

Fall 2020: MWF 8th period: 3:00-3:50PM via Zoom

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Link to OH: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/7465968620>

Course Textbook and Additional Readings: For this course, you need the following textbook:

Brown, H.D. & Lee, H. (2015). *Teaching by Principles: An Interactive Approach to Language Pedagogy* (4th Edition). White Plains, New York: Pearson.

We will also read chapters from several other textbooks. These additional readings will be made available on Canvas.

Course Description: In this course, we will explore the following two questions:

“How can we be effective English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers?”

“How can we help students become successful English language learners?”

In doing so, the goal of the course is to help you develop your pedagogical knowledge and the skills to put that knowledge into practice across a range of teaching contexts.

Course Objectives: By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of some of the principles of English language pedagogy
- Design effective ESL lessons and materials focusing on various language skills
- Utilize a range of pedagogical skills for effectively guiding and managing classroom language learning

Course Learning Tasks: To accomplish the objectives of this course, we will complete the following tasks:

Reading Responses (15%): The assigned readings are an essential component of this course as they will determine the scope and topic of discussion during each class session. For this reason, each course reading will be accompanied by reading questions (provided on Canvas) that will help guide your reading and prepare you for class discussions and activities.

It is your task to complete these reading questions *before class* and come ready to discuss them. I will collect them **each class period** for a completion grade. You **must upload your RR on Canvas by the beginning of class** on the day they are due, or receive a 0. If you miss class on a day I collected the responses, you may e-mail me a scanned copy or picture of your reading response within 24 hours after the missed class to receive credit.

Lessons Plans (2 x 7.5%; 15% total): Being able to create lesson plans and materials is an essential skill in the daily life of an ESL teacher. In order to practice this skill, you will prepare two detailed 50-minute lesson plans (including any materials for the lesson) for a classroom context of your choosing. One lesson plan should

follow the PPP format, while the other should follow the TBLT format. More details (including a rubric) will be provided on Canvas.

Language Learning Task (1st Draft 7.5% + 2nd Draft 7.5% = 15% total): In order to give you practice creating materials for language teaching, you and a classmate will create a 15-minute task that could be used in a language learning classroom. Your task can focus on reading, writing, speaking, or listening, or it can be a focus on form task. You will teach your task with your partner to another group, receive feedback, and then switch roles. You will then make changes based on your experience teaching the task and feedback from your partner group, and submit the final draft of the task with these changes incorporated. More details (including a rubric) will be provided on Canvas.

Classroom Observation (10%) & Teacher Interview (5%): You will observe one ESL class at the UF English Language Institute and write a 500-750 word report on your observation, connecting what you observe in the class with ideas from the readings and class discussions, as well as your own beliefs about language teaching. You will then set up a meeting with the teacher, interview them for 20-30 minutes, and write a brief report on what you learned. More details (including a rubric) will be provided on Canvas.

Peer Teaching Demonstration (20%): You and a group of classmates will design and demonstrate a 30-minute ESL lesson to your classmates. You and your peer(s) will be the classroom teachers, while your classmates will assume the role of English language learners in your class. This assignment will help you gain valuable experience creating and carrying out lessons. For this assignment, there will be three components:

- 1) E-mailing your lesson plan (including materials) to me and meeting with me to receive feedback at least three days before teaching
- 2) Uploading final lesson plan and materials to Canvas by 10:00 AM the day of your demonstration
- 3) Teaching the lesson to the class

Peer Teaching Reflection (10%): Within a week of completing your peer teaching, you will write and submit a 500-750-word individual reflection on your experience teaching. This reflection should critically assess your experience with teaching as well as connect your teaching experience with the concepts covered in course readings and discussions.

Teaching Portfolio (10%): When applying for teaching positions, you will usually be asked to provide a teaching portfolio that showcases who you are as a teacher. To prepare you for this, you will develop a teaching portfolio with the following items: (1) a reflective essay about your experience in the class, (2) your two lesson plans, (3) your final language learning task, and (4) the lesson plan from your peer teaching. More details will be provided on Canvas.

*In addition to what we do in this class, I encourage you to volunteer to be a **Conversation Partner** to an English Language Institute student. It requires just 1 hour of your time each week during which you will meet with a student learning English and help them practice informal speaking. It's a great way to get to know someone from another culture and get used to working with students learning English! ☺ Check out the ELI's website <https://eli.ufl.edu/> for more information. If you're looking for a more involved teaching opportunity, check out the paid **Language Assistant** position at the ELI.

*I will often post ESL/EFL volunteer and teaching opportunities as well as class reminders to Canvas under Announcements.

Grading

Course Assignments and Grading		Grading Scale			
Assignment	% of Grade				
Reading Responses	15%	100—93	A	76—73	C
Lesson Plans	15% (2 x 7.5%)	92—90	A-	72—70	C-
Language Learning Task	15%	89—87	B+	69—67	D+
Classroom Observation & Interview	15%	86—83	B	66—63	D
Peer Teaching Demonstration	20%	82—80	B-	62—60	D-
Peer Teaching Reflection	10%	79—77	C+	59—0	E
Final Teaching Portfolio	10%				

Course Policies

Attendance: Because class meetings will include a mix of in-class activities, discussions of course readings, and teaching demonstrations, class attendance is not only mandatory, but vital for your success in this course. You are expected to attend all class meetings on time, with readings and any homework assignments completed in advance. You are expected to stay for the entirety of the class and remain engaged until the end of class. You are also expected to bring your course textbook and other required daily readings to class each day.

