



Course Syllabus: course name

College of Education
EDUC 2013 Section X10
Online

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Course Description

This course examines the role of the school in a democratic society with an emphasis on educational equity. Students will explore the reciprocal relationship of schools and society and the impact an understanding of student learning has on school structures. Additionally, students will practice observational research to develop their understanding of how students interact with one another, their school setting, and their learning.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Sadker, D. M. (2022). Teachers, Schools, and Society: A brief introduction. (6th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill. 9781264169979

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

Tutoring and Academic Support Programs (TASP) provides free drop-in tutoring for MSU students. Located on the first floor of Moffett Library, TASP's Learning center provides tutoring support in a number of core courses and subject areas. Please see the schedule for more information about times and offerings. Remember that you don't need an appointment to utilize these services. Check the "Tutoring at MSU" tab in the portal for more information about all campus tutoring opportunities.

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Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given).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](#)

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.

Grading

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Quizzes (9 at 50 pts each)	450
Chapter Assignments (3 at 80 points each)	340
Video Observation	100
Voices for Change: EduBlog	100
Ethics Assessment Quiz	80
Self-Introduction	30
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

Chapter Assignments

During this semester you will study 9 chapters. There are a total of three chapter assignments. Each of the assignments should be submitted to the corresponding Dropbox. These will appear on the Course Schedule in more detail.

Quizzes

There will be one quiz for each chapter studied. That means there will be 9 chapter quizzes in D2L. These will appear on the Course Schedule in more detail.

Video Observation

There will be 1 video observation paper due. It will appear on the Course Schedule in more detail.

Voices for Change: EduBlog

After learning about differences in student populations, you will create a blog to take a stance on an issue and consider others' viewpoints as well. This assignment gives you an opportunity to think critically about the content of the course and share your opinions with others. More details are located in the D2L.

Ethics Assessment

Chapter 8 discusses laws and ethics in education. Following this chapter, you will watch a series of ethics videos released from the Texas Education Agency. Then, you will take a quiz over video content. More information can be found in D2L.

Late Work

Assignments are expected to be turned in by the due date. 10% of the total points will be deducted per day for late work, and any assignment submitted more than one week late will not be accepted. ***Arrangements must be made with Ms. Bradley at least two days in advance for any exceptions to be given.**

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: August 27th
Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for graduation: September 21st for December Graduates
Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" October 7th
Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

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.

Attendance

Students are required to complete assignments within the timeframes established for each assignment. Attendance for this online course is determined by logins to D2L and timely completion of assignments.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online 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 classes 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](#).

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).**

Instructor Class Policies

It is expected that all course communication and assignments will be professional. Offensive language, slang, and informal language are not appropriate.

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](#).

Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, student.affairs@mstuexas.edu.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. 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.

Campus Carry

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](#).

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 [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). 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."](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. 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:

Module	Chapter/Content/Readings	Assignment Due Date
Module 1: 8/24 to 9/02	• Read Syllabus and explore course content • Chapter 5: <i>The Multicultural History of American Education</i> • Chapter 6: <i>Philosophy of Education</i>	• Self-Introduction on Discussion Board – Sept 2nd • Chapter 5 Quiz – Sept 2nd • Chapter 6 Quiz – Sept 2nd • Chapter 6 Philosophy of Education – Sept 2nd

Module	Chapter/Content/Readings	Assignment Due Date
Module 2: 9/03 to 9/12	• Chapter 7: <i>Financing and Governing America's Schools</i> • Chapter 8: <i>School Law and Ethics</i>	• Chapter 7 Quiz – Sept 12th • Chapter 8 Quiz – Sept 12th • Ethics Assessment – Sept 12th
Module 3: 9/13 to 9/22	• Chapter 2: <i>Different ways of Learning</i> • Chapter 3: <i>Teaching Your Students</i>	• Chapter 2 Quiz – Sept 22nd • Chapter 3 Quiz – Sept 22nd • Chapter 3 Voices for Change: EduBlog– Sept 22nd
Module 4: 9/23 to 10/02	• Chapter 4: <i>Student Life in School and at Home</i> • Chapter 9: <i>Purposes of America's Schools and the Current Reform Movement</i> • Video Observation	• Chapter 4 Quiz – Oct 2nd • Chapter 9 Quiz – Oct 2nd • Video Observation – Oct 2nd
Module 5: 10/03 to 10/13	• Chapter 10: <i>Curriculum, Standards, and Testing</i>	• Chapter 10 Quiz – Oct 13th • Chapter 10 Current Events Article Reflection – Oct 13th