

**EDUC 5302 - 110**

**CRN: 10077**

**Cultural Diversity in Schools and Community**

**Spring 2020**

**Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

## **COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

**This course is a fully online course and utilizes TAMUCT Canvas Learning Management System: [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>]. It is highly recommended that you check your Canvas daily to ensure you do not miss any requirements or announcements. It is your responsibility to stay up with the requirements of the course.**

**This course uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System**

**[<https://tamuct.instructure.com>].**

**Students are expected to check Canvas for weekly assignments.**

## **INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Email: via Canvas only**

**Office Hours: W (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and Virtually**

**Student-instructor interaction**

As this course is critical in the growth and development of you as a teacher, I am readily available to you. You can reach me at any time during my office hours, by email, or by phone. If you would like to request a conference, please email me and I will get back to you with available times. If I am unavailable and you need to speak with someone about your placement or in an emergency, please call (254) 519-8737.

## WARRIOR SHIELD

### Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login) [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

## COURSE INFORMATION

### Course Overview and Description:

Students will examine various dimensions of culture related to teaching, learning, and support services in the community. This course is a study of ethnicity, socio-economic status, language, gender, religion, age, and exceptionality as these impact teaching.

### Course Objective:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be a reflective professional educator who makes effective educational decisions that support the creation of dynamic learning environments, taking into consideration the various dimensions of culture.

### Course Description:

This course explores the intersections between education, democracy and diversity in American schooling. It introduces students to key philosophical, sociological and political questions in education and asks students to critically examine the role of education in a diverse and pluralistic democracy. Students will examine the relationship between democracy and education, including how educational institutions and practices might be structured democratically. Students will develop an awareness of race, ethnicity, class, gender and other lines of difference, and explore how schooling might be structured in ways that build equity and justice.

Throughout the course of the semester, we examine some of the following questions:

- What are the purposes of schooling in a diverse and democratic nation?
- How are these purposes reflected in different pedagogical strategies and choices?
- How do issues of gender, race, ethnicity, and class impact educational practices?
- How might schools and curriculum address issues of diversity?
- What is the relationship between diversity, democracy and education?

- What role should schools—and teachers—play in fostering justice and equity?

We will explore these questions and issues through three central lenses: interpretive, critical, and normative. We will begin interpreting educational issues, asking how we might understand the nature of an issue or problem. We will then view these issues critically, looking at how problems are shaped by political and social forces. Finally, we will examine the normative dimension of issues, asking what we—as democratic citizens and prospective educators—ought to do about such issues and how education should be structured and to what ends.

### **Course Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will understand:

1. Key social and political issues in American education, including diversity and inequality;
2. The implications of a culturally diverse population for American education;
3. The role of schooling in a democratic society;
4. How to think critically and reflectively about education and schooling.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Students will learn the definitions and application for basic concepts including culture, ethnicity, race, racism, stereotype, prejudice, core values, oppression and discrimination;
- Students will examine the components of culture including beliefs, mores, social customs, in addition to rites, ritual and ceremonies;
- Students will examine how geography affects culture;
- Students will understand that culture is dynamic;
- Students will explore intragroup differences within a culture and intergroup differences between two cultures;
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of culturally related concepts such as cultural relativism, cultural universalism, macro/micro cultures, and cultural congruence;
- Students will practice shifting their perceptions in order to empathize with people who come from backgrounds other than their own;
- Students will study Banks' approach to multicultural education and will learn to infuse multicultural education into the classroom and school environment;
- Students will develop an understanding of the phenomena that occur when cultures come into contact;
- Students will develop a book of culturally diverse resources such as community members, computer software, in addition to multicultural literature and curriculum.
- Students will study the cultures represented in their own school community and develop lessons to meet the learning needs and to validate the cultures of all students;
- Students will develop an understanding of the history of immigration in the United States and how immigration is affected by various social, political, religious and economic factors;
- Students will be sensitized to the struggles that many immigrants face and will explore ways the educational system can help new immigrants adjust;
- Students will appreciate and recognize the variety of contributions made by immigrants to the United States.

### **Required Reading and Textbooks:**

Multicultural Education in a Pluralistic Society (2017) Donna M. Gollnick; Philip C. Chinn. New York, NY: Pearson.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS****Grading Criteria, Due Dates:**

Week	Assignment		
	Foundations of Multicultural Education Ch. 1		
2	Quiz	10	
	Debate Response Online	15	
	Race and Ethnicity Ch. 2		
3	Quiz		10
	Debate Response Online		15
	Class and Socioeconomic Status Ch. 3		
4	Quiz	10	
	Debate Response Online		15
	Gender		
5	Quiz	10	
	Debate Response Online		15
	Sexual Orientation		
6	Quiz	10	
	Debate Response Online	15	
	Exceptionality		
7	Quiz	10	
	Debate Response Online	15	
8	Language		
	Quiz	10	

	Debate Response Online	15
	Religion	
9	Quiz	10
	Debate Response Online	15
	Geography	
10	Quiz	10
	Debate Response Online	15
	The Youth Culture	
11	Quiz	10
	Debate Response Online	15
	Education That is Multicultural	
12	Quiz	10
	Debate Response Online	15
13	Essay on Multicultural Education	25
14	Classroom Implications Project 1	25
15	Classroom Implications Project 2	25
16	Final Exam	50
	<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>400</b>

## Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Points	Description
A	(360 - 400)	exceptional demonstration and deep coherent understanding
B	(320 -359)	proficient understanding
C	(280 -319)	acceptable understanding in most areas
D	(240 -279)	developing understanding with some critical deficiencies
F	(0 – 239)	unsatisfactory understanding with significant deficiencies

### Posting of Grades

**All grades will be posted in Canvas within a week of the due date. However, large projects or assignments may require more time to evaluate. It is encouraged that students monitor their status throughout the semester. Final grades will be posted to Canvas.**

## Grading Policies

Late work will be accepted with a 10 point deduction initially and additional point deductions depending on the lateness of the work. No assignments will be accepted after May 7, 2020.

## COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Complete Course Calendar

(See Course Requirements Section above.)

### Important University Dates

<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

### Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

## Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

## Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: [helpdesk@tamu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

# UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

## Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](#)

[[https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf)].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

## Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, working with others in an unauthorized manner, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html), [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0), [[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=0](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0)].

## Academic Accommodations

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) Canvas page (log-in required) [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717>]

### Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].



Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

## Tutoring

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. Tutor.com tutoring **will not offer writing support** beginning August 1, 2019, but will continue to offer other tutoring support.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing [studentsuccess@tamuct.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@tamuct.edu).

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

## University Writing Center

Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via [WCOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

## University Library

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help

students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

## OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

### A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php) [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

### Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, who are exhibiting concerning behaviors, or individuals causing a significant disruption to our community, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or

another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

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