching ELs and LEP students
- 5.5 Integrating higher order thinking, skills for ELs and LEP students
- 5.6 Content area application
- 5.7 Technology in the classroom

Assessing EL/LEP students and monitoring student progress

- 6.2 Types of assessment and assessment characteristics
- 6.3 Alternative approaches to assessment
- 6.4 Monitoring student progress

State Standards

The detailed list for each standard and test framework is listed: the TEA Standards for English Language Proficiency Standards, Technology Applications for All Teachers Standards, and Science of Teaching Reading (STR) Examination Framework EC-6 Core Subject ELAR Standards and EC-6 ELAR Examination Framework, English as a Second Language Supplemental (154), Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12 (160).

Key Assessments

EL Portfolio, ESL Strategy Presentation, and ESL Supplemental Practical Exam

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Disability Support Services

Student Wellness Center

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Laura Hetrick

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AI /Chat GPT Policy

The MSU Student Handbook covers Academic Honesty under University Policies and procedures. Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating, collusion, and plagiarism.

- Cheating is (1) the use of any unauthorized assistance, (2) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor, or (3) acquisition without permission, of tests or other academic materials.

- Plagiarism is the use of another person's published or unpublished work without full and clear acknowledgement.
- Collusion is collaboration with another person is preparing work offered for credit if the faculty member in charge does not authorize that collaboration.

AI/Chat GPT are relevant to the academic domain. All writing assignments should be well-prepared and created by the students for this course. Writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning outcomes of this course. Developing strong competencies in these areas will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, AI-generated submissions are not permitted and will be treated as plagiarism (Resource from Texas Tech University).

Campus Carry Policy

Active Shooter:

Senate The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit Safety / Emergency Procedures. Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: "Run. Hide. Fight."

Campus Carry:

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at [Campus Carry Policy](#)

Attendance Policy

This course has a strict attendance policy. Professional teachers are dependable, reliable, and responsible. Therefore, you are expected to be on time and in attendance at every class. Tardiness, leaving early, and absences are considered evidence of lack of dependability and are taken seriously.

1. If you are absent, your grade will be reduced.
 - 1st Absence – No penalty. (Please use the first absence wisely such as family events, conferences, and social activities, etc).
 - 2nd Absence – 60 points deducted from your final grade average
 - 3rd Absence – 100 points deducted from your final grade average
 - More than 3 absences – additional 100 points deducted from your final grade average for each absence beyond the first 3.
- If you have an unexpected medical treatment, you must turn in a doctor's note at the time you return to class. It is your responsibility to provide the written documentation to the instructor to avoid the loss of points.

2. Punctuality is also expected for all classes. Arriving 10 minutes late for the class is considered a tardy. Three tardies will result in a loss of 50 points from your final point total. Five tardies will lose 100 points in your final point total. When you arrive 20 minutes after class has started or leave before it ends you will be counted absent for that class period.
3. Do not use your laptop to do any assignments in the class. You are supposed to do your assignments after the class.
4. Make your cell phone vibrate during class time. Texting is very distracting in the class. Do not do it!!

Late Assignment Policy

No late work is acceptable. 50 points per day will be deducted for late assignments. Arrangements for exceptional cases must be made AT LEAST two days prior to the due date, but only one time per semester. Turn in your assignments with an electronic copy to D2L on the due day which is listed on the course calendar.

Inclement Weather Policy

In case of inclement weather, the instructor will post an announcement regarding the status of the class through email. Students are also encouraged to call the department if they have no immediate access to the Internet.

Assignments

Weekly Reading Response Journal

Each week you need to respond to the class reading that links the textbook and lecture notes. Be sure that each response uses the following format.

