Education 309/509: Methods and Materials for Teaching Reading II

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Section 1: Monday & Wednesday 9:30 -10:45 a.m. CCC 114

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to examine beliefs, practices, and materials for teaching reading. Our major focus will be current issues in teaching reading across developmental and grade levels as well as integrating reading throughout the curriculum. We will explore differentiated instruction to accelerate reading development for all students. Course performance tasks will emphasize application of the

Optimal Learning model for teaching and learning. We will also include the following in our considerations of assessment and instructional practices: the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Standards, the Response to Intervention Framework (RtI), edTPA for Elementary Literacy, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Reading and Language Arts, and the Wisconsin Educator Effectiveness Framework.



The single most powerful variable in student reading achievement is the quality of teaching. However, what does *quality* mean? What does it look like in a real classroom? This course is designed to help every teacher educator become a *best practice* teacher of literacy. Theory and techniques for developing and implementing best practice literacy instruction will be presented. Contextualizing scientific research and best practice that focuses on constructivism teaching approaches will define "*Best Practice Literacy Instruction*".

Lastly, in this course and throughout the semester, preservice teachers will refine their **teaching dispositions** at the integrating level (p. 10) by developing **sustainable literacy practices**—specifically values thinking. Educators should demonstrate and exhibit a strong sense of **fairness and social justice**. This is especially true the classroom as a model for performance beyond the classroom (Warren, Archambault & Foley, 2015). According to NCATE (2008), professional dispositions are the professional characteristics that educators demonstrate through verbal (and nonverbal) behaviors as they interact with colleagues and community, students, and families.

Course Objectives/Outcomes:

- Effective reading, writing, speaking, listening, and visual communication skills that embrace all components of balanced literacy as defined by the National Reading Panel.
- Effective critical thinking through problem solving, informed, and ethical decision-making, and synthesis of theory and practice.
- Ascertain a truly balanced literacy program with significant knowledge that **how** you teach is just as important as **what** you teach.
- Effective use of teaching strategies and skills to apply and integrate knowledge to solve problems in reading and writing proficiencies.
- The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the disciplines he or she teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for pupils.
- Distinguish among major theoretical models of literacy learning.
- The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.
- Articulate a constructivist approach for developing a classroom literacy program.
- The teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.
- Evaluate literacy materials that address the needs of various developmental and multicultural levels of students in elementary and middle schools.
- Integrate literacy strategies at all elementary levels and in all content areas
- Demonstrate understanding of and competence in the ten teacher standards.
- Promote the success of all students by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a shared vision of learning endorsed by the school community.
- Reflect on personal experiences and articulate understandings gained and modified.
- To understand how literacy strategies and teaching tools align with content-area teaching/learning. An emphasis placed on **RTI** (Response to Intervention) and **DI** (Differentiated Instruction).
- To recognize how the curriculum standards movement and curriculum framework affects unit/lesson development.

Course Texts

Routman, R. (2003). Reading Essentials: The specifics you need to teach reading well.

Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (Rental)

Ellery, V. (2014). Creating strategic readers (3rd Edition). Huntington Beach, CA: Shell Education.

Cate, C. Fernholz, L. & Armstrong, J. (Eds.). (2017). Absolutely not another reading test study guide: Cultivating knowledge of responsive literacy practices to get ready to TEACH and pass the FoRT. Iola, WI: BA Diggers, LLC. (Recommended)

General Course Expectations & Methodology:

