



Course Syllabus: Educational Assessment: Development, Analysis & Implementation

Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education and Professional Studies
EDUC 3203 Section 201

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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 the following technology applications: Google docs, Word Processing software. (If you have a Chromebook, please inform instructor, so he or she can make other arrangements for exams.)

Course Objectives/Standards

Course Objectives	TExES PPR	Com-misioner'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		Midterm and Final Exam Activity – Creating objectives for TEKS Assessment portfolio
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		Midterm and Final Exam Assessment Portfolio Activity – creating different types of assessment types for TEKS
Students will be introduced to and become familiar with authentic assessment options including (but not limited to): project-	III (010)A ,B,C,D ,E	2(B)i	009D 014A,D	15(c) 1		Midterm and Final Exam Activity – Creating a Rubric

based learning, portfolios and self-assessments through the use of rubrics, checklists, and other forms of assessment.						Assessment Portfolio
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:1.2 s, 1.3s III:3. 5s,3. 7s IV:4. 9s VII:7 .14s, 7.15s	Midterm and Final Exam Assessment Portfolio Quizzes in class using various types of technology for formative assessment
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		Midterm and Final Exam Activity – Improving the Data Data Literacy Assignment

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. *Therefore, AI-generated submissions **are not** permitted and will be treated as plagiarism.*

Generative AI Disclosure

You will be **required to disclose information** about your AI-generator use in the following situations:

- If you use an AI-generator to help you brainstorm, come up with an outline, or summarize a concept for you, you must acknowledge that use in a statement at the end of your work.
- If you use text that was created by an AI-generator within your essay, you must acknowledge the AI-generator as the source of that text within your work just as you would any other source.

Students who fail to disclose the use of AI tools but whose work contains marked similarities with text created by AI generators will be required to meet with Dr. Lindt. If it's determined that the student over-used AI text in the submission without properly citing it and/or disclosing its use, the student will have all subsequent work monitored by Dr. Lindt.

If you did use a GenAI, your statement needs to contain the following information, which includes your interactions with (prompts and responses) the LLMs you use (you can copy and paste what's below and address the pertinent parts):

- GenAI program(s) used and reason for using that (those) program(s)
- Explanation of how GenAI was used; responses may address
 - Summarizing readings or other content.
 - Brainstorming ideas, or testing out ideas (a sounding board).
 - Sharpening up lengthy sentences or passages so your intentions are clearer or more concise.
 - Having it generate text to help you refine your position.
 - Getting it to prompt you and ask you follow up questions to help develop your thinking.
 - Asking questions.
 - Having it check your grammar and citations.
 - Soliciting feedback on what you wrote; as a test reader: Is x content doing what you want it to do? Use with caution since many LLMs use the content you uploaded for further training.
- In what ways was the algorithm helpful?
- In what ways was the algorithm's output flat, homogenized, or otherwise not representing your voice, language(s), etc.

- What would you do differently when prompting next time? Here, you can consider why the LLM wasn't as helpful as you'd hoped.
- **Include ALL inputs and outputs used (your prompts and the GenAI's responses).**

Grading Assessment

Assignments	Percentage
Exams (3 at 12% each)	36%
Reading Checks (22 at 1% each)	22%
Practice Bonus Tests (5 at 1% each)	BONUS
Activities (6 at 3% each)	18%
Assessment Portfolio	12%
Data Literacy Assignment	12%
Total Points	100%

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

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

Exams

You will have a total of three exams that will be worth 36% of your total grade. The exams will be made up of multiple-choice questions based on the textbook, readings, and course lecture material. The tests will be taken online during an assigned time period, and they will not be able to be made up unless *prior arrangements* have been made.

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. This portfolio template, description, and example can be accessed in D2L/Brightspace and must be submitted as a pdf and uploaded by the date due.

Data Literacy Assignment

The Data Literacy Assignment will be completed following Chapter 13 and will be submitted to TK20 via a link in D2L. This assignment requires you to analyze data from a previous STAAR test, interpret the data, explain what the data means, and offer recommendations for improving students' future scores on a similar test.

Reading Checks

To check your comprehension of the supplemental readings, textbook chapters and lectures, you will complete a quiz each class day at the beginning of class. You are expected to be ready with a computer when class begins. The purpose of these attendance checks is to ensure that you have prepared for class and that you are present at the beginning of class. The quizzes will be in lock down browser and will only be open for the first three minutes of class. You will have a total of 23 reading checks to be completed throughout the semester. *The lowest grade will be dropped.*

Activities

You will have a total of six activities to complete for the class that should be submitted to D2L/Brightspace by the date due. These activities will help you to apply the information learned in the course and prepare you for the quizzes and other assignments.

