



Course Syllabus: Educational Assessment: Development, Analysis & Implementation

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Instructor Response Policy

Instructor will respond to email and voicemail messages by noon each weekday and at least once over weekends and holidays.

Course Description

This course introduces concepts to construct reliable, valid, and objective classroom assessments. In addition, the course describes various types of assessments and how to use the data from assessments to guide instructional decisions for all students, collectively or individually, in the classroom. Course may not be used for students seeking teacher certification.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Popham, W. J. (2024). *Classroom Assessment: What Teachers Need to Know* (10th ed.). Pearson Education Inc.: Boston. ISBN: 978-0138170905

Note: Digital textbooks are included with course fees for this course. Check your my.msutexas.edu email for instructions to access the textbook.

Required Technology

All students must have Internet access and be able to navigate to different sites on the Internet.

All students must have and be able to use the following technology applications: Google docs, Word Processing, and Excel software. (If you have a Chromebook, please inform instructor, so he or she can make other arrangements for exams.)

Course Competencies/Standards

Course Competencies	TExES PPR	Commissioner's Standards	Content Exam Framework	STR Stds/ Exam Frame	Tech nology App	Course Assignments / Assessments
Students will be introduced to and become familiar with strategies that assure alignment of content objectives and appropriate assessment options in the classroom.	I(003) A,B III(008)E	2(D)i,ii	008A,C	15(b) 2,3,4, 5,6,7, 9 I.001 A II.004 A,B,G ,H II.008 A,B,C		Reading Checks Assessment portfolio Literacy Assessment Research
Students will be introduced to and become familiar with competencies needed to develop various lower-order thinking and higher-order thinking objective items included on standardized tests for all students included (but not limited to): true/false, fill-in-the-blank, matching, multiple choice, short answer and essay items.	III (010)A ,B,C,D ,E	2(A)i,ii	008B 009D	15(c) 1 III.009B		Reading Checks Assessment Portfolio
Students will be introduced to and become familiar with authentic	III (010)A ,B,C,D ,E	2(B)i	009D 014A,D	15(c) 1		Reading Checks

assessment options including (but not limited to): project-based learning, portfolios and self-assessments through the use of rubrics, checklists, and other forms of assessment.						Assessment Portfolio Literacy Assessment Research
Students will be introduced to and become familiar with the use of technology to create assessments that can be objective or authentic in nature.	I (002)A ,F,G I(003) E III(00 9)A,H				I: 1.3s IV:4. 3s VII:7 .14s,	Assessment Portfolio
Students will be introduced to and become familiar with the analysis of data obtained from reliable and valid assessments conducted in their classrooms, from research, or from standardized formats in order to make data-driven decisions in their classrooms.	I(003) C,D	2(B)ii, iii 2(C)i, ii	008D,E 009A,B ,C	II.003 B II.004 H,I,J II.005 B III.01 0B III.01 1B III.01 2B III.01 3A,D, F		Reading Checks Data Literacy Assignment Literacy Case Study and Intervention Plan

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 individual's 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](#)

Since writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning outcomes of this course, all writing assignments should be prepared by the student. Developing strong competencies in this area will prepare you for a competitive workplace.

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Knowledge Checks

You need to complete knowledge checks in each module. Knowledge checks will not affect your final grade in the course but are vital for ensuring you are understanding the materials as you progress through the course.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

To be successful in this course, must complete all activities in each module.

Students must stay actively engaged in the course by working on the course for a recommended minimum of four days each week.

Grading Assessment

Table 1: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Percent
A	90%-100%
B	80% to 89.9%
C	70%-79.9%
D	60% to 69.9%
F	Less than 60%

Table 2: Module Assignments and point value

Assignments	Percentage
Week 1 Introduction	2%
Reading Checks (5 at 20% each)	35%
Assessment Portfolio	15%
Data Literacy Assignment	15%
Activities (6 at 16.667% each)	33%
Total Points	100%

Reading Checks

For each module, you will complete a reading check, which will be a multiple choice quiz comprised of questions over the websites and readings in the module.

Assessment Portfolio

One of your large assignments for this class is the Assessment Portfolio, which will be completed after learning about different types of assessments. The purpose of this performance assessment is to provide you with an opportunity to apply each type of assessment learned and to practice creating your own assessment items. In addition, at least two of your created assessments must be completed using some sort of technology assessment (i.e. Kahoot!). It is your responsibility to make sure the links work when submitting the document. By submitting assessment artifacts, the student will demonstrate their ability to apply different types of classroom assessment techniques for use with EC-3 learners.

Data Literacy Assignment

The Data Literacy Assignment This assignment requires you to analyze and interpret literacy assessment data. Students will be given a set of classroom literacy data to analyze and interpret.

Activities

You will have a total of six activities throughout the course to help you demonstrate your understanding of the material in each module.