- Because of the accelerated nature of the EMB program, it is crucial that students attend all classes. If an absence deemed necessary, discussion per individual basis prior to class absent.
- Please note that this is a rigorous literacy course with significant learning outcomes.
- Active class and group participation is an important component.
- Expected that assigned text readings completed prior to class unless assigned during class meeting time. Reading diary notes are required.
- UWSP Elementary Education Major level writing skill is expected. UWSP SOE students will communicate
 effectively in writing, shaping their writing in relation to subject, purpose, medium, context, and intended
 audience.
- All work is to be in the student's own words unless quotation marks and referenced pages provided.
- APA style required for documentation of references.
- Work turned in on the assigned date. If there is a problem, please contact the instructor.
- Academic integrity is expected. Refer to the Student handbook.
- Grade deduction can occur for assignments that are late or do not reflect a quality of work expected of UWSP SOE major level work.
- UWSP and this instructor positively affirm the intent of the American Disability Act. Any person enrolling in this course who may require alternative instructional and/or evaluative procedures due to a disability should feel free to discuss these needs with the instructor for appropriate arrangements and accommodations.
- Course activities include numerous readings, whole-class presentations and discussion, individual practice with strategic literacy instruction, small group interactions and presentations, tutoring of an elementary child, videos and guest speakers. This rigorous course is intended to prepare EMB participants with the skills, knowledge and dispositions necessary for successful classroom teaching.

Course Assignments

- 1. A literacy binder will be created over the eight weeks of class (September 5 October 25)
 - The Binder will have four sections (1) Literacy Instruction & Assessment; (2) Writing Instruction & Assessment; (3) Personal Philosophy of Teaching Literacy; (4) Diary notes Writing Essentials & Creating Strategic Readers, literacy tutoring summary, reading conference forms and a children's book bibliography (100 points).
- 2. A formal paper, "My Personal Philosophy of Teaching Literacy" organized and peer edited prior to week 8. The final paper is due December 1, 2017 using dropbox on D2L. Additionally, a peer review scored rubric of the final submission is required. Suggested reviewers include any professor, cooperating teacher, past teacher, principal or fellow EMB classmate placed in your same building. Their signature must be present on submitted rubric (100 points).
- **3.** Group Presentation ~ Best Practice Elementary Literacy Groups will form based on topic choices. Presentations will model, teach and share evidence of best practice. Due dates TBD (75 points).
- 4. Read-Aloud! Student will read a picture book with appropriate teacher discourse. Due Week 6 & 7 (20 points).



5. 10 Hours Tutoring: Complete **ONE** Reading Conference Form per visit. Forms must be included in final binder (50 points). Course Rubrics

Formal Essay Rubric

Forming a Personal Philosophy of Teaching Literacy

Author	Peer Reviewer



Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Unacceptable	Student Grade	Peer Review Grade
Organization (25 percent)	 □ Intro grabs attention, is informative, general to specific, preview of points □ Clear, concise, arguable thesis with strong verb □ Body paragraphs clearly organized around thesis □ Strong topic/concluding sentences □ Conclusion specific to general, offers 	□ Intro informative, general to specific, some preview of points □ Wordy/awkward, arguable thesis with strong verb □ Most body paragraphs organized around thesis □ Most topic/concluding sentences strong □ Conclusion specific to general, some	 □ Intro missing key info, not general to specific, no preview of points □ Thesis weak/not arguable with weak verb □ Body paragraph not organized around thesis □ Weak topic/concluding sentences □ Conclusion not specific to general, little or no mention of thesis and key points 	□ Introduction missing or severely underdeveloped □ No thesis/argument □ Body paragraphs missing or tend to summarize (no support for thesis) □ Missing topic/concluding sentences □ Conclusion missing or severely underdeveloped		
Support	insight, revisits thesis and key points Two strong, well-developed	mention of thesis and key points Two moderately developed	□ Underdeveloped/inaccurate	□ Rewrite necessary □ One (or more) assertions/examples		
Support	assertions/examples per body paragraph Two quotes per body paragraph that provide meaningful evidence to support assertions Well-prefaced quotes	assertions/examples per body paragraph Most quotes provide meaningful evidence to support assertions Most quotes adequately prefaced Some reflective comments that provide	assertions/examples in body paragraphs Missing some quotes or some inappropriate/random ones or restates assertion rather than proves it Few quotes adequately prefaced	missing in body paragraphs No quotes or many inappropriate ones with no connection to argument No quotes prefaced No reflective comments; no analysis		
And	 □ Reflective comments that provide insightful analysis of assertions/quotes □ Appropriate transitional elements □ Fully developed ideas with excellent 	analysis of assertion/quotes □ Some appropriate transitional elements □ Well-developed ideas with adequate detail; draws some conclusions and	 □ Few reflective comments (often restates assertion); little analysis of assertion/quotes □ More transitional elements needed or some inappropriate ones 	of assertion/quotes ☐ No transitional elements ☐ Undeveloped ideas with little or no detail; does not draw conclusions or		
Development	detail; draws insightful conclusions and demonstrates critical thinking	demonstrates some critical thinking	Moderately developed ideas with some detail; draws few conclusions and demonstrates little critical thinking	demonstrate critical thinking ☐ Rewrite necessary		

