



MTI 626: The Future of Smart: Transforming Young People to Thrive

DISTANCE COURSE FOR DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

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Course Information	
Course Format (distance learning, online, webinar, experiential onsite courses):	<p>Distance Course</p> <p>Once you have registered for this course, your textbook will be sent to the address you used at checkout. The cost for the textbook has been included in your course price, there are no additional fees that apply. The textbook is yours to keep for further reflection at the conclusion of the course. Approximately 45 hours of instructional time is devoted to this course.</p> <p>Please see rubrics below for assessment and grading criteria. MTI Instructor will evaluate, grade, and process your final work within 7-10</p>

	<p>business days of receiving it. Grades will be posted within 14 days and a grade report via email will be sent to the student.</p> <p>ALL questions, customer service, grades and transcript questions are to be directed to MTI, NOT Dominican University, for this course.</p> <p>All distance courses allow you to work at your own pace as your schedule permits. All coursework is due within one year of the registration date. If you need more time due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact MTI at the address provided above to request an extension.</p>
Formatting Requirements	<p>All assignments should be included in the same document. Please do not submit separate documents for each portion of the course. The first page of your submission should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Home address • Email address • School district name, address • Date of submission <p>All following assignments must be submitted in the same order as they appear on the syllabus. Please name your document with your course number and full name (ex. 500JohnSmith). You may submit a Microsoft Word document or a Google document (if using Google, please make sure to allow the grader to comment on the assignments). Any missing assignment will be treated as a zero.</p> <p>Once you have completed all of your assignments, please submit them to grades@midwestteachersinstitute.org to be graded by your instructor.</p>
Prerequisites and Credit Limits	<p>All MTI courses are designed for educators who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and professional educator license. Prior to beginning the course, check with your district office to ensure that credit will be accepted for salary increase and professional development. All courses are for 3 graduate semester hours (credits).</p>
Required Books and Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • Textbook-<i>The Future of Smart: How Our Education System Needs to Change to Help All Young People Thrive</i>. Hansen, U. J. Capucia, LLC. York, PA. ISBN#:978-1-954920-13-2.
<p>Learning Outcomes/Competencies: At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand ideas that will unleash the potential of all students. InTASC 1,2,9,10 2. Gain tools to engage in critical conversations about education and culture. InTASC4,9,10 3. Be empowered to make meaningful strides to transform students' ways of being, knowing, speaking, thinking, and engaging with the world. InTASC 2,6,7,8 	

4. Create a holistic, learner-centered approach in the classroom. InTASC 1,3,7
5. Implement educational design models that best facilitate learning for all students. InTASC 1,2,3,7,8

Course Description: This course explains how we can build an education system to nurture the unique, human capabilities of each child, and lay the groundwork for a more equitable, just and humane future. The course text, *The Future of Smart: How Our Education System Needs to Change to Help All Young People Thrive*, explains the disconnect between what we want for our children, and what education today provides. Being “smart” today is still about sorting kids based on how well they absorb and retain knowledge. We need education to reflect a different set of values: interdependence, community, diversity, and deep, dynamic learning. We need it to align with human development, facilitate learning for different kinds of brains, and prepare young people for a changing society and evolving workplace.

Learning Strategies: Professional literature analysis, personal reflection, project-based learning.

Experiential Learning Opportunities: Students will be reflecting on the assessments and tools that they develop/learn about in class and measuring/estimating the intended impact on student learning in the classroom. Students will learn by doing while completing a variety of activities throughout the course.

Assessments		Approximate contact hours for each assessment
Text questions-(Ten questions at 9 points each)	90 points	10 hours
Applications- 2 @ 45 points each	90 points	10 hours
Action research project	100 points	12 hours
Study and reflection time		3 hours
Final evaluation essay	100 points	10 hours
Total points possible	380 points	45 hours

Grading Scale: A (90-100%); B (80-89%)

****Anything below a B will not receive graduate credit and result in a failing grade of F.***

If you do not receive a B or higher, your work will be returned to you for further correction and completion. You will be allowed one (1) re-submit to your instructor to achieve a grade of B or higher. If after your re-submit, you still do not achieve a B or higher you will receive a failing grade of F and therefore forfeit the 3 graduate credits.

Text Question Rubric- 10 questions @ 9 points each			
Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal (1 pt)
Supporting	Response shows strong evidence	Response shows evidence of	Response shows some evidence of

Evidence in Practice ___/3	of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/3	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/3	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Application Rubric- 2 applications @ 45 points each				
Category	Superior (15-14 pts)	Sufficient (13-12 pts)	Minimal (11-10 pts)	Below Standard (9 to 0)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/15	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course and there is little evidence they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/15	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Many of the supporting facts and statistics are inaccurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/15	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.

Action Research Rubric- 100 points				
Category	Superior (20-18 pts)	Sufficient (17-16 pts)	Minimal (15-14 pts)	Below Standard (13 to 0)
Review of Literature ___/20	Outstanding inclusion of major theories and/or research studies.	Inclusion of major theories and/or research studies.	Limited inclusion of major theories and/or research studies.	No inclusion of major theories and/or research studies.
Appropriate and Accurate Results/ Findings are Described ___/20	Results/Findings appropriately and accurately described in extensive detail in relation to the research questions.	Results/Findings appropriately and accurately described in relation to the research questions.	Results/Findings either not appropriately or not accurately described.	Results/Findings not described.
Grammar and Spelling	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.

