



**MTI 550: Cross-Cultural Studies for Teaching
Limited English Proficient Students**

**ONLINE INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE FOR ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
ESL/BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENT**

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Course Information	
Course Format (distance learning, online, webinar, experiential onsite courses):	Online Course The LMS for delivering the course will be Canvas. An invitation will be sent to you by your instructor during the week prior to the start of your course. If you have not received an invitation, please email us at the MTI email address listed above. Approximately 135 hours of instructional time is devoted to this course .

	<p>All questions, customer service, grades and transcript questions are to be directed to MTI, NOT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY for this course.</p> <p>We recommend that you take an introduction to Canvas course as well to become more comfortable with our LMS. This can be done by clicking on the <i>help</i> tab, then Canvas 101. If you are having trouble with Canvas, technical support is available online 24/7 under the <i>help</i> tab, then <i>report a problem</i>.</p>
Prerequisites	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.
Required Books and Materials	DeCapua, Andrea; Wintergerst, Ann. <i>Crossing Cultures in the Language Classroom</i> . University of Michigan Press. 2016. ISBN 978-0472036417
<p>Learning Outcomes/Competencies: At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze and evaluate the theoretical foundations of cross-cultural studies in the context of teaching limited English proficient students. InTASC 8 Explore the impact of cultural differences on language acquisition and examine strategies for overcoming cultural barriers in language learning. InTASC 1,2 Evaluate and critique the effectiveness of current approaches to teaching limited English proficient students from diverse cultural backgrounds. InTASC 7,8 Examine and apply cross-cultural norms, values, and attitudes, and their influence on communication and language learning. InTASC 9 Identify and assess culturally relevant instructional materials and techniques to enhance language acquisition and academic success for limited English proficient students. InTASC 2,8 	
<p>Course Description: This course focuses on the study of cross-cultural communication as it relates to teaching limited English proficient (LEP) students. The course explores the theoretical foundations of cross-cultural communication and how to apply these principles in the context of teaching English as a second language (ESL).</p> <p>By the end of the course, students will have developed a set of practical skills and knowledge that will enable them to effectively communicate with and teach LEP students in a culturally sensitive and inclusive manner. Students will have a greater understanding of the role of culture in language learning and be equipped to promote intercultural understanding in their classrooms.</p> <p>*20 hours of clinical work in course: Included in this course is 20 of the 100 required hours of clinical work for the ESL/bilingual endorsement.</p> <p>**Clinical hours alternative: As an alternative to the clinical hours you may provide an administrator's letter stating that you are assigned to classes with English learners and/or in a bilingual setting. If you are using this option you will need to provide this documentation to each instructor in the 5 courses you are taking for the endorsement.</p>	
Learning Strategies: Professional literature analysis, whole group discussions, personal	

reflection, application assignments and 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.

Format of the Course and Submitting Work

You are required to complete all of the assessments with a total grade of an A or B in order to receive the credit for the course. It is recommended that the coursework be completed in the sequence listed below in the assessments chart below. This is an ONLINE course that runs for a five (5) week duration. Each week as directed by your instructor you will have assignments due. Answer and Discuss and Reflect and Respond assignments will be completed online using our LMS(Learning Management Software) Canvas. Your application, research project and evaluation assignments will be submitted electronically to your instructor. Files can be saved in PDF's or WORD Documents. You can also share via Google Drive format. Please contact your instructor if you have any questions or need help with the Google Drive format.

Assessments		Approximate contact hours for each assessment
Introduction to using Canvas video and pre-survey		1 hour
Resources and reflection time.		36 hours
Answer and discuss weekly questions posted by the instructor to online classroom at Canvas forum. (5 @ 9 points per question), including time for re-reading previous assignments and posts.	45 points	10 hours
Reflect on classroom experiences and the required reading, then respond to 2 posts weekly made by colleagues online at Canvas classroom forum. (10 total @ 9 points per response).	90 points	10 hours
Studying (time to reread and take notes)		4 hours
Application assignment 2 @s (45 points each)	90 points	12 hours
Journaling of field experience in the classroom implementing concepts from the course with students and fellow teachers.	60 points	33 hours
Research project (planning, researching, and formulating)	100 points	13 hours
Research cultural differences on language acquisition and examine strategies for overcoming cultural barriers in language learning		4 hours
Final evaluation/reflection essay	100 points	12 hours

Total	485 points	135 hours
Grading Scale: A (90-100%); B (80-89%) <i>*Anything below a B will not receive graduate credit and result in a failing grade of F.</i>		
<p>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.</p>		

Answer and Discuss Rubric- 5 questions @ 9 points each			
Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
<i>Supporting Evidence in Practice</i> ___/3	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.
<i>Accuracy</i> ___/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.
<i>Grammar and Spelling</i> ___/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.

