Course Title:
Issues in Elementary Schools/Problems in Secondary Schools

Course Number:
EDEL 5593-221/EDSE 5653-222

Course Description:
The purpose of this course is to critically explore, question, and discuss teaching and learning in elementary and/or secondary schools. Specifically, the course has the following learning goals:

- Analyze and evaluate broad issues that impact elementary/secondary teaching.
- Demonstrate an understanding of specific issues involved in supporting learning communities.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of classroom life in elementary/secondary schools.
- Identify issues that affect teaching and learning in elementary/secondary schools.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: September 27 - October 2, 2016
Location: Classes held at Building 2784, Room 301, Kapaun Air Station on Vogelweh Air Base.
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 6:00-9:30 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: August 29, 2016

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK, and can be ordered online, by phone, by email, or by fax. Ordering online at http://www.bkstr.com/oklahomastore/home is strongly recommended – students can track the status of their order within 48 hours. If an order has not been shipped within three days, students can contact the Follett textbook manager by phone (405) 325-3511, (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or email 0831mgr@fheg.follett.com. Phone orders (ask for the textbook manager and identify yourself as an Advanced Programs student) can be placed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). Fax orders can be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Text prices are available online.

2. Additional course materials and readings will be posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at [http://learn.ou.edu](http://learn.ou.edu); enter your OU Net ID and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

**Highly Suggested:**


Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

**Course Outline**

**Prior to In-Person Class Meetings: August 29th –September 26, 2016**

**Week 1, August 29-September 4**
- Familiarize yourself with the D2L site. Submit the “Introduction” essay for the program if you have not done that yet. This should be submitted via the D2L Dropbox.
- Read Unit 1 in Koonce text “Basic Theoretical Issues”. There are 5 issues presented in this unit. Choose 2 issues and answer the “Critical thinking and reflection” questions at the end of each for those 2 issues based on your own thoughts, experiences, and reflections. **Upload your responses to D2L Dropbox by midnight, Friday, September 2**.
- Respond to 2 colleagues’ postings by September 4th. Responses to Colleagues must be substantive and promote discussion.

**Week 2, September 5-September 11**
- Read Unit 2 in Koonce text “Current Fundamental Issues”. There are 6 issues presented in this unit. Choose 2 issues and answer the “Critical thinking and reflection” questions at the end of each for those 2 issues based on your own thoughts, experiences, and reflections. **Upload your responses to D2L Dropbox by midnight, Friday, September 9th**.
- Respond to 2 colleagues’ postings by September 11th. Responses to Colleagues must be substantive and promote discussion.

**Week 3, September 12-September 18**
- Read Unit 3 in Koonce text “Current Specific Issues”. There are 9 issues presented in this unit. Choose 2 issues and answer the “Critical thinking and reflection” questions at the end of each for those 2 issues based on your own thoughts, experiences, and reflections. **Upload your responses to D2L Dropbox by midnight, Friday, September 16**.
- Respond to 2 colleagues’ postings by September 18th. Responses to Colleagues must be substantive and promote discussion.

**Week 4, September 19-September 25**
Choose a topic that you read about in the Koonce text or a specific topic that you are interested in exploring further. This will be the topic of your in class presentation and your final paper. Find 2 Articles that support your topic and post them in D2L Dropbox. **Submit your 2 articles for your annotated bibliography to Dropbox by midnight, Sunday, September 25th.**

**During In-Person Class Meetings: Sept. 27 - Oct. 2, 2016**

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<td>Introduction, questions, and discussion of assignments for the course</td>
<td>Complete all readings Unit 1 Koonce</td>
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<td>Review/Discuss Unit 2 Current Fundamental Issues</td>
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<td>Fri. 9/30</td>
<td>Discuss readings on D2L</td>
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Note: If you choose to read the course articles and chapters posted on D2L using an iPad or some other handheld device make sure to use an app that will allow you to highlight and make notes. This will aid you greatly in the in-class discussions.

