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Syllabus

Course: ED247 D & N-D Foundations of Education
Credit: 3 hours
Semester: Fall 2026 (Session 2)
Day and Time: Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:20 pm
Location: East Education Building, Room 129
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I. DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of the philosophical, historical, sociological, legal, and ethical foundations of education in the United States. The student will study the impact that socioeconomic status and cultural diversity have on educational systems as well as the role of teachers and schools in the community at large. (Prerequisite: ED190 or permission from the Education Department program director) (*Interdisciplinary Bible Course)

This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.

II. DEPARTMENTAL THEME STATEMENT

The Education Department at Calvary promotes the development of teachers within a distinctly Christian environment grounded in a Biblical philosophy of education. The program emphasizes pedagogical skills, differentiated learning, diversity appreciation, instructional technology and a search for truth while setting standards for professionalism and character for each teacher candidate. Students should graduate with a desire to be lifelong learners and servant-leaders.

III. OBJECTIVES

- A. General competencies to be achieved. The student will:
1. Evaluate the impact of educational theories on educational practices of the 21st century.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.2, A.3, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, C.1, C.2, C.3
 2. Examine the role of Christianity in the history of education.
 - a. PLO-1
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.3, B.1, B.2, B.4, C.1, C.2, C.3

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- B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will:
1. Compare and contrast various philosophies of education in relation to educational best practices of the 21st century.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.2, A.3, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, C.1, C.2, C.3
 2. Examine significant individuals, movements, and events in the history of educational practice.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 4 & 5
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.2, A.3, B.2, B.4, C.3
 3. Discuss the factors contributing to gaps in achievement of students in diverse social class groups, ethnic and racial groups, and genders.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 4 & 5
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.2., A.3, B.3, B.4, C.1, C.2, C.3
 4. Describe the legal framework in which public and private schools function.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 4, 5, & 6
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.2, A.3, C.3
 5. Develop a comprehensive and consistently Christian philosophy of education.
 - a. PLO-1
 - b. Assignments: A.1, A.2, A.3, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, C.1, C.2, C.3

IV. MATERIALS

Required Textbooks:

- A. Bible (Please refer to Course Policies.)
- B. American Psychological Association. (2020). *Concise guide to APA style* (7th ed.).
ISBN-13: 978-1433832734 ISBN10: 1433832739 \$19.00
- C. Webb, L.D. & Metha, A. (2017). *Foundations of American education* (8th ed.).
Pearson. Print version: ISBN-13: 9780134027661 \$127
eTextbook: ISBN-13: 9780134027647 \$59.94

(You may want to compare prices and available formats for the 7th & 8th edition.)

V. REQUIREMENTS

A. Reading Assignments:

1. **Textbook Reading:** Read the assigned textbook.
2. **Supplemental Reading:** Read all supplemental materials (i.e., handouts, journal articles, websites, etc.) that may be assigned by the instructor during the course.

B. Activity Assignments:

1. **Teaching:** Present one mini lesson. Use the Mini-Lesson Plan Template located in CANVAS in the Files section. If you are an online student, you may need to video record yourself teaching your lesson and upload the recording to CANVAS.
2. **Visual History Documents:** Using photos, illustrations, news clippings, or other materials, create three Visual History Documents that display what you perceive to be the most important noteworthy happenings that influenced education in the following time periods: a) 1940 – 1970, b) 1970 – 2000, and c) 2000 – 2025. Be prepared to explain your choices through the lens of a Biblical worldview.
3. **PowerPoint Presentation:** Choose a topic from Chapter 8, 9, or 10. Prepare a PowerPoint presentation with a title slide, four information slides, and a reference slide.
4. **Framework Presentation:** Prepare a presentation for the class that demonstrates your understanding of the historical and philosophical framework of education in the United States. You can compose a song, paint a picture, write a play, design a board game, write a “choose-your-own-adventure” story, etc. If you have other ideas, please talk with me. Be creative! Feel free to ask others to help you sing your song, perform your play, etc.

C. Written Assignments:

1. **Documentary:** Go to CANVAS, Files, Week 4 Folder. Read the guiding questions prior to watching the documentary. After watching the documentary, you will write a 500 – 600 word reflection. Include an APA cover page and APA headings.
2. **Biblical Philosophy of Education:** Write a 750 – 1,000 word paper describing your Biblical philosophy of education. You will continue to develop this assignment in ED250. You should address all of the following topics in your ED250 paper: the purpose of education, the role of parents, the role of the teacher, the nature of the learner, the nature of knowledge, methods of teaching, the purpose of assessments, and methods of assessment. (*Benchmark assignment)
3. **Discussion Questions:** A total of five (5) topics and associated questions will be posted in CANVAS. For each question, you should post a 250 – 300 word response by Thursday night, and then respond to at least one other post made by a classmate.

