



Syllabus

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP
ESP 558: Instructional Accommodations and Modifications for
Special Ed

3 Credits
Effective: Spring 2019/2020

Access to the Internet is required.
All written assignments must be in Microsoft-Word-compatible formats.
See the library's APA Style Guide tutorial for a list of resources that can help you use APA style.

FACULTY

Faculty Name: FACULTY NAME

Contact Information: CONTACT INFORMATION

[INSTRUCTOR MAY INSERT PERSONAL MESSAGE IF DESIRED]

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides teachers pursuing a special education endorsement with the pedagogical foundations, strategies, and understanding to modify curriculum and make accommodations to the learning environment. This course emphasizes the identification of students' needs, developing appropriate strategies, and collaboration between appropriate staff members. An emphasis is placed on accommodations and modifications to general education curriculum and environments in order to ensure inclusion, equity, and access for students in special education.

COURSE RESOURCES

Required and recommended resources to complete coursework and assignments are found on the course [Reading List](#). The reading list can be found under Course Information in Blackboard as well as from the library homepage.

Note: Required resources that must be purchased by the student are tagged "Purchase from a vendor of your choosing." Required resources with a direct link, "Available through CityU Library", are available at no cost to students.

Students in Canada will see required resources they need to purchase tagged "Purchase from the Canadian Bookstore." Students outside the U.S. and Canada should contact their advisor or textbook coordinator for additional information.

COURSE OUTCOMES

In this course, learners:

- Select, adapt and modify individualized assessment strategies including accommodations, technology, and alternative assessment
- Use strategies, including collaboration with families and other agencies to facilitate all transitions for individuals with disabilities
- Sequence, implement, and evaluate individual learning outcomes, including the appropriate use of Common Core Standards
- Develop and select instructional content, resources, and strategies that are aligned with IEP goals and respond to cultural, linguistic, and gender differences.
- Use and model research-based strategies and interventions to facilitate inclusion in the least restrictive environment including appropriate accommodations, curriculum modifications, and alternatives
- Prepare lesson plans, organize materials, and monitor implementation of specially designed instruction for self, paraeducators, and general educators
- Select, adapt, and use instructional strategies and materials according to characteristics of the learner including social, emotional, adaptive, cognitive, academic and behavioral

OVERVIEW OF COURSE GRADING

The grades earned for the course will be derived using City University of Seattle's decimal grading system, based on the following:

<i>Overview of Required Assignments</i>	<i>% of Final Grade</i>
Lesson Plan Revision	20%
Accommodations and Modifications Resource Toolbox	20%
Special Education Learning Segment	40%
Participation, Engagement, and Essential Dispositions	20%
TOTAL	100%

SPECIFICS OF COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

The instructor will provide grading rubrics with more detail as to how this assignment will be graded.

Lesson Plan Revision

Candidates select a lesson plan they've written for another class or for an internship observation, or a pre-written lesson plan assigned by the instructor. Candidates will analyze and evaluate their lesson plan for its accessibility and appropriateness for a variety of special education students. Candidates will submit their analysis of the lesson plan and propose revisions to make it more accessible and differentiated for a variety of special needs.

<i>Components</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Behavioral Supports	20%
Materials and/or Technology	20%
Learning Tasks	20%
Assessment	20%
Student Voice	20%
TOTAL	100%

Accommodations and Modifications Resource Toolbox

Candidates will interview practitioners in the field of special education regarding accommodations and modifications for special education students. Based on the interview and further independent research, candidates create a toolbox of potential accommodations and modifications for a variety of special needs students. Accommodations and modifications included in the toolbox should be presented with accompanying brief case examples/descriptions of the type of student who might benefit from that specific adaptation. Candidates will also address important issues in collaborating with other team members surrounding accommodations and modifications for special education students.

<i>Components</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Case Descriptions	15%
Collaboration	20%
Interview	40%
Types of Accommodations and Modifications	25%
TOTAL	100%

Special Education Learning Segment

Candidates design a 3-lesson learning segment for a specific special education student. The candidate will examine the student's IEP and design the learning segment around one of the student's IEP goals. Students will be "real life" and chosen by the candidate OR candidates will be provided with a mock IEP and hypothetical student profile provided by the instructor.

<i>Components</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Instructional Tasks	25%
Assessment	25%
Standards, learning targets, and IEP alignment	15%
Communication Skill (Student Voice)	10%
Assets	25%
TOTAL	100%

Participation, Engagement, and Essential Dispositions

Candidates should participate and engage in all classwork, including required assignments, class discussions, activities, and instructor-determined assignments. Candidates should work to meet essential dispositions criteria not only in the field, but also in their coursework, whether online or in person.