1. Four key points you learned/found while reading: you will cite at least four specific pieces of research, findings, suggestions from the textbook (Chapter/page/author) and lecture notes. What was learned that was new/interesting? Discuss how these points relate to your current situation (if applicable) and classroom concepts (e.g., teaching/learning experience/teaching ideas).
2. One key point you have a question about/found confusing/disagreed with: you will cite at least 2 specific pieces of information from the textbook, noting the chapter/page/author/ and what remaining questions you have, why you are confused, why you disagree. Discuss how these points relate to your current teaching situation (if applicable) and classroom concepts (teaching/learning experience/teaching ideas).
3. One point you would like more information about: you will cite at least one piece of information from the textbook and/or lecture notes you would like to explore further. Discuss how this issue relates to you with personal teaching and learning experiences/teaching ideas. The example and the rubric are listed on D2L. **Also see the handout page numbers: 1-2**

ESL Teaching Resources Folder

You need to prepare a folder of content-related, comprehensible materials appropriate for ELs and LEP students in your future classes. Your folder has three sections including : (1) a minimum of 10 teaching resources (e.g., websites, books, articles, strategies, assessments, etc.). In this section, you need to discuss why you select these resources, and how you will use these resources in your class. (2) Descriptions of five activities (holiday events, food festival, etc.) for creating an effective learning environment. You need to discuss why you design/select these activities and how you will use these activities in your class. (3) A minimum of three community resources (e.g., Adult learning center in Region 9, organizations, etc.). In this section, you need to discuss how to use these resources to promote community involvement and find these resources and how you will participate with the ELs and LEP students' community. The example and rubric are listed on D2L. **Also see the handout page number:3**

Evaluate and Modified Lesson Plan Template

You need to select a content-based lesson on Youtube that is appropriate to your subject of interest and modify it in order to accommodate ELs and LEP students. You will use a rubric to evaluate the lesson you watch. You must choose a content lesson from math, science, social studies, or language arts. Modify the selected lesson for each of the four levels of English proficiency (beginning, intermediate, advanced, and advanced high). Many teaching videos do not provide a written lesson plan. You need to summarize the teaching lesson, including the name of the lesson and links. You need to use a modified lesson plan template to identify modifications you believe the original lesson plan needs to make. You need to turn in an evaluation checklist, an original lesson plan (based on your summary), and the modified lesson plan template. The checklist is on D2L and the template and the rubric are listed on D2L. **Also see the handout page numbers: 4-11**

ELL Portfolio

This is the key assessment across different courses. The purpose of this assignment is for you to research, identify, and model instruction strategies that are effective in addressing the needs of ELs and LEP students in a mainstream classroom setting. In this portfolio you will complete the following four parts.

Part 1: English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and Texas Policy

In this part of the portfolio you need to explore the ELPS, Chapter 89 of the Texas Administrative code, and section 29 of the Texas Education code. Once you finish exploring the state laws, you need to respond to several questions and answer each question in complete sentences. For example: when should a student be identified as limited English proficient in the academic school year? What does LPAC stand for? Who serves on the LPAC? What are the duties of the LPAC (More detailed questions will be given in the class.

Part 2. Strategies used

You need to complete the instructional Strategies for ELs and LEP students. The template is listed on D2L.

Part 3. SIOP lesson plan

You need to prepare 2 sheltered content lesson plans demonstrating your knowledge of ESL methods and your ability to plan appropriate instruction for ELs and LEP students. Lesson plans will be assessed according to a modified Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP). Lesson plan template and an example of the SIOP and rubric are listed on D2L (**ELL Key Assessment Module Module**). **Also see the handout page numbers: 12-24**

Part 4: Instructional Strategy Modeling Video and Reflection

In this section, you will model an instructional strategy and complete a 15-20-minute recording. You should use an instructional strategy from the chart completed in Part II with at least 1 child or adolescent.

For the video, you should do the following (a) with parental permission, recruit one or two youth EL students to use during your video (b) Place the video camera so that the camera records your demonstration and does not show the faces of the participants (e.g., the camera and students are both facing you so that students' faces are not visible to the camera). (c) Model the instructional strategy during the mini lesson. Your mini-lesson should be no longer than 20 minutes in length.

After reviewing the recording, reflect on the following items. Your response should be 100 words or more for each of the questions and should reference specific times/examples in the video recording to support your ideas when appropriate. (a) Which instructional strategy did you choose and why do you believe it would be effective in teaching English learners. (b) What challenges and successes did you experience while modeling the strategy during the mini-lesson? (c) How did the students respond to the strategy? What specific student behaviors indicated the strategy was effective, or not effective, with the students? (d) What improvements or changes would you make in the future when using this instructional strategy with English learners?