(40 percent)					
Syntax, Diction, and Mechanics	□ Sophisticated precise vocabulary □ Varied sentence structure □ Appropriate verb tense with active verbs □ No run-ons or fragments □ Displays overall accuracy	□ Appropriate vocabulary □ Some varied sentence structure □ Inconsistencies with tense, some active verbs □ A few run-ons or fragments □ Displays some errors that do not compromise understanding of writing	□ Limited vocabulary (some slang/colloquial □ expressions) □ Inadequate sentence structure □ Many errors with tense, weak/passive verbs □ Many run-ons or fragments □ Displays many errors that compromise understanding of writing	□ Simplistic vocabulary (many □ slang/colloquial expressions) □ No variety in sentence structure □ Displays glaring errors that seriously compromises understanding of writing □ Rewrite necessary	
(30 percent)					
Format (5 percent)	☐ 12 font, double spaced ☐ Creative title that reflects thesis ☐ No errors in pagination ☐ Correct citation punctuation (APA) ☐ Writing in third person POV (no "I" or you")	☐ Title reflects thesis ☐ Some errors in pagination ☐ Minor errors in citation punctuation ☐ Inconsistencies with POV	☐ Title does not reflect thesis ☐ Many errors in pagination ☐ Major errors in citation punctuation ☐ Many inconsistencies with POV	□ No title □ No pagination □ No citation punctuation □ Inconsistencies with POV - compromises meaning □ Rewrite necessary	
				Score:	

Final Grade:	Rewrite Grade:
Required Signature:	

Seroup Presentation − Best Practice in Elementary Literacy

	Proficient ~ 5 Points	Basic ~ 3 Points	Minimal ~ 1 Point	
Clarity	The speaker clearly described the contents of the presentation.	Most parts were clear, however some parts could have profited from more detail or explanation	It was difficult to follow the explanation	
Organization	Presentation was well organized; transition points were clearly indicated			
Synthesis	A concise synthesis of the most important components was presented	Some components were not synthesized but presented as separate with little relationship to other components.	Components were presented as separate entities.	
Conclusions	Final conclusions were made clear to the audience	Final conclusions were presented but more detail would have been helpful	·	
Significance The significance of the project was addressed in specific terms The significance of the project was addressed in general terms.		The significance of the project was not addressed or addressed in an incomplete manner.		
Presenter	The presenter appeared confident,	The presenter seemed uncomfortable at times, occasionally	The presenter was considerably uncomfortable	
Presence	made eye contact, and used expression and enthusiasm	avoided eye contact and seemed to lack enthusiasm or expression	in front of the audience.	
	The presenter was natural in his/. her delivery and did not read from a script	The presenter was natural for the most part, however, at times s/he read from notes.	The presenter read from a script.	

Visual Aspects	The presentation was enhanced by visuals (power point, overheads; hand-outs).	Visuals were used, however, their relationship to the presentation was not always clear	No visuals were used	
	Slides/overheads/handouts focused on important components.	Slides/overheads focused on important components for the most part	The importance of slide/overhead content was not clear.	
		Slides/overheads were visually appealing for the most part; however, some were overcrowded or unclear	Slides/overheads were not clear and were visually unappealing	
Time	The presentation was within the designated time limit.	The presentation fell within the designated time limit but was rushed at the end.	The presentation was over the time limit.	

