



Syllabus for ECE 18: Teaching in a Diverse Society

Course Information

Semester & Year: Fall 2024

Course ID & Section #: ECE-18 V7483

Instructor's name: Darius Kalvaitis

Course units: 3

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus.

Instructor Contact Information

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Catalog Description

Examines the impact of various societal influences on the development of children's social identity. Covers developmentally appropriate, inclusive, and anti-bias approaches. Self-examination and reflection on issues related to social identity, stereotypes, and bias will be emphasized.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Examine the impact of various societal influences on the development of children's social identity.
2. Evaluate the ways that developmentally appropriate, inclusive, and anti-bias approaches support learning and development.
3. Evaluate the influence of teachers' experiences on teaching approaches and interactions with children and families.

Prerequisites/corequisites/ recommended preparation

None

Textbook & Other Materials

No need to buy a Textbook – OER Textbook provided in Canvas

Technology Requirements (computer, other hardware, and software)

You don't have to be a computer wizard to enroll and succeed in online courses but should have up to date

computer skills which include the ability to create and edit files in Microsoft word and PowerPoint, navigate the Internet to read text and watch videos and be able to communicate effectively in discussion forums.

You should have access to a newer computer (PC or Mac) with a fast, reliable Internet connection and adequate up-to-date software (Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat, Mozilla Firefox or Internet Explorer). Word Processing and Graphing Software - You may need Microsoft Word (or a compatible word processing program) for writing assignments in the class. You might also need Microsoft Excel (or a compatible spreadsheet program) to create graphs in this class. But we have good news! All students at CR have access to Office 365 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote) free with a valid @mycr.redwoods.edu email account. Go to <https://office.com/getoffice365> (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.) to get started. (There are also free options for tools like this, such as [Google docs](#) (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.) or [OfficeLibre](#). (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.) Google docs requires a gmail account, which your mycr email actually is.

You should have high-speed internet (such as broadband) service from cable, DSL, or satellite providers as there are videos that require this speed. You need to have reliable access to the internet for the duration of the course.

Portable Devices vs. Computers: Although you can use late-model portable devices (such as Android or iOS phones & tablets) for some things, you should plan on doing the majority of your work (especially exams and assignments) from a reasonably late-model notebook or desktop computer (Mac or PC).

Do NOT plan to participate in this class solely from a portable device.

If you do decide to use your portable device for *some* of your class work, use the free Canvas app (called “Canvas by Instructure”) available in iTunes (for iOS) and the Google Play Store (for Android). Do not try to connect to Canvas using a web browser on a portable device. Your experience with Canvas will be a lot better using the app.

Webcam: You may need to be able to record photos/videos of yourself or your work for this class. Many computers have a built-in webcam. If yours does not, you will need to purchase (or borrow) a webcam. There are inexpensive options available that plug into a USB port. (You may also be able to use your tablet/phone for this.)

Netiquette

Please be Polite. In an online environment, this is called **netiquette**. Sometimes it is difficult to convey nuance or humor through written (electronic) communication. Just be respectful to your classmates and be kind, considerate, and forgiving in all of your posts in the discussion forums. Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you follow in real life, because you don’t want to forget: Real humans read your posts. After all, our Canvas space is our classroom, and we want to create a positive, collaborative, interesting community. To learn more about netiquette, read [10 Netiquette Guidelines Online Students Need to Know](#) (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.).

Educational Accessibility & Support

College of the Redwoods is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified students who could benefit from additional educational support and services. You may qualify if you have a

physical, mental, sensory, or intellectual condition which causes you to struggle academically, including but not limited to:

- Mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, bipolar disorder, and ADHD
- Common ailments such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, and diseases
- Temporary impairments such as a broken bone, recovery from significant surgery, or a pregnancy-related disability
- A learning disability (such as dyslexia, reading comprehension), intellectual disability, autism, or acquired brain injury
- Vision, hearing, or mobility challenges

Available services include extended test time, quiet testing environments, tutoring, counseling and advising, alternate formats of materials (such as audio books or E-texts), assistive technology, on-campus transportation, and more. If you believe you might benefit from disability- or health-related services and accommodations, please contact [Student Accessibility Support Services \(SASS\)](#). If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact SASS for a consultation: sass@redwoods.edu.

SASS office locations and phone numbers

Eureka campus

- Phone: 707-476-4280
- Location: Student Services Building, first floor

Del Norte campus

- Phone: 707-465-2324
- Location: Main Building, next to the library

Klamath-Trinity campus

- Phone: 707-476-4280

Student Support Services

Good information and clear communication about your needs will help you be successful. Please let your instructor know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. College of the Redwoods wants every student to be successful.

