



# EDU 290 Multicultural Education

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UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## COURSE INFORMATION

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This course examines how cultural diversity presents major opportunities and challenges in schools today. The course will focus on diversity consciousness and culturally responsive teaching in the context of an increasingly diverse school population. Students will be expected to relate concepts from the course to not only their own lives, but to current events in local, national, and international societies. Exploration of the North Dakota Native American Essential Understandings is included within the context of this course. The WIDA English Language Development Standards framework will be incorporated to address the needs of English Language Learners.

Credits: 3

## CLASS INFORMATION

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Section Number:

Term: Spring Year: 2024 Start Date: 1/9/2024 End Date: 5/3/2024

Meeting Times: Mon, Wed, Fri- 9:00-9:50

Delivery Mode: Face to Face

## INSTRUCTOR

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## TEXTBOOKS

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**Face-to-Face Course:** Robles de Melendez, W., (2019). *Teaching Young Children in Multicultural Classrooms: Issues, Concepts, and Strategies* (5th ed.) Boston, MA: Cengage.

**Online Course:** Hollie, S., & Allen, B. (2018). *Culturally and linguistically responsive teaching and learning responsive teaching and learning; classroom practices for Student Success*. Shell Education. ISBN: 978-1425817312

## INSTITUTIONAL LEARNER OUTCOMES

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**Critical Thinking:** Employ critical thinking skills in the processes used to identify and solve problems.

**Social & Personal Responsibility:** Demonstrate skills necessary for living and working in a global society.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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Recognize diversity in learning and developmental processes.

Apply central concepts to connect with and advance student learning.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

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1. Discuss the social constructions of race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and ability within society.
2. Compare and contrast issues of diversity in today's society.
3. Explore your personal beliefs, values, biases and attitudes concerning culture, race, ethnic, and other identities.
4. Examine culturally responsive practices and teaching strategies.
5. Identify culturally relevant teaching in terms of teacher characteristics, teaching strategies, and assumptions about teaching, learning, and knowing.
6. Recognize the history of Native Americans including historical trauma, sovereignty, and education utilizing the Native American Essential Understandings.
7. Identify North Dakota English Language Development Standards and strategies to offer English learners opportunities to develop their English language skills while also learning academic content (ELL).

## GRADING INFORMATION

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The Teacher Education Department expects all assignments to be completed on the due date and time. Assignments will be accepted for half credit five instructional days after the due date. After this, assignments will receive a zero. Presentations are considered formal assessments and follow UTTC formal assessment policy.

### A. GRADING SCALE

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Grade	Percentage
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	Below 60%

### B. COMMUNICATION

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Email is the official means of communication at UTTC. Information Technology (IT) will assign all students an official UTTC email address. All correspondence from the College to the student will be sent to the student's UTTC email address. Students are expected to check their email regularly and are responsible for all information sent to them via

their UTTC email address. Faculty expect students to use their official email address for all instructional purposes, including communicating with the faculty.

## **C. ATTENDANCE**

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Students at UTTC are expected to participate in all of their class sessions and are expected to communicate with their instructors regarding any emergencies that cause them to miss class. Regardless of the circumstances, the student is responsible for obtaining any information missed because of the absence and completing any outstanding assignments. The student may refer to the course assignments in [My.UTTC.edu](http://My.UTTC.edu), contact another student enrolled in the course, or meet with the course instructor during office hours to get the missing information. Attendance is entered as “Present”, “Absent-Unexcused”, or “Excused” (college-sanctioned absences).

## **D. LATE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSIONS**

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UTTC supports and fosters the student’s responsibility for completing and submitting assignments on or before scheduled due dates and times. If an assignment is due, the student should make every effort to submit the assignment on time. Occasionally, a student may experience an unexpected life event that results in the submission of late work. Communication is the key. Instructors are more than willing to work with students in the event of an emergency if the student communicates with them before the date and time the assignment is due to make other arrangements.

Late assignment deadlines will vary among departments but will not exceed more than five (5) business days after which the assignment was initially due. Assignment due dates, late assignment deadlines, and late assignment penalties are outlined in course syllabi. Assignments not submitted by the initial deadline date will be reflected in the course gradebook as a zero (0) until the assignment has been submitted. The amount of points deducted for late work is at the discretion of the instructor. Assignments submitted via E-mail will not be accepted under any circumstances and will receive a grade of zero.

