SYLLABUS
EDBE 7301
Thesis II
Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Do not hesitate to send me an email if we need to talk so we can agree on a convenient time for a phone call, virtual session, or a meeting.

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Term Spring 2018
Meeting Times and Location Online

Response Time:  
Generally, I will respond to emails within **24 hours** of receiving them. If I plan to be away from my computer for more than a couple of days, I will let you know in advance. Any technical questions can be referred to Blackboard Support. I will update the grades each time a grading session has been complete—typically **7 days** following the completion of an activity. You will see a visual indication of new grades posted on your Blackboard home page under the link to this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITES

Students may take this course for continuation of thesis work. Registration requires approval from the student’s academic advisor.

TEXTBOOK AND/OR RESOURCE MATERIAL

REQUIRED TEXT
None

RECOMMENDED TEXTS & OTHER READINGS
Readings are posted on Blackboard.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION PROGRAM POLICIES

LEARNING OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES FOR THE COURSE

1. Students will continue the process of data collection for the thesis.

This syllabus subject to change to better meet course objectives per discretion of instructor.
2. Students will analyze the data collected for the thesis.

3. Students will complete and defend the thesis study to the thesis committee.

STATE OR NATIONAL STANDARDS

- Standard I:
- Standard II
- Standard III:

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Cognitive

- The teacher candidate major requirements, demonstration of mastery and evaluation

The table below should include alignment to standards relevant to the program. The columns below are used as examples

Assignments identified as key assessments will be submitted and scored in Tk20 with the EPP-approved rubric.

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Computer Hardware

To participate in this course, you should have easy access to a computer less than 5-years old with high-speed internet connection via cable modem, LAN or DSL. To ensure you are using a supported browser and have required plug-ins please refer to Supported Browsers, Plugins & Operating Systems for Blackboard Learn from Blackboards resource page.
Student Technical Skills
You are expected to be proficient with installing and using basic computer applications and have the ability to send and receive email attachments.

Software
Mozilla’s Firefox (latest version; Macintosh or Windows)
Google Chrome (latest version; Macintosh or Windows)
Adobe’s Flash Player & Reader plug-in (latest version)
Apple’s QuickTime plug-in (latest version)

Project Software – Optional

BLACKBOARD SUPPORT CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need Blackboard support at any time during the course or to report a problem with Blackboard you can:

Visit the Blackboard Student Help Site

UTRGV’s Blackboard Support:

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<td>Location: Rusteberg Hall</td>
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<td>Room 108</td>
<td>Room 2.202</td>
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<td>Phone: 956-882-6792</td>
<td>Phone: 956-665-5327</td>
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Hours of Operation
Office: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Phone: 24/7 COLTT Help Desk - 844-897-9260
Online: Submit a help request via Create Case

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITES

Course Structure:
The instructional methods of this course will include...

ASSIGNMENTS
Based on each students’ progress on the thesis.

GRADING POLICIES

This syllabus subject to change to better meet course objectives per discretion of instructor.
State the course grading policy. Include graded assignments, weighting, and how late work will be treated. All major graded assignments should be described, at least briefly. UTRGV’s grading policy is to use straight letter grades (A, B, C, D, or F).

### LETTER GRADE

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### ASSIGNMENTS

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<td>Analysis of data for chapter 4</td>
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<td>Conclusions for chapter 5</td>
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<td>Defend thesis</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Include in this section a table or list that provides information for students regarding important dates, assignments or activities. The UTRGV academic calendar can be found at [https://my.utrgv.edu/home](https://my.utrgv.edu/home) at the bottom of the screen, prior to login. Some important dates for Fall 2017 include:

- **August 28**: First day of classes
- **August 31**: Last day to add a course or register for fall 2017
- **September 4**: Labor Day – NO classes
- **November 15**: Last day to drop a course; will count toward the 6-drop rule
- **November 23 – 26**: Thanksgiving Holiday – NO classes
- **December 6**: Last day of classes
- **December 7**: Study Day – NO class
- **December 8 - 14**: Fall 2017 Final Exams
**COURSE POLICIES**

**ATTENDANCE**
Recommended on all syllabi; may be modified by the instructor as long as it is not inconsistent with UTRGV policy. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and may be dropped from the course for excessive absences. UTRGV’s attendance policy excuses students from attending class if they are participating in officially sponsored university activities, such as athletics; for observance of religious holy days; or for military service. Students should contact the instructor in advance of the excused absence and arrange to make up missed work or examinations.