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

[CR Online Learning Support](#)

Tech support, laptop loans, guides to using Canvas, installing Office 365 for free, and more.

[Library Articles & Databases](#)

Find the best library databases for your research.

[Online Tutoring Resources](#)

Participate in tutoring over Zoom.

To learn more about the resources available to you, click on a title bar below, or click the down arrow to expand them all.

Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR Klamath-Trinity Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821.

Community College Student Health and Wellness

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

If you are in distress or are with someone at risk right now, call or text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
741-741

Timely Care

When you're not feeling well physically or distressed mentally, Timely Care can offer the help you're looking for in just a few quick taps. Students can schedule an appointment anytime via phone, video, and chat. [Log in or set up an account with Timely Care.](#)

Mental Health Counseling

Students should text, email, or fax Shawna Bell directly for scheduling and/or services.

- Text: 707-496-2856
- Email: shawnabmft@gmail.com
- Fax and voicemail: 707-237-2318

Wellness Central

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the California Community Colleges [Wellness Central](#).

Counseling

[Counseling and Advising](#) can assist students in need of academic advising and professional counseling services. Call, email or stop by one of our offices to make an appointment!

[Counseling and Advising office locations and contact info](#)

Eureka campus

- Phone: 707-476-4150
- Location: Student Services Building, first floor
- Email: counseling@redwood.edu
- Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. Summer hours may vary

Del Norte campus

- Phone: 707-476-2300
- Location: Main Building, next to the library
- Hours: Summer hours may vary

Klamath-Trinity campus

- Phone: 530-625-4821
- Email: KT-staff@redwoods.edu
- Hours: Summer hours may vary

Basic Needs Center

[The Basic Needs Center](#) provides for the health and safety of students by providing access to healthy food, financial resources, and referrals to safe and secure housing. [Submit a request for services and information.](#)

Basic Needs Center contact info

- Phone: 707-476-4153
- Email: the-grove@redwoods.edu

Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students:

Library Services

[Library Services](#) promotes information literacy and provides organized information resources.

Multicultural and Equity Center (MCE)

The [Multicultural and Equity Center](#) is a dynamic and inclusive place that supports all students in their academic and personal journeys at the college. We do this by creating community, home away from home, and a safe place for cultural expression, cross-cultural learning, access to college and dignity resources, and social justice work opportunities. The MEC is committed to retention and student success by offering activities related to leadership development, student connectedness and student equity. We are a student-centered program that fosters respect for all people.

Academic Support Center

The [Academic Support Center](#) offers tutoring and test proctoring for CR students.

Student Tech Help

[Student Tech Help](#) provides students with assistance around a variety of tech problems.

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

[Extended Opportunity Programs and Services](#) (EOPS) provides services to eligible income disadvantaged students including: textbook awards, grants, career academic and personal counseling, transportation assistance, tutoring, laptop, calculator and textbook loans, priority registration, graduation cap and gown, workshops, and more!

TRiO Student Success Program

The TRiO Student Support Services Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including academic advising, career assessments, assistance with transfer, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program with the [Eureka TRiO office](#) or the [Del Norte TRiO office](#).

Veterans Resource Center

The [Veteran's Resource Center](#) supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.

CalWORKS

California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids ([CalWORKs](#)) provides supportive services to student parents with children under the age of 18, who are receiving cash assistance (TANF benefits), to become self-sufficient. Services include: transportation assistance, basic student supplies, tutoring, priority registration, laptop and calculator loans, career, academic, and personal counseling, and more!

Evaluation & Grading Policy

Assignment	Points	Description	Details	SLO
Weekly Discussions (15)	15x3=45%	Post each (and every) week and Reply to at least 2 students each week	Post your response to the prompt. Weekly postings are a minimum of 250 to 350 words in length and must reflect an understanding of the written (text, lecture, and articles) materials, critical thinking on the topics and citations from the materials you read that support your views (text, articles, lectures). You must cite from the readings (not just the lecture) in your initial weekly post. You will provide page numbers and author's name in your	