## **E. MISSED TEST, EXAMS AND QUIZZES (FORMAL ASSESSMENTS)**

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Students may not make up a missed test, exam or quiz without a valid reason for their absence (illness, family emergency). It is the student’s responsibility to contact their instructors before the absence, or within 24 hours after missing the formal assessment. The instructor will review the reason the student missed and determine if the circumstance justifies the student being allowed to take the formal assessment. Approved make-up assessments must be taken outside of the student’s regular class schedule and during a time and location agreed upon between the student and instructor. Students are not to miss another class in order to make-up an assessment for another course. If the student fails to show on the date and time of the makeup assessment, the student will not be permitted to reschedule the makeup and the assessment and will earn a 0% grade.

## **F. EARLY ALERT SYSTEM**

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UTTC’s Early Alert System (EAS) is a proactive, communication driven support system that provides timely identification and interventions to work with individual students to assist in generating plans to overcome challenges to college success. The system assists UTTC students by linking them to faculty and staff who can provide and connect students to available resources and strategies. The early alert serves as an opportunity for students to take ownership of their success and empower them to accomplish academic and personal goals. The system helps faculty and academic advisors connect and communicate with students as issues arise. The additional cross-wide partnerships create a culture of collaboration focused upon the best interest of UTTC students.

Academic related concerns such as attendance, missing assignments, or classroom behavior will result in an early alert being issued by faculty. When an early alert is issued, the student will receive an email requesting them to make arrangement to follow up with the instructor and/or their academic advisor. Students receiving an early alert should make the necessary arrangements to set up and meet with faculty as soon as possible to generate a plan of success.

## **G. ACADEMIC HONESTY**

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Students are expected to complete their own work. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using course materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to dishonestly obtain grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; altering, forging, misrepresenting, or misusing an academic record; or fabricating or falsifying data, research procedures, or data analysis. Refer to [Academic Affairs policies](#) and procedures handbook for further information.

## **H. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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United Tribes Technical College recognizes its responsibility for making reasonable accommodations to ensure there is no discrimination on the basis of a disability. The Disabilities Support Services coordinates reasonable accommodations, support services, and appropriate referrals for the purpose of removing barriers and providing an equitable learning environment. If you have a disability, please contact the Disabilities Services (DS) office at (701) 221-1456 or email at [dss@uttc.edu](mailto:dss@uttc.edu).

## **I. TITLE IX STATEMENT**

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Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, rape and sexual assault. United Tribes Technical College is committed to upholding the law and standards that promote respect and human dignity in a safe environment. Sexual misconduct and relationship violence in any form violates UTTC's mission, cultural values, Student Code of Conduct, and may also violate federal and state law. If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking, or sexual exploitation, UTTC has resources available on the [Title IX website](#). you can find the appropriate resources on the UTTC campus and in the community

## **J. DIVERSITY AND EQUITY STATEMENT**

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United Tribes Technical College values diversity because it enriches the community and wealth of experiences that characterize a post-secondary education. Our students, faculty, and staff come from Tribal lands throughout the United States and Canada. The majority of our students come from the northern plains region of the country, with 70% representing the North Dakota tribes.

UTTC recognizes that diversity is about much more than race, ethnicity or geography. Because students from many Tribal nations are represented at UTTC, from a wide range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, students are encouraged to share their own cultural practices, traditions, and beliefs in the classroom in an effort to build an inclusive and welcoming community for all individuals and one from which we can learn from one another. We believe engagement with diverse perspectives and ideas is critical to the education and growth of all people, and we value the unique experiences and viewpoints of all of our community members.

### **EQUITY STATEMENT**

United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) believes that access to a high-quality education in an inclusive environment is the right of all individuals and imperative for the continued advancement of a strong democracy and workforce. Equity is ensuring that all students receive what they need to be successful through the intentional design of the college experience.

## **K. TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

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To ensure that you are using the recommended personal computer configurations, please refer to the [minimal technology requirements](#).

## **FACE-TO-FACE**

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### **PARTICIPATION / CLASS ENGAGEMENT**

UTTC prepares students for the workforce by having high expectations for skills demonstrated in the classroom that transfer into future employment. This includes students' ability to be on time for class, to refrain from external distractions (such as cell phone usage or holding side conversations with other students), by providing positive contributions to class discussions, participating in individual or group activities, and being prepared for class.