READ-ALOUD RUBRIC (3 = excellent 2 = good 1 = needs improvement) (18 points plus 2 pts for book published in the past five years)

- Uses a loud voice
- Articulates words clearly
- Reads with expression
- Reads with fluency
- Makes sure the script doesn't cover his/her face
- Uses appropriate gestures and motions



Informal Reading Conference

Reader		Date	
Book Title		_ Current page/Total pages	
Date book started	Genre _		_
How do you know the book is (genre)?			
Why did you choose this book?			

Is the book easy, just right, or challenging for you? Circle one – easy, just right, and/or challenging

What do you think of the book so far?

4	Opinion is detailed and the reader makes connection to text and personal experience(s).
3	Opinion is general and/or have vague back up.
2	Teacher must search for opinion, or student says, "I just do."
1	Unable to form coherent and informed opinion.

Read this part of the book for me. Starting page/ending page _____/___

• Challenging Vocab/systemic issues

4	Reads fluently at an appropriate rate with no errors (or repairs error by using strategies) and makes use of punctuation to develop expression.
3	Reads most words accurately and at an appropriate rate but does not use punctuation consistently to develop expression. Might speed read.
2	Reads at too slow of a rate, misses quite a few words without correcting, and passes over some punctuation marks.
1	Reads haltingly by word calling, makes miscues without repairing mistakes, and ignores most punctuation marks.

Tell me what you remember about what you *just* read. (Fictional pieces – Does reader understand character motivation and behavior? Informational – Does reader use text features to get information?)

Retell mentions important elements in sequence and in detail. Is able to answer teacher questions in specific manner, using text.

Retell may leave out one thing and/or may be spotty. Is able to answer teacher questions in general manner.

- Teacher (many prompts) heavily scaffolds retell given by the student. May go blank on teacher questions or have to search for answers.
- 1 Has no idea how to retell in response to teacher prompt. Has no clue in response to teacher questions.

Vocabulary – Are you learning any new words as you read?

4	Student successfully uses background knowledge, context, <u>and</u> structural analysis (roots, affixes, inflections) to unlock the meaning of a new word.
3	Student tries to use background knowledge, context, <u>or</u> structural analysis (roots, affixes, inflections) to unlock the meaning of a new word.
2	Student makes a weak attempt to unlock the meaning of a new word with prompts from the teacher.
1	Student is unable to use background knowledge, context, or structural analysis when prompted by the teacher.

How long do you think it will take you to finish this book?

What do you plan to read after you finish this book? Why does that book interest you?

Let us discuss your strengths as a reader and set some goals.

- Strengths:
- Your goals:
- My goals:



Grading

Assignments	Possible Points
Class Attendance & Participation	75
Course Binder	100
Formal Philosophy Paper w/signature	100
Read A Loud	20
Group Presentation	75
10 Hours Tutoring/Documentation	50
Total Points	420
Final Course Percentages:	95-100 A; 92-94 A-; 91-89 B+; 88-83 B; 82- 80 B-; 79-78 C+; 77-74 C; 73-70 C-; 69-66 D; 65-below F

Policies & Other Considerations

- 1. University Policies: The expectations delineated in the UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities are intended to help maintain a positive living and learning environment. It also includes policies regarding academic misconduct. For additional information refer to http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Information%20for%20Faculty.aspx. Students with disabilities: If you need special accommodations to meet course requirements, register with the Disability Services Office and contact me at the beginning of the course. The Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information, refer to http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/
- 2. **Dispositions:** The instructor is mindful that your next step in the PEP is student teaching. Your interactions and conduct in this class and throughout the EMB experience, with children, peers, cooperating teacher, school staff, and parents/guardians should be positive, warm, and professional. The instructor is obligated to notify EMB faculty (and SOE Dean) if there is a concern with a preservice teacher's dispositions. With that concern, the student's grade may also be affected (instructor's discretion). Concerns related to the SOE Teacher Candidate Teaching Dispositions will be addressed immediately and privately. Upon entrance and acceptance to the SOE PEP, all students sign a dispositions contract. This contract is on file in the SOE department which serves as a tool to guide decisions and document concerns. In class emailing, texting, surfing, and cell phone use for non-class activities will result in deduction of points.
- 3. **On Campus & Practicum Attendance**: You are required to attend all class sessions. Participation and class activities CANNOT be made up and NO extra credit work will be provided. If for some reason you miss class or are late, send an email to the instructor. If you do not send an email, it will be considered an unexcused absence. Students are responsible for all content missed due to absences (phone a friend to find out what you missed). **(6 Points—1st** absence; **12 points—2nd absence**; **if 3 classes are missed student sets meeting with professor and EMB Chair).**
- 4. **School Placement/Practicum Experience Attendance:** Students who meet the on campus requirements yet exhibit tardiness, unexcused absences, poor performance, unprofessional behavior, in their field placement, with respect to the Wisconsin Teaching/InTASC Standards will receive either:
 - a) a failing grade in this class with or without option of repeating the entire course.
 - b) an **incomplete grade** earned in this class, the disqualification of student teaching the following semester and the requirement of successfully completing an additional practicum experience.