Reflect and Response Rubric- 10 responses @ 9 points each			
Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
<i>Supporting Evidence in Practice</i> ___/3	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.
<i>Accuracy</i> ___/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.
<i>Grammar and Spelling</i> ___/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 Project Rubric- 2 assignments @ 45 points each			
Category	Superior (15-13 pts)	Sufficient (12-10 pts)	Minimal(9-7pts)
<i>Supporting Evidence in Practice</i> ___/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.

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.
Grammar and Spelling ___/10	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Journal Rubric- 10 journal entries @ 6 points each			
Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal (1 pt)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/3	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.
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.

Research Project Rubric- 100 points			
Category	Superior (20-18 pts)	Sufficient (17-16 pts)	Minimal (15-14pts)
Understanding of web tool ___/20	Shows strong understanding of activity, concept, or tool and maximize learning	Shows adequate understanding of activity, concept, or tool and benefit learning.	Shows little understanding of activity, concept, or tool and may not benefit learning.
Practical evidence ___/20	Shows strong evidence of ideas and insights gained from this course and how they are applied to classroom.	Shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to classroom.	Shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course or how they are applied to the classroom.
Completion ___/20	Completed in a thoughtful and meaningful manner.	Completed, but with minimal quality.	Not all projects are completed and of those that are, some are minimal quality.
Grammar and Spelling ___/20	Includes no mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Includes few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
Sequencing ___/20	Sequenced, showing if-then thinking and the logical order required to complete skill, solve problem, or use tool.	Not always sequenced, showing incomplete if-then thinking and understanding of logical order required to complete skill.	Confusing making it difficult to replicate activities; little understanding of logic or if-then thinking evidenced.

Evaluation/Reflection Rubric- 100 points				
Category	Superior (20-17 pts)	Sufficient (16-13 pts)	Minimal(12-9pts)	Below Standard (8 pts)

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.
Logical 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 Schedule	
<p><u>Week 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabi/assignment review • Explore resource group 1 • Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday. • Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday. <p><u>Week 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore resource group 2 • Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday. • Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday. <p>Application #1- Due Sunday end of week #2 (45 points)</p>	

Identify a situation where cultural differences are present in your own classroom. Develop a lesson plan that incorporates cultural awareness and sensitivity, using the strategies discussed in the resources. Your lesson plan should include:

- A clear learning objective that incorporates both language and cultural content
- Instructional material that is culturally relevant and authentic
- An activity that promotes cross-cultural communication and understanding
- An assessment that measures both language and cultural learning

Week 3

- Explore resource group 3
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Research Assignment- Due Sunday end of week #4 (100 points)

Choose a language that is different from your native language and culture, and identify a specific aspect of its culture that you find interesting. Conduct research on the cultural aspect you identified. Write a **2-3 page paper** that includes:

- A brief introduction of the language and cultural aspect you are researching
- An overview of the cultural background and context of the cultural aspect (including any historical or societal factors that influenced it)
- The challenges and benefits of understanding the cultural aspect for language learning
- How the strategies for promoting culture learning discussed in the resources could be applied to learning about the cultural aspect you have chosen
- A conclusion that summarizes your findings and discusses the significance of understanding the cultural aspect for language learning.

Week 4

- Explore resource group 4 (and 5 for the application)
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Application #2-Due Sunday end of week 4 (45 points)

Identify an intercultural communication scenario that you have encountered in your life (classroom, business, travel, etc). Analyze the cultural norms, values, and attitudes that influenced the communication in that scenario. Consider how your own cultural background may have influenced that scenario. Apply the concept of intercultural communicative competence (ICC) to the scenario. Using the strategies discussed in the book, develop a plan to improve your ICC in future similar situations.

Week 5

- Explore resource group 5
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Final Evaluation Assignment due by Sunday night end of week # 5 (100 points)

Write an evaluative essay on cross-cultural studies for ELL/ESL students. Include at least 3 of the following elements:

- An introduction that provides an overview of the resources and their relevance to language education
- A critical analysis of the resource's strengths and weaknesses in terms of their organization, readability, and overall presentation
- An evaluation of the strategies and activities suggested in the resources for promoting intercultural competence
- A comparison of the strategies and activities suggested in the resources with best practices for promoting intercultural competence
- A summary of your evaluation that also provides recommendations for language teachers who are interested in promoting intercultural competence in their classrooms

2-3 pages, APA format.