### **CELL PHONES and LAPTOPS**

Cell phones are turned off during class times out of respect for the other students and the instructor. If a student is expecting an important phone call (e.g. case worker, Housing, clinic), the instructor must be informed ahead of time and the cell phone set to a silent ring. If the call is received during class time, the student will answer the call and quietly step out of the classroom. Students may not use class time to check social media accounts, voicemail, text messages and/or personal emails.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

UTTC students will conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner at all times in the classroom, in the hallways, in the Library, the Cafeteria, and any other location on campus. Student behavior that interferes with learning in the classroom will not be tolerated. This behavior includes chronic tardiness, threatening confrontations, intoxication, inappropriate physical contact, lewd or disrespectful language or gestures directed at the instructor or at fellow students, bullying, direct or indirect intimidation, and conversations with other students that are not related to classroom topics. Faculty are expected to maintain professional management of classroom activities prior to, during and after class times. As such, if a student demonstrates behavior that disrupts or interferes with classroom activities, an instructor reserves the right to ask the student to leave the classroom, to contact campus security, to request mediation by the academic department chair or an academic/personal counselor, or to file a formal complaint subject to a student disciplinary hearing.

### **BASIC NEEDS**

Any student who faces challenges such as having enough food to eat or adequate housing and believes this may affect their attendance or performance in their courses is urged to contact the Wellness counselors for support. You can also notify your instructor for this course if you are comfortable doing so. Your instructor may be aware of additional resources that are available for you.

## **COURSE CALENDAR**

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**EDU 290 MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION SPRING 2024**

Module/Week	TOPICS COVERED	Support Materials, Book chapters, etc.	Assessment (Formative – Summative)
1 Jan. 9 - 12	Living in Diversity	Chapter 1	Chapter 1-Text Connections Pretest: Diversity Conscious Self-Assessment
2 Jan. 16 - 19	*No School 1/15 - MLK The Nature of Culture	Chapter 2	Chapter 2- Cengage MindTap Cultural Lens
3 Jan. 22 - 26	What is my Culture?	Rubric	Autobiography: Digital Story
4 Jan 29 – Feb. 2	Families in our Classroom	Chapter 3	Chapter 3-Cengage MindTap Autobiography Presentations
5 Feb. 5 - 9	What is my cultural story?	Template Rubric	I am From Poem Presentations Current event article
6 Feb. 12 - 16	Tracing the Beginnings of Multicultural Education	Chapter 5 Angry Eyes- Jane Elliot	Chapter 5-Cengage MindTap Response Sheet
7 Feb. 20 - 23	*No School 2/19 – President’s Day Approaches to Multicultural Ed	Chapter 6 Reese Article	Chapter 6 Cengage MindTap Children’s Literature Book Summaries
8 Feb. 26 – Mar 1	Accurate and Authentic Children’s Literature	PowerPoint Template/Rubric	Authenticity Checklist Multicultural Children’s Book Share
9 Mar 4 - 8	Midterm Grades Due March 8, 2024 Current Multicultural Education Trends Classrooms: Where Words Become Actions	Rubric Chapter 7	Current Even Presentations Chapter 7- Cengage MindTap
Mar 11 - 15	<b>SPRING BREAK – March 11 -15</b>		
10 Mar 18 - 22	Native American Essential Understandings	NDNAEU SDNAEU MTNDNAEU	Novel Set up NDNAEU Lessons/Web search document
11	Language Diversity in the Classroom	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 Cengage

<b>Mar 25 - 28</b>	*No School 3/29 – Good Friday		MindTap Novel- Week 1 Story Elements
<b>12 Apr 1 - 5</b>	English Language Learners (ELL)	TESOL WIDA	Strategies to support ELL learners Novel- Week 2- Characterization
<b>13 Apr 8 - 12</b>	Activities and Resources for Multicultural Teaching	Chapter 9	Chapter 9- Cengage MindTap Novel- Persona Doll/Script
<b>14 Apr 15 -19</b>	A World of Resources: Engagement Family, Friend, & Community	Chapter 10	Chapter 10- Cengage MindTap Novel- Persona Doll/Script
<b>15 Apr 22 - 26</b>	Student teaching portfolio items Culturally Responsive Teaching Resources for Multicultural classroom Multicultural Novel Summary		Work on final project Prepare student teaching portfolio items
<b>16 April 29 - May 3</b>	Last week of classes – Final Exams		Final Novel Presentation/Paper
<b>GRADES DUE</b>	<b>Grades DUE May 6, 2024, by 5:00 pm</b>		