VI. METHODS

A. Teaching and Learning

1. Reading and research
2. Writing
3. Projects
4. Practicing skills
5. Lectures
6. Discussions
7. Exam

B. Grading

1. Weight given to assignments:

Assignments:	Points:
Biblical Philosophy of Education	140
Class Participation (In-Class Students) Report on Videos (Online Students)	250
Discussion Questions	100 (20 x 5 questions)
Documentary	50
Framework Presentation	100
Mini Lesson	50
PowerPoint Presentation	50
Reading and Reading Responses	240 (40 x 6 weeks)
Teaching	50
Visual History Documents	120 (40 x 3 documents)
Final Exam	100
Total:	1,250 points

2. Late Assignments

Late assignments may be penalized 10 percent of the grade on that assignment per week.

3. Letter / Numerical Grade Scale

The grading scale listed in the current University Catalog will be used for this course.

VII. COURSE POLICIES

Students in the Teacher Education Department at Calvary University are also to abide by the policies listed in the Educator Preparation Program Handbook.

A. Grade Requirements

Education majors must maintain a high standard for GPAs to successfully complete their program. Education majors must maintain a 3.0 GPA in Professional Education coursework and a 2.5 GPA in Content Area coursework. ***This course must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher. Receiving a grade lower than a “C” will mean that this course must be repeated.***

B. The Bible as Required Textbook

The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based

on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

C. Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.

Most assignments at Calvary require the student to produce original work. Therefore, unless specifically permitted by the instructor, the use of AI-generated content is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources.

AI, however, may be utilized in cases where the instructor has explicitly permitted its use to accomplish specific tasks. It is only in these cases that AI-generated (or modified) content may be submitted by the student. If there are any questions as to the permissibility of AI use for an assignment, please ask your instructor for clarification.

Additionally, submission of work for this class must express original thought and should be written in the voice of the student. Research should be conducted using academic, peer-reviewed sources (not blogs or other opinion/editorial sites). However, even when citing sources, students must explain the ideas/concepts presented in their own words. Extensive copying of source material is not permitted, even if the source is cited on the reference page.

D. Academic Activity & Participation

Students must engage in the weekly in-class session(s). Students who are enrolled as **in-person students** are expected to be punctual and present in-person for each class session.

Students who are enrolled as **online students** will demonstrate their engagement by submitting a thorough video reflection form and any additional participation activities **BEFORE THE NEXT CLASS SESSION**.

E. Technology

Using technology to enhance the learning experience is an integral part of this course. However, technology can also cause distraction and inattentiveness. Cell phones should be set to silent and placed in a backpack/purse. ***Working on other assignments during class or using electronic devices for anything other than class activities or taking notes for the course will not be permitted.***

F. Accommodations Statement

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any condition that may require support.

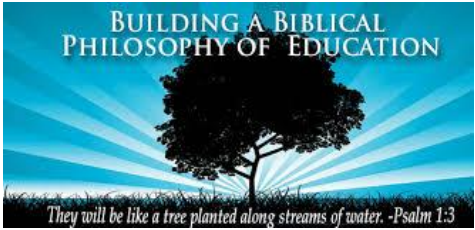
G. Style Guide

All class papers must follow the APA style guide according to *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th edition.

H. The Clark Academic Center

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu), located in the library building, is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all Calvary University students. CAC assists with all facets of the writing process, tutors in various subject areas, prepares students for exams, facilitates with time management options and proctors tests. Please take advantage of this service.

VIII. COURSE OUTLINE AND CLASS SCHEDULE: The following course outline indicates the informational material and general direction for the content of this class:

Week	Dates	Class Topics:	Assignments for the Week:
1	Oct. 19 th & Oct. 21 st		<p><i>Due by Midnight on Oct. 25th</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Complete DQ#1. 3. Complete Mini-Lesson Plan. 4. Read Chapters 5 and 3.
2	Oct. 26 th & Oct. 28 th	<p>American Education: European Heritage and Colonial Experience</p> <p>Philosophies of Education</p> <p>The Role of Christianity</p> <p>Students Teach*</p>	<p><i>Due by Midnight on Nov. 1st</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Complete DQ#2. 3. Read Chapters 6 and 4. 4. Teach Mini-Lesson.*
3	Nov. 2 nd & Nov. 4 th	<p>American Education: From Revolution to Twentieth Century</p> <p>Philosophies of Education</p> <p>The Role of Christianity</p> <p>Students Teach*</p>	<p><i>Due by Midnight on Nov. 8th</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Complete DQ#3. 3. Read Chapter 7. 4. Visual History Documents*

4	Nov. 9 th & Nov. 11 th	American Education: From the Progressive Movement to Present Philosophies of Education The Role of Christianity Students Teach* Students share Visual History Documents*	<i>Due by Midnight on Nov. 15th</i> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Complete DQ#4. 3. Read Chapters 14 and 15.
5	Nov. 16 th & Nov. 18 th	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in Effective Schools Biblical Philosophy of Education	<i>Due by Midnight on Nov. 22nd</i> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Complete DQ#5. 3. Complete Documentary Paper. 4. Read Chapters 11, 12, and 13.
6	Nov. 23 rd & Thanksgiving Break	Legal and Political Control Financial Support	<i>Due by Midnight on Nov. 29th</i> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Read Chapters 8, 9, and 10. 3. Prepare for Final Exam.
7	Nov. 30 th & Dec. 2 nd	Schooling in a Diverse and Multicultural Society Final Exam (Students who are not in class on the day of the exam will need to make proctor arrangements with Dr. Briggs.)	<i>Due by Midnight on Dec. 6th</i> 1. Complete Class Video Report. 2. Complete Biblical Philosophy of Education Paper
8	Dec. 7 th & Dec. 9 th	Student prep & present PowerPoints Student Framework Presentations	<i>Due by Midnight on Dec. 8th</i> Framework Presentation <i>Due by Midnight on Dec. 11th</i> Complete Class Video Report.

