

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION IN FOREIGN(WORLD) LANGUAGES

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Required text: O'Maggio, Alice C. Hadley., Teaching Language in Context. 3rd ed. 2001.
NCLRC, The Essentials of Language Teaching; online
source: <http://www.nclrc.org/essentials/index.htm>

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will:

- recognize the National Standards, the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines and the ACTFL Performance Guidelines for K-12 Learners and their application to the curriculum.
- recognize and discuss the significance and impact of the No Child Left Behind Act and PSSA testing on state and national education.
- review the history of foreign language methodology.
- investigate and apply foreign language methodologies as they relate to teaching for the development of oral proficiency.
- investigate and apply foreign language methodologies as they relate to the skills of listening, reading and writing.
- develop strategies for teaching culture.
- prepare materials for the foreign language classroom.
- apply technology to the foreign language classroom.
- apply techniques of classroom management.
- develop assessments.
- develop portions of a portfolio.
- create a reflective journal of their fieldwork experience.
- develop strategies applicalble to special needs students in the foreign language classroom.
- investigate sources for professional development.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- completion of all textbook and instructor assignments
- class participation and responsibility for all material presented in class
- completion of field work experience to include: required observation and classroom hours, field experience journal, written lesson plans and classroom application, attend a Parent Night or participate in a professional development activity

- development of portions of a portfolio
- development of a unit to include all communicative modes
- review and report on an article from a current foreign language journal
- perusal and evaluation of foreign language software
- development a lesson using technology
- compile a list of foreign language web sites and develop a classroom project using the Internet
- micro-teaching

EVALUATION

- 20% completion of all textbook and instructor assignments and class participation
- 15% mid-term examination
- 5% observations during fieldwork experience to include lesson plans
- 5% professional journal report
- 5% internet site report and internet project
- 5% foreign language software review or technology project
- 20% field work experience to include fieldwork journal
- 20% written unit
- 5% micro-teaching

NOTE: All course requirements must be completed to receive credit for the course. Unexcused late course work will lose 10% of its value for each weekday that it is late. Arrangements for "excused lateness" must be made in advance and approved by the instructor.

Violation of the scholastic integrity policy of Moravian College will result in a grade of zero.

ATTENDANCE

- You are expected to attend class regularly. If it is necessary for you to miss class for a valid reason please contact me at home(prior to 2:00 PM). You will be responsible for any material you have missed and all class announcements.

PARTICIPATION

- You are expected to actively participate in class discussion and activities. Class attendance and class participation do not have the same definition. An "unexcused absence" will result in a 10% deduction from the class participation grade.

PORTFOLIO ENTRIES

---You will begin to collect materials that can be used in the portfolio that is developed during student teaching.

FIELDWORK JOURNAL

---A fieldwork journal is to be kept of all fieldwork experiences. There should be an entry made after each visit. Please provide an introductory paragraph or two describing the classroom, the students, the level of instruction, the text and other supplementary materials that are used. If during your visits a test or quiz is given, describe the kind of assessment given and for what skill area it is intended. Additionally, there should be comments made as part of your entries that also describe questioning strategies used, teaching methods, discipline, use of group work, the use of the target language, and the general atmosphere of the classroom. You should participate in the classroom instruction (group work, mini-lesson, etc.) as prescribed in the guidelines established by Moravian College. In addition to the overview of the fieldwork journal as described you will receive a list of specific topics that are to be included in your entries.

JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEW

---Synopses of one article. It can deal with any aspect of the course. The summary is to be a one to two page, word processed paper. A personal reaction to the article should be included. The title, author and periodic credit is to be written at the top of the first page.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SOFTWARE / THE INTERNET

---Preview at least one FL software program. (It should be a program with which you are not familiar.) Write a two page summary of program to include identity, objective, features, and use in the curriculum. Include your personal observations.

---Browse the web to discover sites that would be helpful to the foreign language teacher and the development of foreign language curriculum. Create a list of websites and develop a classroom project using the Internet. Guidelines for the project will be provided.

WRITTEN FOREIGN LANGUAGE UNIT

---This unit will be thematic using language in context and will include the four skills of language learning: listening, speaking, reading and writing. These skills may also be referred to as the interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communicative modes. Cultural concepts should be included.

Guidelines for the unit will be provided and it will consist of five to ten lesson plans.

MICRO TEACHING

---A lesson of your choosing will be presented to the class to be accompanied by a lesson plan and any materials needed by the students.

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SYLLABUS - ED 361 Z

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INSTRUCTOR - DIANNE MISSMER

8/27 Course overview. Explanation of assignments and course evaluation. Getting acquainted.

Discussion topics: What are the characteristics of a good teacher? What issues, not including subject matter, does a teacher need to deal with in the classroom? What should a foreign language teacher be teaching in the classroom? How should a foreign language teacher be teaching in the classroom?

What is teaching for proficiency? What are the ACTFL proficiency guidelines? What are the state and national standards? What are the ACTFL performance guidelines for K-12 learners? What do you know about No Child Left Behind and PSSA testing?

Language learning profile.

Assignment due 9/03:

--Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 1 in text. Pay particular attention to the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning and the definition of communicative competence and proficiency.

--Using the information in the text and Appendix A (p. 469) write out the answers to question #4, pg. 42-3 in text.