			<p>citations.) You must also relate the readings to your personal life and work experiences.</p> <p>Reply to at least 2 other students Responses are a minimum of 100 words and must thoughtfully discuss the ideas presented in the post to which you are responding.</p>	
Quiz (1)	5%	Canvas Quiz	Orientation to Syllabus and Canvas. Take as many times as you like.	
Social Identity Exploration (1)	15%	Consider social identity theory and discuss the multiple impacts (culture, ethnicity, race, language, social class, and special needs) on children's identity development.	<p>Discuss how this affects the work of an educator of young children. Cite a minimum of two sources and relate the readings to your experiences with children and your personal experience developing identity.</p> <p>The assignment should be from 1000 to 1200 words. (The Module 4 lecture will be helpful for this assignment.)</p>	<p>SLO#1</p> <p>Examine the impact of various societal influences on the development of children's social identity.</p>
The Invisible Knapsack & Personal Experiences Analysis (1)	15%	Paper about privilege and how you have or have not experienced it	<p>Write an 800 - 1000 word response to the article.</p> <p>Describe how you have experienced bias and/or privilege in your life.</p> <p>I understand that you may not feel you have experienced any privilege but reflect deeply on your experiences. As you consider your life experience, evaluate the impact of those experiences and your social identity on how you work (or will work) effectively with children and families. Be honest. Be specific.</p>	<p>SLO#3</p> <p>Evaluate the influence of teachers' experiences on teaching approaches and interactions with children and families.</p>
Final Essay (1)	20%	Final Essay about Anti-Bias Approaches summarizing your learning	<p>You will write an essay assessing and comparing two specific components of anti-bias education. Your topics may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingualism vs. bilingualism, • holidays vs. concrete culturally experiences, • meaningful parent involvement, 	<p>SLO #2</p> <p>Evaluate the ways that developmentally appropriate, inclusive, and anti-bias approaches support learning</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using the classroom environment as a teaching tool, • infusing anti-bias throughout the curriculum vs. anti-bias lessons, etc.)F2021 	and development.
Total	100%			

Grade Calculations

Your final grade will be based on the total points you have earned throughout the semester. After each assignment is graded your point value will be posted into the Canvas grade book. You will be able to keep track of your total points throughout the semester at the course Canvas site. Grading rubrics are available for each weekly forum. (For more refer to the Canvas help menu.)

Points can only be earned by completing the above assignments by the deadline. There will be no extra credit available.

A grade of "C" is considered "satisfactory, a "B" is good and an "A" is excellent.

My grading criteria is based on the belief that meeting the basic assignment criteria is satisfactory so a "C". To earn a grade higher a student must reach beyond the basics and do more than the basic assignment criteria.

An excellent student demonstrates initiative. The difference between doing what is spelled out in the assignment and thinking about how to deepen the assignment what demonstrates excellence. By taking it to the next level you are demonstrating your advanced leaning and commitment to excelling.

Assignments are due by 11:59 P.M. on the due date given. Late assignments are accepted for up to two weeks after the due date (except assignments due within two weeks of the end of the semester) but will be graded down a full letter grade for each week or portion of a week. After two weeks' assignments, will not be accepted.

Course Grade* 94 to 100 = A

90 to 93.99 = A-

86 to 89.99 = B+

83 to 85.99 = B

80 to 82.99 = B-

76 to 79.99 = C+

70 to 75.99 = C

60 to 69.99 = D*

0 to 59.99 = F

*Please remember that Community Care Licensing and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing only accept grades of "C" or better. Although a "D" grade is considered passing, it will not meet the requirements to be a fully qualified Title 22 program director or to earn a child development permit. Students may be dropped from the course at the faculty's discretion if you have failed to log into the course and submit assignments or post into the discussion forums for over two weeks or if the points attained indicate that you are failing the class. Please reach out to me if you have a situation where you are not able to participate on a regular basis due to a documentable reason and I will work with you to find a solution.

Regular Effective Contact and Substantive Interaction

As your instructor, I will be communicating with you on a regular basis. This will include providing

information and guidance about relevant dates, course schedule, deadlines, instructor expectations for participation and feedback on your progress:

- Weekly announcements that will update you on the content and process of the class
- Weekly threaded discussions will keep our online conversation on point with the week's topic
- Weekly feedback on student work will allow you to see how you are doing in the class and can adjust if needed
- Weekly posted modules with lectures, readings, instructions and activities
- Facilitating student to student contact and interaction about the course material
- Online specific office hours for video conferencing
- I will respond to your questions within 24 during the week and within 48 hours during the weekend.
- I will be in regular effective contact with you and know that for you to do well in this class you should put in the needed time to succeed.
- Your commitment will require at least as much time as you dedicate to a traditional class. Need skills include:
 - Carefully read online lectures and textbook chapters
 - Participate in online activities and watch online videos
 - Participate in online discussions, and
 - Complete weekly quizzes.
 - Complete papers and projects

Conscientiousness, attention to details, and skills in reading and writing are critical for success.