About Changes to this Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time during the course, but any change made will only be done after clearly communicating the need for the change and the specific change to be made via in-class announcement and Canvas announcement.

ProctorU Addendum

Calvary University uses ProctorU test proctoring service. ProctorU is a live online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. ProctorU is available 24/7, however, **you will need to schedule your proctoring session at least 72 hours in advance to avoid any on-demand scheduling fees.** Creating a ProctorU account is simple. You can do so by going to <https://go.proctoru.com/students/users/new?institution=2045>.

Students must read all information and comply with all directions below to be successful for their proctored exam experience. Calvary University hopes that students will have a smooth experience, and to decrease student anxiety and increase success, please use this guide to help you plan for your test. Please note that, per ProctorU, there will be penalties for students who miss their testing window. Technical trouble will not be an excuse for missing the window. Therefore, pay attention to all details within this guide, and all links included.

System Requirements: Please see the information below supplied by ProctorU for system requirements. If your computer does not have these capabilities, please consider borrowing a computer as you will still be required to complete the exam using the live proctor system with ProctorU. Please note that you will not be able to take your exam(s) in the Calvary University Library due to the activity that will be picked up in a public place.

In order to use ProctorU, you will need a high-speed internet connection, a webcam (internal or external), a Windows or Apple Operating System, and a government issued photo ID. ProctorU recommends that you visit <https://test-it-out.proctoru.com/> prior to your proctoring session to test your equipment. They recommend you click on the button that says "connect to a live person" to fully test out your equipment. If using Firefox, please make sure that you are using the current version of your Firefox browser and have downloaded the ProctorU extension available at <https://www.proctoru.com/firefox>.

ProctorU Addendum continued on the next two pages.

Type	Minimum	Recommended	Calvary University Minimum
Web Camera	640×480 resolution	1280×720 resolution	1280×720 resolution
PC Users	Windows Vista	Windows 10 (10 S is not supported)	same
Mac Users	OS X 10.5 or higher	OS X 10.13 High Sierra	same
Internet Speed Download	.768 Mbps	1.5 Mbps	3 Mbps
Internet Speed Upload	.384 Mbps	1 Mbps	2 Mbps
RAM	1024 MB	2 GB	same
Ports	1935, 843, 80, 443, 61613, UDP/TCP	1935, 843, 80, 443, 61613, UDP/TCP	same

- Desktop computer or laptop (not a tablet, Chromebook or cell phone).
- Webcam and microphone (built-in or external) – test your webcam at <https://test.webrtc.org/>
- Connection to network with sufficient internet speed: at least 3 Mbps download speed and 2 Mbps upload – test internet speed at www.speedtest.net
- Operating systems: Windows Vista or newer, Mac OS X 10.5 – or newer
- Browser with pop-up blocker disabled: Google Chrome v39 or later, Mozilla Firefox v34 or later.

Additionally, please visit and review the test-taker resource center by going to <https://www.proctoru.com/proctoru-live-resource-center>. You should expect the startup process with the proctor to take about 10-15 minutes. However, this time will not affect your exam time. Please feel free to direct any questions to the student support team via the live chat within your account.

******If you have any questions or concerns, contact Proctor U’s technical support team 24/7 via their live chat support at <https://www.proctoru.com/contact-us>**

Costs for ProctorU exams are listed below and are payable to ProctorU at the time of the test. These costs assume that a student will schedule their exam at least 72 hours in advance of the exam start time:

- 60 minutes or less - \$8
- 61 – 120 minutes - \$10
- 121 – 180 minutes - \$12

For those not scheduling an exam at least 72 hours in advance, late scheduling charges are added in addition to the above fee structure. There are two options for late scheduling:

- “Take It Soon” allows a test to be scheduled less than 72 hours but more than 24 hours before the desired start time. This option includes an additional fee of \$8.00. (Total cost for a 60 minute exam scheduled as “Take It Soon” would be \$16.)
- “Take It Now” allows a test to be taken on-demand with no appointment needed. This option includes an additional fee of \$12.00. (Total cost for a 60 minute exam scheduled as “Take It Now” would be \$20.)

These options are for the convenience of the examinee. Any charges applicable to the examinee must be paid with a credit or debit card. The test taker will be required to enter payment information on a secure page connected to a third-party card processor. The page is encrypted and secure and ProctorU does not see or store any credit card data.

Examinees will be required to re-enter payment information each time new charges are incurred.