ESL Strategy Presentation (Pair Work)

You are required to select and read 5 children's books during the semester. You need to use the 5 books to develop a thematic unit to teach ELs and LEP students' reading and writing skills across different content areas. Component Parts of This Thematic Unit: (a) Theme: Select an appropriate theme reflecting texts you read such as STEM, weather, ocean, family structure, etc. You need to explore 4 aspects of your themes. For example, Weather conditions include hurricane, tornados, blizzards, and droughts. (b) Grade Level: (c) Focus: Develop a one-sentence focus statement that summarizes the direction and intent of the unit. (d) Objectives: Identify three or four specific objectives you wish students to master by the completion of the unit. (e) Materials and Resources: Determine all the necessary materials and resources after the unit has been written. (f) Reading and Writing Activities: Develop activities you wish to use throughout the unit, at least 2 strategies for each book. (g) Discussion Questions: Include a variety of open-ended questions that help students think about the topic in varied and divergent ways. (h) Evaluation: Develop appropriate

assessments to evaluate student progress throughout the unit. Avoid relying on formal pencil and paper test; select criteria to measure growth. (i) Presentation content: You need to summarize each strategy and discuss how to use each strategy to help the student develop L2 language and literacy, and how it makes content comprehensible. You need to state standards that align with each strategy. Then you need to select one strategy to demonstrate how to use the strategy with ELs or ELP students in a content classroom. You also need to provide a handout of your selected strategy to your classmates. The handout will include 3-4 links that your classmates can use to learn about the strategy. The example of power point presentation, the checklist and the rubric are listed on D2L. **Also see the handout page numbers: 25-27**

Some example Strategies for Using Writing and Reading: K-W-L; Skimming and Scanning (Comprehension); List-Group-Label; Book pass; Text Structures and Supports; Developing Questions for reading: concept ladder; Book in a day; Reciprocal Teaching (comprehension); DR-TA (Directed Reading-Thinking Activity); Learning Logs; Compare and Contrast; QAR (Question-Answer Relationship)

ESL Supplemental Practical Exam (Short Version) and ESL Supplemental Practical Exam (Long Version)

For the Supplemental Exam, WFISD and other districts in Texas are really looking at having all of their new hires be ESL endorsed; this is different from ESL certified. For ESL endorsement, you only need to take the ESL test and pass it with an 80% or better. Once you pass the test, you pay a fee to have it added to your license, just like you have to do with any other test you take (e.g., PPR, Bilingual Generalist, Special Ed.). Then, your score is good for 5 years, but you still have to take a certain number of professional development hours (depending on your school district) to maintain your endorsement. It really does help you be more marketable.

This practice test will comprehensively address the main themes of this test, such as: Language Concepts and Language Acquisition an ESL Instruction and Assessment, as well as Foundations of ESL Education, and Family and Community Involvement. Review of some practical exam questions for each domain will be provided.

ESL TExES supplemental exams are included:

Domain I- Language concepts and language acquisition (25%)

- Competency 001: The ESL teacher understands fundamental language concepts and knows the structure and conventions of the English language.
- Competency 002: The ESL teacher understands the processes of the L1 and L2 acquisition and the interrelatedness of L1 and L2 development.

Domain II- ESL instruction and assessment (45%)

- Competency 003: The ESL teacher understands ESL teaching methods and uses this knowledge to plan and implement effective, developmentally appropriate instruction.
- Competency 004: The ESL teacher understands how to promote students' communicative language development in English.
- Competency 005: The ESL teacher understands how to promote students' literacy development in English.
- Competency 006: The ESL teacher understands how to promote students' content-area learning, academic-language development, and achievement across the curriculum.
- Competency 007: The ESL teacher understands formal and informal assessment procedures and instruments used in ESL programs and uses assessment results to plan and adapt instruction.

