

AEDL 430 – Creative Arts in the Elementary School

Class: USCA, Business and Education Bldg., Room131
Thursday, 4:30 - 7:15

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Course Description:

- A. Purpose:** This course will provide a broad introduction to the four basic areas of the fine arts; visual arts, music, dance/movement, and drama. This information will be used to design an arts based thematic unit appropriate for an elementary classroom.
- B. Goals and Objectives:** At the conclusion of the semester, you should:
- i. have a solid understanding of the major concepts and approaches to integrating the arts into the basic curriculum.
 - ii. become adept at developing a thematic unit based on a visual representation, and incorporating all of the arts into the core curriculum.
 - iii. have an appreciation for the arts and an understanding of the benefits that they can provide in the general education of all students.

Procedures: This course is an attendance/participation focused course. The format will include large group instruction, small group activities, and individual presentations. In order to learn the proper techniques and implementation of arts activities into the general classroom curriculum, it is necessary for you to be in class for the experience. Grades will reflect how well you actively listen, learn, and participate.

Class Attendance: Attendance of class lectures and activities ought to be a positive educational experience. You are expected to be on time and attentive. Partial class attendance (tardiness and leaving class early) is better than not being present at all, but it is disturbing to the instructor and other students. As such, each of these counts as one-half absence, regardless of the amount of time missed, except that missing more than half of the class period counts as a full absence. There will be no "make-up" for excessive absences. Excused and unexcused absences count as an absence. More than two absences lower your letter grade. It is recommended that notes be kept for each class. There will be a minimum amount of work required out of class.

Electronic Devices: Remember to turn off cell phones, pagers, music players and other electronic devices prior to the start of class as a courtesy to the instructor and other students.

Course Evaluation:

Attendance and participation	40
Thematic Unit	35
Quizzes	10
Final Exam	15

Grading Scale:

93 – 100	A
90 – 92	B+
87 – 89	B
82 – 86	C+
78 – 81	C
74 – 77	D+
70 – 73	D
Below 70	F