Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi - College of Education  
Classroom Management EC-6; 4-8; 8-12 and All Level

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION 
EDCI 4311/12/13/14 Classroom Management 
A study of classroom organization and management as related to basic principles of human  
development and learning. Preventative discipline techniques utilizing both group and individual  
processes are emphasized. This course is to be taken concurrently with student teaching. 
Prerequisite: EDCI 4605/6/7/8 and teacher education department approval 

The four variations of the Classroom Management course are based upon the distinctive levels of  
teacher certification in the State of Texas. Each of these courses require field experiences and  
assignments in their respective levels of teacher certification. Every section of the Classroom  
Management course may include a mix of preservice teachers seeking any level of teacher  
certification. However, the student teaching assignments required will match the preservice  
teacher’s level of teacher certification.

II. RATIONALE 
Beginning teachers must have some basic skills in classroom organization and management to  
survive and thrive in the classroom. Development of these skills is dependent on an  
understanding the principles of human growth and development and an understanding of 
management theories and practices that work for successful teachers.

III. STATE ADOPTED PROFICIENCIES: 
LEARNER-CENTERED KNOWLEDGE: The teacher possesses and draws on a rich  
knowledge base of content and technology to provide relevant and meaningful learning  
experiences for all students. 
LEARNER-CENTERED INSTRUCTION: The teacher collaboratively identifies needs and  
implements appropriate pedagogical and assessment strategies using technology and other  
resources. 
EQUITY IN EXCELLENCE FOR ALL LEARNERS: The teacher respects, addresses, and  
validates the needs of diverse learners. 
LEARNER-CENTERED COMMUNICATION: The teacher demonstrates effective  
professional and interpersonal communication skills and serves as an advocate for all students. 
LEARNER-CENTERED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The teacher is a reflective  
practitioner and demonstrates a commitment to learn, to improve the profession, and to maintain  
professional ethics and personal integrity.
IV. TExES Competencies
The following TExES competencies will be developed in this class:

001. The teacher understands human development processes and applies this knowledge to plan instruction and ongoing assessment that motivate students and are responsive to their development characteristics and needs.

002. The teacher understands student diversity and knows how to plan learning experiences and design assessments that are responsive to differences among students and that promote all students’ learning.

004. The teacher understands learning processes and factors that impact student learning and demonstrates this knowledge by planning effective, engaging instruction and appropriate assessments.

005. The teacher knows how to establish a classroom climate that fosters learning, equity, and excellence and uses this knowledge to create a physical and emotional environment that is safe and productive.

006. The teacher understands strategies for creating an organized and productive learning environment and for managing student behavior.

008. The teacher provides appropriate instruction that actively engages students in the learning process.

010. The teacher monitors student performance and achievement; provides students with timely, high-quality feedback; and responds flexibly to promote learning for all students.

011. The teacher understands the importance of family involvement in children’s education and knows how to interact and communicate effectively with families.

012. The teacher enhances professional knowledge and skills by effectively interacting with other members of the educational community and participating in various types of professional activities.

17 Subject Matter Curricular Topics
- Reading Instruction
- Code of Ethics & Standard Practices
- Child Development
- Motivation
- Learning Theories
- TEKS Organization, Structure & Skills
- TEKS in the Content Areas
- State Assessment of Students
- Curriculum Development & Lesson Planning
- Classroom Assessment
- Classroom Management
- Special Populations
- Parent Conferences / Communication
- Instructional Technology
- Pedagogy / Instructional Strategies
- Differentiated Instruction
- Certification Test Preparation
V. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course is designed to demonstrate the competencies and proficiencies presented above. The student will:

1. Objectives related to Learner-Centered Knowledge
   1.1 Demonstrate an understanding of the student as a reflection of his/her home environment. (TExES Competencies: 002, 011) (Curricular Topic: Special Populations)
   1.2 Demonstrate an understanding of how learning is affected by a student’s physical, developmental and emotional needs. (TExES Competency: 001) (Curricular Topic: Child Development)
   1.3 Explore child growth and development theories and recent research of cognitive development (including Piaget, Erickson, Gardner, etc.). (TExES Competency: 001, 005, 006) (Curricular Topic: Child Development)
   1.4 Analyze and compare child development theories related to moral development (including Kohlberg, Goleman, etc.). (TExES Competency: 001, 002, 005 006) (Curricular Topic: Child Development)
   1.5 Demonstrate an understanding of how the physical and emotional environment impacts the learning environment. (TExES Competency: 005) (Curricular Topics: Learning Theories and Classroom Management)

