
LTCY 502-700: Differentiating Literacy Instruction Web August 21 to December 7, 2023

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Communicating with me

Please feel free to call my office, send an email, or drop by during office hours. I *want* to talk to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out for any reason. I will do my best to respond to missed phone calls and/or emails within 24 business hours.

Office Hours in GRH 1073B

M 9 – 10
T 2 – 4:30
W 9 – 1
R 2 – 4:30
F *By appointment*

Course Adjustments

The instructor reserves the right to modify the course requirements, schedule, and syllabus. The syllabus and schedule for this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. No change will occur, however, *unless* proper and prior notice is given to students.

Point Scale

900-1000	A
800-899	B
700-799	C
600-699	D
Below 600	F

Class Attendance and Late Work

Each student is expected to be present, prepared, participatory, and polite. Assignments completed outside of class are due by midnight on the due date. It is expected that ALL assignments will be submitted on their due dates. Late assignments will be accepted for up to one week (7 consecutive days) after the original due date to receive any credit. Late assignments will be penalized at a rate of 10% the first

Course Description

Exploration of differentiated literacy instruction focusing on modification of instructional content, process, assessment, and student product to meet the needs of all learners. Note: Course is not appropriate for certified teachers and does not count toward the MAE in Literacy Education.

Course Objectives

1. Understand theory and research regarding differentiated instruction as a planned approach rather than a reactive approach to teaching literacy;
2. Understand the role of the literacy teacher in differentiated instruction;
3. Determine learners' needs;
4. Adapt the literacy curriculum to meet the needs of all learners;
5. Differentiate the learning process, product, and environment for all learners;
6. Monitor and evaluate literacy assessment strategies for differentiation; and
7. Design differentiated literacy lessons and units.

Texts:

There will be significant reading in this course, including several books. Your professor will provide you with the texts you need. You will not need to purchase any yourself, but books will be provided in class and reading materials will be shared with you through Blackboard.

Student Policies

The following three sections are taken from the WKU Student Handbook available here:
https://www.wku.edu/handbook/documents/student_handbook_revision.docx

Cheating

No student shall receive or give assistance not authorized by the instructor in taking an examination or in the preparation of an essay, laboratory report, problem assignment, or other project that is submitted for purposes of grade determination.

Disposition of Offenses

Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty may receive from the instructor a failing grade in that portion of the course work in which the act is detected or a failing grade in the course without possibility of withdrawal. The faculty member may also present the case to the University Disciplinary Committee through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for disciplinary sanctions.

Other Types of Academic Dishonesty

Other types of academic offenses, such as the theft or sale of tests, should be reported to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for disciplinary action.

ADA Accommodation Statement

In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

Title IX Misconduct/Assault Statement

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at <https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf.

Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea

day and then 15% per day (up to 6 additional days) after that. After one week, no credit will be awarded. Some assignments will NOT be accepted late for any credit. In addition, extra credit will not be given if students fail to complete the major assignments (tests, papers, and presentations).

Written Assignments

All written assignment submissions should be typed and follow APA 7th edition formatting style.

Plagiarism (Important)

To represent ideas or interpretations taken from another source as one's own is plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense. The academic work of students must be their own. Students must give the author(s) credit for any source material used. To lift content directly from a source without giving credit is a flagrant act. To present a borrowed passage after having changed a few words, even if the source is cited, is also plagiarism.

Additional Services

The WKU Center for Literacy is located in Gary A. Ransdell Hall 1073. At the Center for Literacy, students can receive assistance in developing strategies to help reading/studying to learn and writing for evidence and argument. More information about the WKU Center for Literacy can be found on the website:
<http://www.wku.edu/literacycenter/>

Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121.

Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and MUST report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.

Regular and Substantive Interaction

The U.S. Department of Education requires that distance education courses must include regular and substantive interaction between students and faculty. For more information about Regular and Substantive Interaction at WKU, please visit the [Regular and Substantive Interaction in Online and Distance Learning webpage](#).

In this course, regular and substantive interaction will take place in the following ways:

- Scheduled synchronous sessions with faculty and students,
- Weekly announcements, and
- Timely and detailed feedback on assignments provided within one week of submission.