<i>Components</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Engagement	50%
Essential Dispositions	50%
TOTAL	100%

COURSE POLICIES

Late Assignments

LATE ASSIGNMENT

Participation

PARTICIPATION

Professional Writing

Assignments require error-free writing that uses standard English conventions and logical flow of organization to address topics clearly, completely, and concisely. CityU requires the use of APA style.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

You are responsible for understanding and adhering to all of City University of Seattle's academic policies. The most current versions of these policies can be found in the [University Catalog](#) that is linked from the CityU Web site.

Antidiscrimination

City University of Seattle and its staff and faculty are committed to supporting our students. We value equity, diversity, and inclusion as a way of life as well as the educational opportunities it provides. City U will not tolerate any form of discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identification, socioeconomic status, or religious values. If you have experienced any discrimination based on any of the above, we encourage you to report this to the University. Please report this to your instructor. If you do not feel safe reporting this to your instructor, please report to Dr. Scott Carnz, Provost or to the Vice President of Student Affairs, Melissa Mecham.

Non-Discrimination & Prohibition of Sexual Misconduct

City University of Seattle adheres to all federal, state, and local civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and education. The University is committed to ensuring that the education environment is bounded by standards of mutual respect and safety and is free from discriminatory practices.

In the U.S., the University is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure that all of its education programs and activities do not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender. Sex include sex, sex stereotypes, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and pregnancy or parenting status. Sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking are forms of sex discrimination, which are prohibited under Title IX and by City University of Seattle policy. City University of Seattle also prohibits retaliation against any person opposing discrimination or participating in any discrimination investigation or complaint process internal or external to the institution. Questions regarding Title IX, including its application and/or concerns about noncompliance, should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator. For a complete copy of the policy or for more information, visit <https://my.cityu.edu/titleix> or contact the Title IX Coordinator.

In Canada, in compliance with the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Alberta Human Rights Act, WorksafeBC, and the Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta, the University believes that its environment should at all times be supportive and respectful of the dignity and self-esteem of individuals. Discrimination, harassment and bullying conduct, whether through person to person behaviour or via electronic communications such as email or social media is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. As an educational institution, it is our responsibility to cultivate an environment of excellence, equity, mutual respect and to recognize the value and potential of every individual. The University will take all necessary steps to meet or exceed the requirements of the law to prevent discrimination, harassment and bullying. The Respectful Workplace Policy for the prevention of discrimination, harassment and bullying policy and procedure can be found at <https://www.cityu.edu/discover-cityu/about-cityu/> under the Policies section or at <https://www.cityuniversity.ca/about/>.

Religious Accommodations

City University of Seattle has a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The University's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available in the University Catalog and on the my.cityu.edu student portal. Accommodations must be requested by the 20% mark of this course (e.g. day 14 of a ten-week course, day 7 of a 5-week course) using the Religious Accommodations Request Form found on the student dashboard in the my.cityu.edu student portal.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity in students requires the pursuit of scholarly activity that is free from fraud, deception and unauthorized collaboration with other individuals. Students are responsible for understanding CityU's policy on academic integrity and adhering to its standards in meeting all course requirements. A complete copy of this policy can be found in the University Catalog in the section titled [Academic Integrity Policy](#) under Student Rights & Responsibilities.

Attendance

Students taking courses in any format at the University are expected to be diligent in their studies and to attend class regularly. Regular class attendance is important in achieving learning outcomes in the course and may be a valid consideration in determining the final grade. For classes where a physical presence is required, a student has attended if they are present at any time during the class session. For online classes, a student has attended if they have posted or submitted an assignment. A complete copy of this policy can be found in the [University Catalog](#) in the section titled Attendance under Student Rights & Responsibilities.

Final Assignments Due Date

Final assignments for each class at CityU must be due on or before the final date of the course as indicated in the university's course information system. Due dates that extend beyond the final date of the course may negatively impact tuition funding for students.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Services Accommodations Statement

Students with documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services to discuss accommodation requests and eligibility requirements. Please contact Disability Support Services at disability@cityu.edu or 206.2369.4752 or visit the [Disability Support Services](#) page in the my.cityu.edu portal. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries. Once approved, information about academic accommodations will be shared with your course instructors.

Library Services

CityU librarians are available to help students find the resources and information they need to succeed in this course. Contact a CityU librarian through the [Ask a Librarian](#) service, or access [library resources and services](#) online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Smarthinking Tutoring

CityU students have 24/7 access to free online tutoring offered through Smarthinking, including writing support, from certified tutors. Contact CityU's Student Support Center at mycityusupport@cityu.edu to request a username and password.