--Using the on-line source: The Essentials of Language Teaching, read and be prepared to discuss: What Language Teaching Is; Models of Language Teaching and Learning; Reflective Teaching Practice; Teaching Goals and Methods: Goal: Communicative competence.

9/03 Chapter 1 - On Knowing a Language: Communicative Competence, Proficiency, and the Standards for Foreign Language Learning

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 1 in text, The

Essentials of Language Teaching and sharing of assignment responses.

Presentation: The 5 C's: The Standards for Foreign Language Learning

Assignment due 9/10:

--Read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 2 in text. Compare and contrast responses to questionnaire on Pg. 53. Be prepared to discuss questions #3,4,5 (written responses) on Pg. 81 in text.

9/10 Chapter 2 - On Learning a Language: Some Theoretical Perspectives

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 2 and sharing of assignment responses.

Presentation by instructor: Theory of foreign language learning.

Assignment due 9/17:

--read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 3 in text.
--write the answers to questions #1,2,3 on Pg. 130 of text.
--read and be prepared to discuss: The Essentials of Language Teaching;
Teaching Goals and Methods: Guidelines for Communicative, Learner-centered Instruction.

9/17 Chapter 3 - On Teaching a Language: Principles and Priorities in Methodology

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 3 and sharing of assignment responses. Discussion of Teaching Goals and Methods. Students will apply theories to the teaching of a grammatical concept in a classroom situation.

Presentation by instructor: the lesson plan

Assignment due 9/24:

--read Chapter 4 in text.
--write the answer to question #1 on pg. 169 in text.
--read the list of practical questions on pgs. 149-50 in text. Respond to those questions prior to reading the review of studies in the chapter. After reading the studies compare and amend your responses.
--write the answer to question #3 on pg. 170 in text using the textbook that is used in your fieldwork experience and include this response in your fieldwork journal.

9/24 Chapter 4 - The Role of Context in Comprehension and Learning

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 4 and sharing of assignment responses.

Presentation by instructor: The 5 C's and format of the mid-term exam.

Format of the foreign language journal report.

Assignment due 10/01: Mid-term exam.

10/08 Mid-term exam

Assignment due 10/08:

- lesson plan
- foreign language journal report due with summary to be shared with class.
- read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 5 in text.
- write the answers to questions #1,6,7 on pgs. 225-6 in text.
- complete questions #3,5 as they relate to your fieldwork experience and be prepared to present #3 to the class and include your response to #5 in your fieldwork journal.
- using the On-line source: The Essentials of Language Teaching read and be prepared to discuss the entire sections entitled Teaching Reading and Teaching Listening.

10/08 Chapter 5 - A Proficiency-Oriented Approach to Listening and Reading

Class activity: Return mid-term
Discussion of Chapter 5 and
all assignments due.

Presentation by instructor: The communicative modes
Classroom management
Positive communication with parents
Explanation of internet report and project

Assignment due 10/15:

- internet report due with summary to be shared with class.
- read and be prepared to Chapter 6 in text.
- write the answers to #1,4 on pgs. 272-73 in text.
- respond to #5,6 on pg. 273 of text by relating your answers to your fieldwork.
- be prepared to discuss error correction in class.

10/15 Chapter 6 - Developing Oral Proficiency

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 6 and sharing of assignment responses.

Completion of any activities from previous assignments.

Presentation by instructor: Unit topic and rationale

Assignment due 10/29:

--Collection of fieldwork journal for an intermediary evaluation; entries should be up to date and journal should include additional assignments made to date.

--Unit topic and rationale.

--Internet project.

10/22 Working class session: Foreign language instruction and the special needs

student.

10/29 Chapter 7 - Becoming Proficient in Writing

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 7 and all assignment responses

Discussion of reading assigned for 10/22

Presentation by instructor: The 5 C's and Foreign Language Software

Assignment due 11/05:

--be prepared to hand in Lesson 1 of instructional unit.

--read Chapter 8 in text.

--write the answers to questions #2,3,4 on pgs. 384-5 in text.

--using the on-line source be prepared to discuss the entire section: Teaching Culture.

--lesson 2 of unit

11/05 Chapter 8 - Teaching for Cultural Understanding

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 8 and sharing of assignment responses.

Using a cultural checklist examine and critique text used during fieldwork.

Presentation by instructor: Portfolio entries.

Assignment due 11/12:

- read Chapter 9 in text.
 - design activities using the instructions in questions #3,4 on pg. 451 of text.
- These activities may be used as part of your unit.
- Bring a copy of a quiz and test from your fieldwork experience to the next class.
 - Portfolio entries.

11/12 Chapter 9 - Classroom Testing

Class activity: Discussion of Chapter 9 and sharing of assignment responses. Examination and evaluation of classroom quizzes and tests.

Assignment due 11/19:

- 5 lesson plans
- micro-teaching

11/19 Review of lesson plans and micro-teaching

Assignment due 12/03: Instructional Unit

11/26 No class

12/03 Instructional Unit

Assignment due 12/10:

- Fieldwork journal

12/10 Fieldwork journal

- Notes:**
- 1) This syllabus is subject to change
 - 2) Students can expect to work 6-10 hours per week outside of class preparing for this course. These hours do not include preparation for fieldwork.
 - 3) Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to discuss their concerns with me for a possible referral as soon as possible to enhance the likelihood that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