Following In-Person Class Meetings: October 3-23, 2016

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<td>Week 6, Oct. 3-9</td>
<td>Send your paper to your peer reviewer.</td>
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<td>Week 7, Oct. 10-16</td>
<td>Return Papers to authors and upload track changes to DropBox.</td>
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<td>Week 8, Oct. 17-23</td>
<td>Complete Final Paper</td>
<td>This should be submitted via Dropbox in D2L no later than midnight, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016.</td>
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Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

Participation:
Each participant in this class will be expected to think deeply and critically. You will need to reflect upon your own perspectives and actions while trying to better understand the views of others. Since learning and development involve a degree of cognitive dissonance—or disequilibrium—you should be prepared to struggle with ideas that challenge your current beliefs and understandings. Each participant in this class will be considered both a learner and a teacher, and will need to assume responsibility for both roles. Thus, each of us will be expected to support our classroom community, present positive alternatives if dissatisfied with an existing situation, contribute our energy and ideas to class activities and
conversations, engage in active listening no matter who is speaking, stay on task during class activities, demonstrate respect for each of our peers, and help ensure that all participants are permitted and encouraged to share equally in class opportunities and responsibilities. Regular attendance and preparation are required. You will be expected to attend classes regularly, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the allotted time period, and thoughtfully complete all readings and assignments on time.

While perfect attendance doesn’t guarantee an A or a B, it is very unlikely that you could receive either if you are absent more than one class period. Please see me ahead of time if you will need to be absent due to religious observance or professional reasons.

Reading Responses/Reflection:

Included in this grade are your responses to the “critical thinking and reflection questions” due prior to the face-to-face class meetings. For any additional readings assigned you will write a one to two paragraph reflective response and submit that via D2L Dropbox by midnight before the night it is scheduled to be discussed. Included in this reflective response should be what you believe to be the most salient points the author made and/or what you found challenging in the reading. Conclude your reading responses with a question based on the reading. Come prepared to discuss these questions in class.

Annotated Bibliography:

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. You will choose 6 additional sources. Each citation will inform the reader of the relevance and quality of the sources cited. Locate and record citations to books, journal articles, etc., that may contain useful information and ideas on your topic. Choose those works that provide the best perspective on your topic. Cite the book, article, or document using APA 6th Edition guideline. Write a concise annotation that summarizes the central theme and scope of the book or article. Please refer to assignment description posted on D2L.

In-class presentation/leading class discussion:

Choose a topic that you read about in the Koonce text or a specific topic that you are interested in exploring further. You will present your findings to your classmates and will lead a class discussion on that topic. Plan for presentations and discussions will be reviewed in class and/or posted on D2L. You will turn in a 2-3 page reflection on this experience, detailing the main points that you learned about your topic, the important points that you think your class members learned, and what you learned about teaching adults.

Final paper:

Your paper will cover the topic you choose for your class presentation. Conduct a literature review and find at least 8 peer-reviewed sources. You are expected to present a balanced view from the literature covering both sides of the debate. Write an 8-10 page paper integrating and summarizing your review of the literature. It should be double-spaced and follow APA guidelines. Upload your paper to D2L Dropbox, by midnight, Sunday, October 23rd. Graded papers will be returned to students via email.

Grading:

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc…in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc…; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity at [http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html](http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html)

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at [http://studentconduct.ou.edu/](http://studentconduct.ou.edu/)

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

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Dr. Aiyana G. Henry

Education
- Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction, Reading, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2012
- M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, Gifted and Talented, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2002
- B.S. Elementary Education, Science, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2000

Current Positions
- Assistant Professor of Elementary Education
- Elementary Education Program Coordinator

Major Areas of Teaching Research Interest
- ILAC 4003, Partnerships: Working with Parents and Community
- EDEL 4063, Critical Inquiry and Integrated Instruction
- EDUC 4050, Teaching Experience-Elementary School
- Teacher Preparation/Education
- Preparing pre-service teachers to work with diverse populations
- Experiential Learning
- Coaching/ Mentoring
- Cognitive Coaching℠

Representative Publications and Presentations
- Rodgers, J. & Henry, A. (2010). From backboards to blackboards: An examination of the impact college basketball has had on the modern university. Presented at Historical Education Society Conference, Cambridge, MA.

Representative Honors and Awards Received

• Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor for the Social Sciences, Baylor University, 2010
• Elementary Teacher of the Year, Waco Independent School District, 2004-2005
• Outstanding Teacher of the Year, South Waco Elementary, 2004-2005

Major Professional Affiliations

• Member of Center for Research, Evaluation & Advancement of Teacher Education
• Member of National Association of Teacher Educators
• Member of National Association of Professional Development
• Member of Phi Delta Kappa International