Practice Tests

You will take a total of five practice tests throughout the semester to assess your knowledge of course readings and the chapters. Practice tests must be taken in class unless otherwise specified in the course schedule. If you miss class when the practice test is given, you cannot make it up. These will be assigned as bonus points.

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be offered during the semester at specified times and dates. This information will be communicated to you at least one week in advance. No other extra credit will be given.

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.* A minimum of 5% of the total points will be deducted for assignments not submitted through BRIGHTSPACE.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member.

Professional teachers are dependable, reliable, and responsible. Therefore, candidates are expected to be on time and in attendance at every class, and to stay for the entire class. Tardiness, leaving early, and excessive absences (3) are considered evidence of lack of dependability, and are taken seriously. Candidates will receive a grade of F on the third absence. If a candidate is taking 'blocked' courses that are taught at a Professional Development School, requiring field experience, the candidate will be dropped with an F from those classes as well.

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. Depending on the date, online assignments may be required to complete if meeting face to face is not possible.

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 [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.

Course Schedule EDUC 3203

Week	Dates	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1	1/20, 1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus and Introductions • Chapter 1: Why know Assessment? • Reading (Tomlinson, 2007) 	
Week 2	1/27, 1/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 1</i> • Chapter 2: What to Assess? • Reading (Dueck, 2021) • Reading (McTighe, 2018) • Ch. 2 Additional Readings • Objective Writing ABCD • <i>Reading Check 2</i> • Activity 1 – Intro to Assessment 	1/27 1/29 2/3
Week 3	2/3, 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 3</i> • Chapter 6: Selected-Response • <i>Reading Check 4</i> • Chapter 7: Constructed Response 	2/3 2/5
Week 4	2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO CLASS 2/10 • <i>Reading Check 5</i> • Chapter 8: Performance Assessment • Activity 2 – Creating a Rubric 	2/12 2/17
Week 5	2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 6</i> • Chapter 9: Portfolio Assessment • Item Practice Bonus Quiz • NO CLASS 2/19 • Exam 1 (online) 	2/17 2/19 2/19
Week 6	2/24, 2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 7</i> • Chapter 12: Formative Assessment • <i>Reading Check 8</i> • Reading - Observation Checklists 	2/24 2/26
Week 7	3/3, 3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 9</i> • Technology Modules • Technology Articles • Assessment Portfolio • <i>Reading Check 10</i> • Reading – Reliability and Validity in the Classroom 	3/3 3/5 3/5

Week	Dates	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3: Reliability 	
SPRING BREAK			
Week 8	3/17, 3/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 11</i> • Reading – Reliability and Validity in the Classroom • Chapter 4: Validity • Validity and Reliability Practice Bonus Quiz • <i>Reading Check 12</i> • Chapter 5: Fairness • Activity 3 – Assessment of Bias 	3/17 3/19 3/19 3/24
Week 9	3/24, 3/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 13</i> • Reading – Assessing ELL and Special Education Students • Exam 2 	3/24 3/26
Week 10	3/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 14</i> • Chapter 10: Affective Assessment 	3/31
Week 11	4/7, 4/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 15</i> • Reading – Frequencies • Activity 4 – Affective Assessment • <i>Reading Check 16</i> • Chapter 11: Teacher's Assessments 	4/7 4/7 4/9
Week 12	4/14, 4/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Readings - Websites • <i>Reading Check 17</i> • Activity 5 – Improving the Data • <i>Reading Check 18</i> • Chapter 13: Standardized Testing 	4/14 4/21 4/16
Week 13	4/21, 4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 19</i> • Reading – Data Literacy • Data Literacy Assignment • <i>Reading Check 20</i> • Chapter 14: Test Practices • SPRING LEARNING DAY 	4/21 4/23 4/23 4/24
Week 14	4/28, 4/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Check 21</i> • Reading – Types of Tests • Chapter 15: Evaluation of Instruction • <i>Reading Check 22</i> 	4/28 4/30

Week	Dates	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading – Teaching Styles, T-TESS • Activity 6 – Evaluating Types of Instruction 	5/5
Week 15	5/5, 5/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 16: Assessment-Based Grading • Reading (Jung, 2018) • <i>Reading Check 23</i> • Exam Review 	5/7
Week 16	5/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam 3 • Thursday, 5/14 (10:30am-12:30pm) 	5/14

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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