Fall 2024 Dates

Date	To Remember
August 23	Last day to register for classes (day before the first class meeting)
August 24	Classes begin
August 30	Last day to add a class
September 2	Labor Day Holiday (district wide closure)
September 6	Last Day to Drop & Receive a Refund
September 8	Last Day to Drop w/out a "W"
September 9	Census Date (20% of class)
October 31	Last Day to Petition to Graduate & Petition for Certificate
November 1	Last Day for Student/Faculty Withdrawal
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday (District Wide Closure)

Date	To Remember
November 25-26	Fall Break (No Classes)
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Holiday (District Wide Closure)
December 14-20	Final Examinations
December 20	Last Day to File P/NP Option
December 20	Semester Ends
December 27	Grades Due
January 3	Grades Available for Transcript Release

Academic dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [2023-2024 College Catalog](#) and [CR Board and Administrative Policies](#).

AI Use Class Policy

Generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT and Google's Bard, are likely to be widely used in the workplace moving forward. It's important for you to understand how to use them ethically and effectively. For that reason, in this class, you will sometimes be invited to use such a tool in the completion of an assignment. In this class, using generative AI tools is not cheating if the outputs are screened by you for accuracy, bias, appropriateness, and fidelity to your perspective.

Disruptive Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the

[2023-2024 College Catalog](#) and [CR Board and Administrative Policies](#).

Inclusive Language in the Classroom

College of the Redwoods aspires to create a learning environment in which all people feel comfortable in contributing their perspectives to classroom discussions. It therefore encourages instructors and students to use language that is inclusive and respectful.

Canvas Information

- Log into Canvas at [My CR Portal](#)
- For help logging in to Canvas and general tech help, visit [Student Technical Support](#)
- Once you're logged in to Canvas, you click on the Help icon on the left menu
- Canvas online orientation workshop: [Canvas Student Orientation Course](#)

Setting Your Preferred Name and Pronouns in Canvas

Students have the ability to display personal pronouns and an alternate first name in Canvas. Students may change their pronouns on their own in Canvas (Account :: Settings :: Edit Settings). To request a change to your preferred list name, contact [Admissions & Records](#). Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas; this does not change your legal name in our records. See the [Student Information Update Form \(pdf\)](#).

Emergency Procedures / Everbridge

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system called Everbridge. In the event of an emergency on campus you will receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones. Registration is not necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging into [WebAdvisor](#) and selecting 'Students' then 'Academic Profile' then 'Current Information Update.'

Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions. For more information visit [Redwoods Public Safety](#).

In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building anywhere in the District:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel

Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the campus authorities.

To learn more about campus-specific Emergency Procedures, click on a title bar below, or click the down arrow to expand them all.

Del Norte Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the [Crescent City campus emergency map](#) for campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). For more information, visit [Redwoods Public Safety](#).

Klamath-Trinity Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the responsibilities of, and procedures used by, the College of the Redwoods, Klamath Trinity Instructional Site (KTIS) to communicate to faculty, staff, students and the general public during an emergency. It is the responsibility of College of the Redwoods, Klamath-Trinity Instructional Site (KTIS) to protect life and property from the effects of emergency situations within its own jurisdiction. In the event of an emergency, communication shall be the responsibility of the district employees on scene:

1. Dial 911, to notify local agency support such as law enforcement or fire services.
2. If safe to do so, notify key administrators, departments, and personnel.
3. If safe to do so, personnel shall relay threat information, warnings, to ensure the school community is notified.
4. Contact 530-625-4821 to notify of situation.
5. Contact Hoopa Tribal Education Administration office 530-625-4413
6. Notify Public Safety 707-476-4111.

In the event of an emergency, the responsible district employee on the scene will:

1. Follow established procedures for the specific emergency as outlined in the College of the Redwoods Emergency Procedure Booklet.
2. Lock all doors and turn off lights if in lockdown due to an active shooter or similar emergency.
3. Close all window curtains.
4. Get all inside to safe location Kitchen area is best internal location.
5. If a police officer or higher official arrives, they will assume command.
6. Wait until notice of all is clear before unlocking doors.
7. If safe to do so, move to the nearest evacuation point outside building (Pooky's Park), directly behind the Hoopa Tribal Education Building.
8. Do not leave site, unless it has been deemed safe by the person in command.