2. Objectives related to the Learner-Centered Instruction
   2.1 Illustrate an ability to integrate teacher and student academic goals and expectations. (TExES Competency: 005) (Curricular Topics: Learning Theories and Motivation)
   2.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the multiple approaches to setting classroom guidelines. (TExES Competencies: 005, 006) (Curricular Topic: Classroom Management)
   2.3 Prepare lesson plans which are developmentally appropriate for the student and meets the goals and expectations for learner centered instruction. (TExES Competency: 004, 005, 008) (Curricular Topics: Curriculum Development and Lesson Planning; Differentiated Instruction)
   2.4 Examine intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and its implications for students. (TExES Competency: 004, 008, 010) (Curricular Topic: Motivation)
   2.5 Demonstrate an ability to guide student metacognition. (TExES Competency: 001, 004) (Curricular Topics: Curriculum Development and Lesson Planning; Learning Theories)
   2.6 Explore various types of intervention strategies and when to use them, and when to seek outside assistance. (TExES Competencies: 006, 011) (Curricular Topics: Special Populations and Instructional Technology)

3. Objectives related to Equity in Excellence for All Learners
   3.1 Prepare lesson plans which are developmentally appropriate for the student and meets the goals and expectations for learner centered instruction. (TExES Competency: 004, 005) (Curricular Topics: Curriculum Development and Lesson Planning)
   3.2 Determine and apply appropriate forms of assessment. (TExES Competency: 002, 005, 008 010) (Curricular Topic: Classroom Assessment)
   3.3 Demonstrate an understanding of the appropriateness of various instructional strategies and when to use them. (TExES Competency: 006, 008) (Curricular Topic: Pedagogy/Instructional Strategies)
4. **Objectives related to Learner-Centered Communication**
   4.1 Understand his/her own expectations and demonstrates an ability to communicate them to a class. (TExES Competency: 005,010) (Curricular Topic: TEKS Organization, Structure, and Skills)
   4.2 Recognize the elements of the classroom environment which lead to cooperation, leadership (proactive) or to confrontation (reactive). (TExES Competencies: 005, 006) (Curricular Topic: Classroom Management)
   4.3 Understand and recognize the impact teacher personality has on the classroom environment, students, and parents. (TExES Competency: 005) (Curricular Topic: Parent Conferences/Communication)

5. **Objectives related to Learner-Centered Professional Development**
   5.1 Demonstrate an understanding of skills needed to survive the demands of the classroom. (TExES Competency: 012) (Curricular Topic: Classroom Management)
   5.2 Understand the importance of continuing professional development and reflection on one’s teaching and learning. (TExES Competency: 012) (Curricular Topic: Pedagogy/Instructional Strategies)
   5.3 Demonstrate effective professional, ethical, and interpersonal communication skills. (TExES Competency: 012) (Curricular Topics: Code of Ethics and Standard Practices; Parent Conferences/Communication)

VI. **COURSE TOPICS: Topics shall include, but are not limited to:**
   ✓ Affective, cognitive, and human development
   ✓ Learner-centered environment
   ✓ Motivation of students
   ✓ Effective curriculum planning and lesson design
   ✓ Pedagogy/Instructional strategies
   ✓ Classroom management theories
   ✓ Proactive and reactive approaches to classroom management
   ✓ Parent conferencing/communication
   ✓ Code of ethics for teachers
   ✓ Survival skills

VII. **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES**
1. Classroom experiences (discussions, direct instruction, lecture/discussion, modeling, writing, video, on-line deliveries, reflection, etc.)
2. Clinical experiences- cooperative groups, student presentations, guided discovery, simulations
3. Field experiences –student teaching(over 50% of course time occurs in public school)
VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADE ASSIGNMENT
The methods of evaluation and the criteria for grade assignments are:

A. Methods and Points of Final Course Grade Each Assessment Constitutes

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*BB- via Blackboard. This a web-enhanced course. You will need your A number and PIN to log into the course on Blackboard(instructions will be provided). The Blackboard help desk phone number is 825-2825.

B. Grading Scale

| 900 – 1000 | = A |
| 800 – 899 | = B |
| 700 – 799 | = C |
| 600 – 699 | = D |
| <599 | = F |

1) Professionalism: 100 points

Professionalism brings to mind many attributes associated with people we consider to be professionals. Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary defines professionalism as “the conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a professional person.” The attributes most heavily considered for this part of your grade are punctuality, attendance, preparation for, and participation in every class. Additional attributes to be considered are initiative, perseverance, flexibility, quality of work, timely submission of work, reflectivity and interactions with individuals and groups. You will have many opportunities to demonstrate your professional skills and work habits during this semester. Consistent lack of professionalism in one or more areas will result in losing all credit for this area. (See attendance policy below)

2) Chapter Responses (8 @ 20 points each) 160 points

I expect high quality work in appearance and content on every assignment. You will need to demonstrate a professional level of writing competence. You are one step from being THE teacher. Your work is a reflection of you, and as the teacher, it will be a reflection of your competence and professionalism. Late chapter responses will not be accepted. Please read Late Work policy.