Domain III- Foundations of ESL education, family and community involvement (30%)

- Competency 008: The ESL teacher understands the foundations of ESL education and types of ESL programs.
- Competency 009: The ESL teacher understands factors that affect ESL students' learning and implements strategies for creating an effective learning environment.
- Competency 010: The ESL teacher knows to serve as an advocate for ESL students and facilitate family and community involvement in their education

Grading

Course Grade - Final grade will be determined by the number of points earned through completion of the following assignments and your attendance. You are required to finish all of the assignments in order to receive a complete final grade. If you have any unfinished assignment, you will receive "incomplete" on your final grades till you completely finish all course required assignments. Meanwhile, you will lose 10 points on your final grade.

Table 1: Points for each assignment

Assignments	Points
Participation	100
Weekly Reading Journal	250
ESL Teaching Resources Folder	100
Evaluate and Modified Lesson Plan Template	100
ELL Portfolio	200
ESL Strategy Presentation	100
ESL Supplemental Practical Exam	150
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points for final grade

Grade	Points
A	900 to 1000
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

Grading Scale:

A= 1000- 900 Work that is outstanding and exemplary

B= 899-800 Work that is above the minimum requirements.

C= 799-700 Work that meets expected level of performance for most students.

D= 699-600 Work that falls short of minimum criteria.

F= 599 below Work that falls well below the expected level of performance for most students

Course Schedule

Week	Activities	Due Date
Week 1 Aug.25	1.Course Overview Key terms in ESL education Bilingual Ed vs. English Language Learners	NA
Week 2 Sept. 1	2. Labor Day	No Class
Week 3 Sept.8	3. Chapter 1 English Learner Program Models	Speaking in Tongues (DVD)-four children speak different languages in different ESL programs
Week 4 Sept.15	4.Chapter 2 Factors affecting Second Language Acquisition (SLA) SLA Theories Intro. Linguistics, Academic vs Social language, and Cummins' Quadrants	Practice 1-5 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text)
Week 5 Sept.22	5.Chapter 3 Traditional and current methods of teaching ESL; Intro to Sheltered Instruction (SIOP Model); Planning sheltered content lesson; Selecting ESL strategies; Learning strategies ELPS language objectives	Practice 6-10 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text) **ESL Supplemental Practical Exam (Short Version) Due (In Class)

Week	Activities	Due Date
Week 6 Sept.29	6.Chapter 4 New literacies Technology to differentiate instruction for ELs	Practice 11-15 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text)
Week 7 Oct.6	7.Chapter 5 Oral language development and error correction Oral language teaching strategies & assessment (IPI, SOLOM, TELPAS) Reading fluency (DVD training)	Practice 16-20 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text) ** Bring your first draft Sheltered lesson plan to the class
Week 8 Oct. 13	8.Chapter 6 First step to literacy: English Learners beginning to write and read	Practice 21-25 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text)
Week 9 Oct.20	9.Chapter 7 Vocabulary development and strategies Vocabulary Development (DVD training)	Practice 26-30 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text) ** Weekly Reading Response Journal #1 due on Oct.26 by 11:59pm
Week 10 Oct.27	10.Chapter 8 L2 writing development and L2 writing instruction Writing sample analysis	Practice 31-35 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text) **Evaluate and Modified Lesson Plan due on Nov.2nd by 11:59pm
Week 11 Nov.3	11.Chapter 9 L2 reading development Reading comprehension (DVD training)	Practice 36-40 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text)
Week 12 Nov.10	12.Chapter 10 Content Area Reading (before, during, after reading text analysis)	Practice 41-45 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text) **ESL teaching resources folder due on Nov.16th by 11:59pm
Week 13 Nov.17	13.Chapter 11 Differentiating Assessment for language proficiency After reading strategy	Practice 46-50 Strategy (Herrell & Jordan Text)
Week 14 Nov.24	14. Work on ESL Strategy Presentation, Weekly Reading	No Class

Week	Activities	Due Date
	Response Journal (Chapters 6-11), and ELL Portfolio.	**Weekly Reading Response Journal (Chapters 6-11) due on Nov. 30th by 11:59pm
Week 15 Dec.1	15.ESL Strategy Presentation- In Class	** ESL Strategy Presentation Power point slides and handouts due on Dec.7th by 11:59pm.
Week 16 Dec. 8	16.Final Exam (5:45pm-7:45pm)	** ESL Practical Exam (Online) ** Submit ELL Portfolio to TK-20 before Dec.11th