5. Readings & Assignments: Assigned readings are read before coming to class. Bring materials needed to each class. Late assignments are defined as those assignments that are not submitted to the instructor on the date they are due or what is posted on the tentative schedule. Any late assignments should be placed in the Late Drop Box and assignments in this drop box receive half points. If for any reason you fail to turn in your work one week after Education 309 course ends on campus, the maximum grade you can receive for the course is a C. Additionally if your work is late, to earn the C, your work must meet the course standards and assessments for each assignment. Otherwise, you risk receiving a lower grade and having to repeat the course. The School of Education has a policy that all students must receive a C or better in their education classes or the course must be repeated.

Tentative Schedule

Week	Topics & Activities	Read, bring, complete (YOU DO) - All Assignments due the first day
		of the weekly scheduled course
1 Sept. 4	 Course Overview Practicum expectations, assignments, and schedule Creating a productive and enjoyable learning environment for EVERYONE PLCs (groups of 3) Read Aloud 	 □ Read together the course syllabus □ Bring Required Course Text (Ellery & Routman) to this and every class □ Explicit directions for assignments outlined
2 Sept. 11	Intentional Teaching Practices •Essential reading life •Structures of literacy instruction •Reading/Writing Workshops •Strategies Within the Essential Reading Components •Sign up for leading a chapter discussion (starting week 3)	Read pages 4 – 31 Ellery Text (diary notes) Read pages A-16 - /A-21 (be prepared for quiz on terms) Prepare a reading conference form – write a brief summary what each component is important ~ bring to class to discuss and submit to Dr. Fernholz

3 Sept. 18	Intentional Teaching Practices (cont.) Showing How/Feedback Current Research – Why Important? Read, Write and Talk Vocabulary/Word Walls/Spelling Classroom Library / Using Library in	Read Routman pages 262 – 280 (diary notes_ Download https://bookwhisperer.com/2015/02/08/ive-got-research-yes-i-do-ive-got-research-how-about-you/ Read article written by Donalyn Miller; print article; highlight; write comments in the margins; write summary on the backside of the printed article; bring to class for discussion Chapter Discussions – Ellery (Word Study, Vocabulary)
4 Sept. 25	Classroom Library / Using Literature in Subject Areas/ Book Talks • Exploring children's books and titles • Be prepared to read aloud to group • Why good readers are good writers	 □ Bring children's books to class □ Download http://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/the-goosebumps-conundrum-what-makes-a-childrens-book-good □ Read article written by Adam Gidwitz; print article; highlight; write comments in the margins; write summary on the backside of the printed article; bring to class for discussion □ Chapter Discussions – Ellery & Routman (Fluency & Writing Workshop)
5 Oct. 2	■ Reading/Writing Workshops ■ Guided, shared, and independent reading ■ Differentiation (e.g., struggling, ELL, gifted, behavior issues) ■ All Roads Lead to Meaning: Comprehension	Read Ellery Chapter 5 – (diary notes) Prepare for quiz: Second class period of the week: Chapters 2. 3, 4, & 5 (Ellery) Binder check – bring binder to Second class of the week (reading conference forms MUST be signed by supervisor)
6 Oct. 9	 Reading Assessments / Research Assessment and evaluation, daily Accessible, informal, intentional Practicum assessment 	Read Routman – Teaching Essentials - (diary notes)