Late Work

Assignments are expected to be turned in by the due date. 25% of the total points will be deducted for each day late, and any assignment submitted more than one week late will not be accepted. **Arrangements must be made at least two days in advance for any exceptions to be given.**

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: January 20-23. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Deadline to file for May graduation: February 16th. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": April 29th. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Written Work

All written work should be completed in a professional style. Using correct spelling and grammar are important writing skills you must know well because your students will learn from you. Therefore, all written assignments will have 10% -20% of the grade based on spelling and grammar. Expectations are for quality work.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)/Brightspace

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of

communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor. *All assignments must be submitted to D2L/BRIGHTSPACE for this course and should be in a pdf unless otherwise specified in the assignment guidelines.*

Online Computer Requirements

Taking this class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ***Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.***

Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. **Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!** There are many places to access your class! Our online class page can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Instructor Class Policies

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment which is conducive to learning. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor, students are prohibited from engaging in any form of distraction—this includes, but is not limited to, pagers and cell phones. Electronic communications devices will be turned off anytime the class member is in the school building—in our classroom or in a field experience classroom. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result, minimally, in a request to leave class and a Professional Fitness Form will be filed for review with the college. If the instructor must file a Fitness Alert Form for any reason, including failure to demonstrate appropriate teaching dispositions, the student may receive an instructor drop with an "F" for the course.

An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to dropping the student from the class. An instructor's drop of a student takes precedence over the student-initiated course drop of a later date. The instructor will assign a grade of either WF or F through the first 8 weeks of a long semester, the first 6 weeks of a 10 week summer term, or the 11th class day of a 4 or 5 week summer term consisting of 20 days. After these

periods the grade will be an F. The date the instructor drop form is received in the Office of the Registrar is the official drop date.

Inclement Weather

In the case of campus closure due to inclement weather, please log on to D2L to check whether any changes will be made to course assignments and due dates. Changes will be posted in the NewsFeed on D2L and will be emailed to students. Because this is an online class, assignment dates will not be changed unless noted on the NewsFeed and in D2L.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the [Schedule of Classes](#) each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. **HOWEVER**, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying

handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#).

Active Shooter

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.](#)"

Obligation to Report Sex Discrimination under State and Federal Law

Midwestern State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. State and federal law require University employees to report sex discrimination and sexual misconduct to the University's Office of Title IX. As a faculty member, I am required to report to the Title IX Coordinator any allegations, personally observed behavior, or other direct or indirect knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, which includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, or stalking, involving a student or employee. After a report is made, the office of Title IX will reach out to the affected student or employee in an effort to connect such person(s) with resources and options in addressing the allegations made in the report. You are also encouraged to report any incidents to the office of Title IX. You may do so by contacting:

Laura Hetrick

Title IX Coordinator

Sunwatcher Village Clubhouse

940-397-4213

laura.hetrick@msutexas.edu

You may also file an online report 24/7 at [Online Report Form](#)

Should you wish to visit with someone about your experience in confidence, you may contact the MSU Counseling Center at 940-397-4618. For more information on the University's policy on Title IX or sexual misconduct, please visit [Title IX](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful

possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

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Module and Topic	Dates	Materials to Read and Review	Assignments
M1: Introduction to Assessment	8/25-8/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syllabus and course familiarity• Website: When to Give Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All about me presentation
	9/1-9/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website: Formative vs. Summative Assessments• Website: Texas Formative Assessment Resource• Reading: Learning to Love Assessment• Reading: Opening Stronger• Reading: 3 Key Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity 1: Intro to Assessment• Reading Check 1
M2: Understanding Assessment Tools	9/8-9/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selected-Response• Constructed Response• Performance Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity 2: Creating a Rubric
	9/15-9/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portfolio Assessment• Affective Assessment• Reading: Observation Checklists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Check 2
	9/22-9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment with Technology• Reading: How technology affects instruction for English Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment Portfolio

Module and Topic	Dates	Materials to Read and Review	Assignments
M3: Analyzes, interprets, and uses student performance data for decision making	9/29-10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Reliability and Validity in the Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 3: Inter-rater reliability
	10/6-10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: Score Formulas Cheat Sheet • Understanding Point-Biserial Indexes • Understanding Item Analyses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Check 3
	10/13-10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading – Data Literacy • STAAR Technical Guide • STAAR Assessment Interpretive Guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Literacy Assignment
M4: Understands self-assessments, evaluations, and how to determine appropriate assessments	10/20-10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Performance-Based assessments • Reading: Affective Assessment • Reading: Frequencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 4: Affective Assessment
	10/27-11/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: Texas Evaluation System • Reading: T-TESS Rubric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 5: Evaluating Types of Instruction • Reading Check 4
M5: Understand appropriate strategies to align assessments with content objectives	11/3-11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding Bias in Assessments • Reading – Assessing ELL and Special Education Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 6: Assessment of Bias
	11/10-11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: Types of Tests • Website: Age Equivalent Scores • Website: What do Age Equivalent Scores mean? 	

Module and Topic	Dates	Materials to Read and Review	Assignments
	11/17-11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: Aptitude Tests • Website: Achievement Tests • Website: Ability Tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Check 5

References/Standards

This course utilizes research on best practices in the field of teaching. Additionally, content delivered for this course is based on accepted up-to-date research in the field.

The following are some of the resources utilized to provide quality instruction to students enrolled in the class.

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