University of Texas at El Paso
RED 5348: Issues in Adult Literacy
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Mon and Wed, 5-10 pm
Location: Education 308

Course description:
This course will explore the theory and practice of adult literacy/biliteracy education, with a specific focus on the contexts for adult learning and the development of adult literacy programs. Topics to be covered include literacy theory, research, and practice; adult literacy and social change; social approaches to literacy; and program planning, assessment, and evaluation. The course will be technologically enhanced, meaning that face-to-face meetings will be supplemented by ongoing interaction and communication using Blackboard.

Course readings:

Required books:


Selected articles and chapters:


Street, B. (1995). *Social literacies: Critical approaches to literacy in development, ethnography, and education*. London: Longman. [Chapter 1]

**Course requirements:**
Successful completion of this course will be based on several key elements (rubrics will be provided):

- **Reading response pieces** (30 points)
- **Discussion postings** (30 points)
- **Class presentations** (20 points)
- **Observation assignment** (10 points)
- **Final reflection** (10 points)

**Grading:**

- A 90-100 points
- B 80-89 points
- C 70-79 points
- D 60-69 points
- F Below 59 points

**Attendance Policy:**
Your attendance and active participation are vital to this course. The Teacher Education Department considers missing two weeks of class to be excessive. The student may be dropped for lack of attendance. If you miss two weeks of class, please contact the professor immediately.

**Disability Policy:**
If you have or believe you have a disability, you may wish to self-identify. You can do so by providing documentation to the Office of Disabled Student Services located in Union E Room 203. Students who have been designated as disabled must reactivate their standing with the Office of Disabled Student Services on a yearly basis. Failure to report to this office will place a student on the inactive list and nullify benefits received. If you have a condition which may affect your ability to exit safely from the premises in an emergency or which may cause an emergency during class, you are encouraged to discuss this in confidence with the instructor and/or the director of Disabled Student Services. You may call 747-5148 for general information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
Academic Dishonesty:
Academic dishonesty – which includes cheating, plagiarism, and collusion – is a violation of the norms and ethics of the university community and will not be tolerated. Violations will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions.

Additional Resources:
Academic journals – The following journals can assist you in your inquiry project. These are just some examples. Most of them can be found electronically using the UTEP Library website:

Adult Education Quarterly
Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy
Adult Learning
Anthropology and Education Quarterly
International Journal of Educational Development
Journal of Literacy Research

**Syllabus subject to change**