	 Research-based or tested? Why do we assess? Creating tests and evaluation rubrics Peer editing – rough draft of Philosophy 	 □ D2L Reading: 10 things Literacy Teachers Should Know about Research. Read article, print article; highlight; write comments in the margins; write summary on the backside of the printed article; bring to class for discussion □ Rough draft of philosophy paper for peer-editing during second class of the week
7 Oct. 16	Learning Community Make every minute count (CH 12 Routman!) Readers Theatre Classroom management techniques Why beliefs matter	 □ D2L Reading: Why beliefs matter. Read article, print article; highlight; write comments in the margins; write summary on the backside of the printed article; bring to class for discussion □ PLC's prepare a reader's theatre scrip and perform second class of the week; script will be submitted to Dr. Fernholz
8 Oct. 23	Learning Community (cont.) ◆See week 7	Binders are due First Class of the week. Individual conferences conducted during second-class period of the week. All piece completed.

UWSP PEP TEACHER DISPOSITIONS





Professional Education Program Teacher Candidate Dispositions

Figure 1 Adopted 2/14/2014

Mastering

Differentiates instruction: advocates for and supports teaching and learning of diversity; sustains democratic classroom clireflexivity in practice.

Seeks wisdom and help when needed: mentors others wisely.

Comprehending

Demonstrates understanding of

Recognizes democratic values; demonstrates awareness of diversity

Emerging

Explores responsibility to self in relation to others

Responsibility for Self and the Fostering of Collaborative Relationships. Acknowledges one's strengths (WTS 5, 6, 10) (InT 3,10) and limitations;

Reflectivity about Teaching, Learning and Interactions (WTS 2,3,8,9) (InT 1,2,6,9)

Dispositions

(With WI Teaching

Standards & InTASC Core

Teaching Standards)

Inclusive Excellence

(WTS 2,3,5,7,10) (InT 1,2,3,7,10)

Values creative approaches to problem-solving

Explores the meaning of

teaching and learning

excellence in the contexts of

Values respectful working

relationships with others

develops metacognition

Creativity and Critical Thinking in Teaching, Learning and Problem Solving

(WTS 1.2.3.4.7) (InT 1.2.4.7.8)

Perseverance for Excellence (WTS 1-10) (InT 1-10)

Professionalism in Teaching, Learning and Interactions

(WTS 6,9,10) (InT 9,10)

the complexity of multiple perspectives and forms of diversity

Explains and demonstrates collaborative, respectful behavior; articulates personal responsibility within a group setting

Understands and articulates interrelationships across coursework, life experiences and their impact on one's

Articulates and demonstrates creative multiple problemsolving strategies

Demonstrates a willingness to be challenged and persists in professional growth

Understands and articulates value of professional and personal relationships; engages in professional networking

in non-threatening manner in actions, speaking and writing Inclusive in group work; demonstrates responsibility for

success of the group;

Allows multiple perspectives

and accepts forms of diversity

Integrating

with others. Listens attentively to, accepts, considers, and appropriately responds to alternate

collaborates in respectful ways

perspectives and constructive views oneself as a professional

Demonstrates critical thinking, flexibility and creativity in problem-solving; seeks and respects the perspectives of others

Takes initiative to do what needs to be done and seeks input and resources to ensure greater success

Presents self, acts, and interacts in professional manner: demonstrates and facilitates ethical and professional behavior

Ongoing integration of awareness and careful consideration to inform practice; accepts responsibility for self and others; demonstrates reflexivity and "withitness"

Models flexibility, creativity and critical thinking in all aspects of teaching and learning; inspires students and others to think critically and creatively when problem-solving

Establishes and pursues an ongoing professional growth agenda that fosters success for self and others

Models professionalism in interactions with others: uses current and best practices in content and methods of the profescommitted to and engages in life-long learning