However, I understand that life can interfere with course work and you might have to miss class, arrive late, or leave early. For this reason, you are allowed to have **three unexcused absences**. Each unexcused absence beyond that may lower your final course grade by one level (e.g. from A to A-). Excused absences should be consistent with UF policies (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>).

Canvas: Canvas will be our primary communication channel when not in class. Use your Gatorlink to login to <elearning.ufl.edu>. All class resources (e.g. additional readings, PPTs, reading responses, worksheets, handouts) will be stored in Canvas. Assignments will be submitted to Canvas unless otherwise stated. Feedback on assignments will also be submitted via Canvas. For these reasons, make sure you know how to upload assignments, view feedback on those uploads, and receive notifications and announcements. Additionally, checking the Canvas homepage regularly will be essential for success in this course. If there is ever a discrepancy between the tentative course schedule provided below and the online Canvas schedule, please follow the schedule posted on Canvas.

Late work: Late work is not accepted except in the event of verifiable extenuating circumstances. An extenuating circumstance is an event beyond your control, such as an accident or emergent medical condition. Verifiable means that supporting documents will be required.

E-mail: If you need to contact me outside of class or office hours, please send me an email and I will do my best to respond within 24 hours. If it's the weekend, it may take me more than 24 hours to respond. Please feel free to email with any questions that you have about the course or constructive feedback.

Accommodation: Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (<https://disability.ufl.edu/>). Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Please follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Academic honesty: Students are held accountable to the UF Honor Code: (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>)

Tentative Course Schedule

We may need to change the schedule at some point – I will provide you with an updated one on Canvas if so.

Week	Dates	Topic	Readings	Assignments
1	8/31	Introductions; Teaching Contexts & Questionnaire		
	9/2	Language Learning	Harmer, Ch. 3 (on Canvas)	RR1 Background Issues
	9/4	The Role of the Teacher	Snow & Campbell, Ch. 1 (on Canvas)	RR2 Role of the Teacher
2	9/7	No Class – Labor Day		
	9/9	Methods	Harmer, Ch. 4 (on Canvas)	RR3 Methods
	9/11	PPP	Harmer, Ch. 4 & Youtube Video	RR4 PPP
3	9/14	TBLT	Willis & Willis, Ch. 1 (On Canvas)	RR5 TBLT
	9/16	Course Planning	Snow & Campbell, Ch. 3 In class: Murray & Christison, pgs. 29-32	RR6 Course Planning
	9/18	Lesson Planning 1	Brown & Lee, Ch. 10	RR7 Lesson Planning
4	9/21	Lesson Planning 2	Brown & Lee, Ch. 10	RR8 Sample Lesson Plans
	9/23	Techniques for Teaching	Brown & Lee, Ch. 11 In class: M&C pgs. 65-66	RR9 Techniques for Teaching
	9/25	Interactive Classroom	Brown & Lee, Ch. 13	RR10 Interactive Classroom
5	9/28	Task Management/Group Work	Brown & Lee, Ch. 13 In class: Murray & Christison pgs. 48-51, Transitions	RR11 Group Work

	9/30	Classroom Management 1	Brown & Lee, Ch. 14 In class: Murray & Christison, pg. 42-43	RR12 Classroom Management
	10/2	Classroom Management 2	Brown & Lee, Ch. 14 In class: Murray & Christison, pg. 42-43	Lesson Plan PPP
6	10/5	Learner Differences: Age	Brown & Lee, Ch. 6	RR13 Teaching Across Ages
	10/7	Learner Differences: Proficiency	Brown & Lee, Ch. 7	RR14 Teaching Across Proficiency Levels
	10/9	Motivation	Harmer, Ch. 5	RR15 Motivation
7	10/12	Agency	Brown & Lee, Ch. 5	RR16 Agency
	10/14	Teaching Listening	Brown & Lee, Ch. 15	RR17 Teaching Listening
	10/16	Teaching Reading	Brown & Lee, Ch. 17	RR18 Teaching Reading Lesson Plan TBLT
8	10/19	Receptive Tasks	Willis & Willis, Ch. 3	RR19 Receptive Tasks
	10/21	Teaching Speaking	Brown & Lee, Ch. 16	RR20 Teaching Speaking
	10/23	Teaching Writing	Brown & Lee, Ch. 18	RR21 Teaching Writing
9	10/26	Productive Tasks	Willis & Willis, Ch. 4-5	RR22 Topic to Task
	10/28	Focus on Forms	Brown & Lee, Ch. 19	RR23 FoFs
	10/30	Task Teach & Debrief		Task 1st Draft
10	11/2	Classroom-based Assessment	Murray & Christison, Ch. 11	RR24 Assessment 1
	11/4	Large-scale Assessment	Murray & Christison, Ch. 12	RR25 Assessment 2
	11/6	Technology	Murray & Christison, Ch. 15	RR26 Technology
11	11/9	Teaching Demonstration		
	11/11	No Class – Veteran’s Day		
	11/13	Teaching Demonstration		Final Task
12	11/16	Teaching Demonstration		
	11/18	Teaching Demonstration		
	11/20	Teaching Demonstration		Classroom Observation
13	11/23	Teaching Demonstration		
	11/25	Thanksgiving Break		
	11/27	Thanksgiving Break		
14	11/30	Teaching Demonstration		
	12/2	Teaching Demonstration		
	12/4	Teaching Demonstration		
15	12/7	Teaching Demonstration		
	12/9	Wrap-Up		
	12/11	Reading Day		

	12/14	Teaching Portfolio Due
16	12/16	-
	12/18	-