**LATE WORK POLICY**
No late work will be accepted.

**ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION**
All papers will be submitted through Blackboard.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
All students must have adequate writing skills to communicate content in a professional and concise manner. Students must be proficient in their written presentations including strategies for developing ideas, citing scholarly references, writing style, wording, phrasing, and using language conventions. Students must follow APA guidelines, use non-racist and non-sexist language, and include sufficient references to support their thesis and ideas in the paper.

**NETIQUETTE**
Netiquette describes the code of conduct for a face to face or online environment. It ensures respect for others and prevents misunderstandings or unintentional offenses to others. The netiquette described here is amended to ensure your success in this course.

- When you are typing or submitting a response, do not use all capital letters (caps). Caps is equal to SHOUTING YOUR MESSAGE.
- Although it is customary to use acronyms (ex. ROFL - rolling on floor laughing, BTW - by the way, or FYI - for your information) when chatting online, try to avoid using these.
There may be those in this course who are not as experienced as you and may miss out on understanding.

- Although you are encouraged to participate and ask questions, it is asked that you do not spam other users (SPAM refers to unwanted or excessive email). Before sending mass emails, consider using the discussion board to post general inquiries or requesting assistance from your instructor.

INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

*Required on all syllabi. Do not modify.*

Students with a documented disability (physical, psychological, learning, or other disability which affects academic performance) who would like to receive academic accommodations should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to initiate services. Accommodations can be arranged through SAS at any time, but are not retroactive. Students who suffer a broken bone, severe injury or undergo surgery during the semester are eligible for temporary services. **Brownsville Campus:** Student Accessibility Services is located in Cortez Hall Room 129 and can be contacted by phone at (956) 882-7374 (Voice) or via email at ability@utrgv.edu. **Edinburg Campus:** Student Accessibility Services is located in 108 University Center and can be contacted by phone at (956) 665-7005 (Voice), (956) 665-3840 (Fax), or via email at ability@utrgv.edu.

MANDATORY COURSE EVALUATION PERIOD

Students are required to complete an ONLINE evaluation of this course, accessed through your UTRGV account (*https://my.utrgv.edu/home*); you will be contacted through email with further instructions. Students who complete their evaluations will have priority access to their grades. Online evaluations will be available:

- Fall 2017 Module 1: Oct. 5 – Oct. 11
- Fall 2017 Module 2: Nov. 29 – Dec. 5
- Fall 2017 (full semester): Nov. 15 – Dec. 6

SCHOLASTIC INTEGRITY

As members of a community dedicated to Honesty, Integrity and Respect, students are reminded that those who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and expulsion from the University.

Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, and collusion; submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another
person; taking an examination for another person; any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student; or the attempt to commit such acts.

Since scholastic dishonesty harms the individual, all students and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced (Board of Regents Rules and Regulations and UTRGV Academic Integrity Guidelines). All scholastic dishonesty incidents will be reported to the Dean of Students.

DEFINITIONS

“Plagiarism is a form of cheating. At UTRGV, “plagiarism is the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own academic work offered for credit.”

Important Note: Any form of academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, may be reported to the Office of Student Affairs.

Course policies are subject to change. It is the student’s responsibility to check Blackboard for corrections or updates to the syllabus. Any changes will be posted in Blackboard.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND VIOLENCE:

_required on all syllabi. Do not modify._

In accordance with UT System regulations, your instructor is a “Responsible Employee” for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and so must report any instance, occurring during a student’s time in college, of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, or sexual harassment about which she/he becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. More information can be found at [www.utrgv.edu/equity](http://www.utrgv.edu/equity), including confidential resources available on campus. The faculty and staff of UTRGV actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect that is free from sexual misconduct and discrimination.

COURSE DROPS

According to UTRGV policy, students may drop any class without penalty earning a grade of DR until the official drop date. Following that date, students must be assigned a letter grade and can no longer drop the class. Students considering dropping the class should be aware of the “3-peat rule” and the “6-drop” rule so they can recognize how dropped classes may affect their academic success. The 6-drop rule refers to Texas law that dictates that undergraduate students may not drop more than six courses during their undergraduate career. Courses dropped at other Texas public higher education institutions will count toward the six-course drop limit. The 3-peat rule refers to additional fees charged to students who take the same class for the third time.