___/20				
Methods and Procedures ___/20	Complete and thorough description of data analysis methods.	Complete description of data analysis methods.	Incomplete and/or unclear description of data analysis methods.	No description of data analysis methods.
Conclusions ___/20	Insightful conclusions supported by the data and clearly linked to review of literature.	Accurate conclusions supported by the data and clearly linked to review of literature.	Limited or unsupported conclusions.	No conclusions.

Evaluation Rubric- 100 points				
Category	Superior (20-18 pts)	Sufficient (17-16 pts)	Minimal (15-14 pts)	Below Standard (13 to 0)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/20	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course and there is little evidence they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/20	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Many of the supporting facts and statistics are inaccurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/20	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
Sequencing ___/20	Response is written in a clear, concise, and well organized manner. Thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is mostly clear, concise, and well organized. Thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is somewhat unclear and/or disorganized. Some thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is mostly unclear and/or disorganized. Many thoughts are presented in an incoherent and illogical manner.
Reflection ___/20	Response demonstrates an in-depth reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	Response demonstrates some reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	Response demonstrates a minimal reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	Response demonstrates no reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.

Course Assignments

Text Questions: Read and Reflect- (90 points)

Each text question is designed to get you thinking about the concepts provided by the author. As you read the text, use the questions to help you reflect and how the information can be related to your current work. Each response is expected to be one paragraph or more.

1. Think about the societal definitions you might have internalized that limit the way you express yourself or try new things in the world. Think of a way to challenge those definitions, and rather than worrying about the outcome, simply enjoy the process. Share your ideas.
2. What does the term indigenous evoke for you?
3. Think of one or two adults you know casually. How would you describe them to a friend? What details about them would you emphasize? Are those the most important details about who they are? Are some related to accomplishments, status and comparison to others, while others are related to interests, character and idiosyncrasies?
4. Scientists are working to prove that adolescence- especially early on- is a comparable period of brain plasticity when neural pathways can be shaped in profound ways through active engagement with the world and development of social and emotional capabilities, including self-regulation. Consider and share how these discoveries might influence how we structure learning experiences for young people.
5. Feminist, Regina Tomasheur's, belief is that the unique aspects of ourselves are gifts to be shared, and therefore to brag is not to gloat or push others down but to allow oneself to shine. Share a brag!
6. How did you feel about the level of autonomy students were given in the examples and the adult-student relationships in these schools? What is inspiring about them? What makes you uncomfortable? Can you trace those responses back to core beliefs you have about learning, education, society and hierarchy?
7. In a world in which speech-to-text and text-to-speech capabilities are rapidly improving, do you think we should continue to prioritize reading and writing over performance, storytelling and visual modes of communication?
8. Think about why people might be uncomfortable with the idea that every student leaves school with achievements and skills that are different from those of other students?
9. Consider a time in your life when it was worth it to "go slow to go fast". Explain.
10. Think about your sphere of influence when it comes to transforming education. How can you be a power broker-initiate conversations, persuade people, direct resources or mobilize support?

Application #1- (45 points)

2-3 pages, APA

We often talk about the significance of brain hemispheres in behavior, referring to people as "left-brained" or "right-brained" to suggest a tendency toward more logical or more creative approaches. But the neuroscience about brain hemispheres has evolved significantly in the past few decades, and now that we know the role of the hemispheres in thought and experience is more complex. The neuroscientist Iain McGilchrist created an animated video entitled "The Divided Brain" that further explains his ideas about how brain hemispheres work. Watch the video on YouTube and consider what is new to you about his approach. If he's right, what are the implications of how we engage in the world?

Application #2-(45 points)

2-3 pages, APA

Populace and Gallup found that less than 10 percent of Americans define success for themselves in terms of status, comparison to others, or competition for resources, yet the vast majority believe that *other* people define success in those terms. Think about how you understand that gap. What did school teach you about what it means to be successful? What does the world tell us? Consider how those align with what you actually believe today.

Research Project- (100 points) 3-5 pages, APA

Research the future of education and choose at least two articles to discuss in comparison with Dr. Ulcaa Hansen's views. Do others share her beliefs about our current education system? Share your own beliefs and how they agree or disagree with the articles and Dr. Ulcaa Hansen.

- Articles must be recent, having been published within the last 5 to 7 years
- Cited, you must provide the web address or other identification for the research you conducted. Include the date that it was published/retrieved, as well as the author(s).

Final Evaluation - (100 points) 3-5 pages, APA

Step into the shoes of your principal: Do your best to create time and space for your educators to work in transformative ways. Consider advisories as a schoolwide structure. Explain your approach, how different it would look from the current status of your school, and how you would address push back. (Big Picture Learning is a great resource for this).

End of Course Survey

Now that you are finished with this class, please take the time to help us improve our product. In order to make sure that we are providing the best possible service, please take our [survey](#). We appreciate your help and your commitment to the profession.

The ten INTASC standards are listed below. Specific standards for knowledge, dispositions, and performances accompany each principle, but space does not permit listing them below. For a complete copy of the INTASC standards, contact Jean Miller, Director of INTASC, Suite 700, One Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001-1431.

The InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards (April 2011)**The Learner and Learning**Standard #1: Learner Development

The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

Standard #2: Learning Differences

The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and

communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

Standard #3: Learning Environments

The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

Content Knowledge

Standard #4: Content Knowledge

The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Standard #5: Application of Content

The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

Instructional Practice

Standard #6: Assessment

The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.

Standard #7: Planning for Instruction

The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross- disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

Standard #8: Instructional Strategies

The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Professional Responsibility

Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice

The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration

The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school

professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.