Journaling

Journals are designed to demonstrate that students are reflecting on and implementing concepts and strategies in their own education settings. Journal entries are to be roughly 2-3 paragraphs each. Students are expected to complete 10 entries over the course of the class. These are done at your own pace and are to be shared with your instructor at the end of class. You will not need to share them with the other students. You may use the same type of journal entry more than once. Make sure to include some examples of what you have actually done to support your thoughts whenever appropriate. Some examples of acceptable journal topics include:

- How has what you learned about a strategy/topic changed the way you think?
- What were the results of trying something new that you learned in class, and how could you improve it next time?
- Reflections on conversations you had with students, colleagues or administrators about what you have learned.
- Research you've discovered on a topic and how it complements or contradicts what the author says.
- These are a few examples, but any journal entry along these lines is acceptable. Remember that you can use the same journal topic more than once to examine

different concepts or strategies, or even to examine different impacts on multiple types of classes.

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.

Course Resources

The following is a list of resources that can help you complete this course. You may need to do some extra research on your own to complete all assignments for this course. Some content in the categories is general for the topic, some is specific for that category.

Resource Group 1: Foundations of Culture and Language (chapter 1)

Article: [How Culture Influences Educational Practices](#)

Resource: [The 6-D model of national culture](#)

Video: [Implications of Culture on Language](#)

Article: [High-Context and Low-Context Cultures](#)

Video: [High-Context and Low-Context Cultures](#)

Resource: [Communication Styles](#)

Article: [The WEIRD Science of Culture, Values, and Behavior](#)

Resource Group 2: Culture Shock and Adaptation (chapter 2)

Video: [What is Culture Shock? \(Easy Explanation\)](#)

Article: [Creating Shared Expectations in the Classroom](#)

Article: [Culture Shock Stages: Everything You Need to Know](#)

Video: [How Culturally Responsive Practices Help Students Connect to School](#)

Article: [The Importance of Diversity & Multicultural Awareness in Education](#)

Video: [Inclusive Classroom Principles & Strategies to Ensure Your Learners Thrive](#)

Article: [The Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity](#)

Video: [Bennett's Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity \(DMIS\)](#)

Video: [Schumann Acculturation Theory](#)

Video: [Zaretta Hammond: Culturally Responsive Teaching 101](#)

Resource Group 3: Intercultural Communication (chapter 3)

Article: [4 Ways to Incorporate Culture in World Language Instruction](#)

Article: [Non-Verbal Communication Across Cultures](#)

Article: [High-Context and Low-Context Cultures: Impact on English Language Education](#)

Article: [Communicating in High Context vs. Low Context Cultures](#)

Video: [8 Powerful Strategies for Effective Cross-Cultural Communication](#)

Article: [Top Ten Tips for... Effective Cross-Cultural Communication](#)

Video: [The Power of Space: Exploring Hall's Proxemics in Nonverbal Communication](#)

Article: [Proxemics](#)

Resource Group 4: Cultural Values and Classroom Practice (chapter 4 and 6)

Article: [Cultural Influences on Behavior](#)

Article: [Adapting Instructional Methods to Accommodate the Cultural Diversity of Students](#)

Article: [What Should Culturally Relevant Teaching Look Like Today? Gloria Ladson-Billings Explains](#)

Video: [Integrating Culture, Content, and Language in a World Language Classroom](#)

Article: [Incorporating Cultural Content in Lesson Planning](#)

Article: [Culturally Responsive Teaching Strategies: Importance, Benefits & Tips](#)

Article: [Preparing for Culturally Responsive Teaching](#)

Video: [Cultural Diversity: Dr. Geneva Gay](#)

Resource Group 5: Developing Intercultural Competence: Strategies and Applications (chapter 5 and 7)

Article: [Building Intercultural Competence](#)

Video: [Developing Intercultural Competencies through Story Circles](#)

Resource: [Intercultural Competence](#)

Resource: [Intercultural Competence Toolkit](#)

Article: [Overcoming Cultural Barriers With Real-World Case Studies for Emerging Leaders](#)

Resource: [Intercultural Learning Classroom Activities](#)

Video: [Deardorff's Intercultural Competence Model](#)

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.