Bring your word-processed chapter response to class daily. (12 pt. font, double-spaced), unless otherwise directed. Points will be deducted for misspelled words, grammatical errors and/or punctuation errors. Proofread your work and have someone else proof your work. Word-process the heading or title page also.
GUIDELINES for chapter responses:

You will need to write a **one-page, single-spaced typed** reflective response to each of the text chapters and bring the response to our class meetings. These responses will serve as the basis for our discussions of the readings. The format for each response will include:

**Analysis of the Chapter (NOT a summary!)**
What is the overall theme? What are the implications for you as a teacher and for the success of your students?

**Consider Methodology**
What choices are being made? What are the constraints of such choices? What are the potential benefits? What would you do differently?

**React and Connect**
How does this reading connect with what you have read or experienced earlier? What do you agree with in the reading? What do you disagree with? What provokes an emotional response?

**Sentence/Quotes**
Identify two lines or a quote in the chapter. Why did you “zero” in on these lines? How will your colleagues benefit from your sharing these thoughts?

**Notes:**
- These **one-pagers** must be done thoughtfully and timely in order to benefit you and your colleagues. These are not summaries but reactions/ reflections. The instructor will collect these reading responses daily to assess.
- Papers will be exchanged with group members at the beginning of class. Class members will read each paper, proofreading and highlighting different points in each paper that they want to discuss with the whole group.

3) **Discipline Model Presentations: 100 Points**
Students will work in a designated team to present an assigned discipline model. A minimum of two outside resources must be used and the presentations/skit must be at least 20 minutes in length. The presentations should address the following:

- Involve all team members.
- Be professionally prepared as if you were sharing at a conference and contribute positively to your own growth and that of your colleagues. Be sure to address the multiple intelligences and learning styles of your audience while presenting the key points of your discipline model. In other words, **engage your audience**.
- Actively engage our class in an activity/skit that demonstrates the discipline model. Your group will create a classroom situation including behaviors or procedures that impede learning in the classroom environment. Then, the techniques and procedures from the discipline model should improve the learning environment.
- Provide a **CREATIVE** one page handout for the entire class that details the discipline model’s key points.
4) **Group presentation to beginning teachers (25 points)**  
Students will work in a designated team to present an assigned topic on teacher issues. Each group will have only 4 minutes to relate the facts to the other students using at least two learning styles. Each team will be required to create a visual to use during the presentation. Grading form will be provided.

5) **Assessments: 615 points**
   - Classroom Management Project – Follow format provided. (240 points)
   - 8 Chapter Quizzes on Blackboard® (25 points each) (200 points) If you miss a quiz on Blackboard, you will **forfeit** the 25 **points**. Since this class is all about behaviors and consequences, there are **no exceptions** to this statement. Please refrain from asking for an exception because of your unprofessional behavior.
   - Mid-term Exam on Blackboard (100 points) A study guide will be given. Objective format covering chapters 1 through 5. See Blackboard Calendar for dates of availability.
   - Final Exam (75 points) Format will be provided in class

   Progress involves risk. You can’t steal second and keep your foot on first.  
   Frederick Wilcox

As you take your foot off first base and sprint, remember you are headed for home plate. The run will be fast, furious and sometimes scary, but the end is in sight. It is important that you continue at full speed as the end nears. Due to the limited number of class meetings and the front-loaded nature of this course, there will be many reading/writing/doing assignments in rapid succession. You need to be prepared daily to actively participate in your own learning. This will require the kind of organization, preparation and perseverance you will need to be a successful teacher.

   Life’s greatest adventure is in doing one’s level best.  
   Arthur Morgan

**IX. COURSE SCHEDULE and COURSE POLICIES**

**Dates: August 24 to September 7; October 3; and November 28**

This schedule is provided for your long range planning; however, assignments may be changed at the discretion of the instructor.

**Wednesday, 8/24**  
Introductions, Course Expectations/Requirements/Chapter 1

**Thursday, 8/25**  
Chapter 2: The Nature of the Discipline Problem  
**Reading Response Due in class**  
**Chapter 2 Quiz Due on Blackboard**

**Friday, 8/26**  
Chapter 3: Why Children Misbehave  
Group Presentations to EDCI 2307 students  
**Reading Response Due in class**  
**Chapter 3 Quiz Due on Blackboard**
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| Monday, 8/29  | Chapter 4: Philosophical Approaches to Classroom Management | Reading Response Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #1 Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #2 Due  
Chapter 4 Quiz Due on Blackboard |
| Tuesday, 8/30 | Chapter 5: The Professional Teacher       | Reading Response Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #3 Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #4 Due  
Chapter 5 Quiz Due on Blackboard |
| Wednesday, 8/31 | Chapter 6: Structuring the Environment    | Reading Response Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #5 Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #6 Due  
Chapter 6 Quiz Due on Blackboard |
| Thursday, 9/1 | Chapter 7: Nonverbal Interventions        | Reading Response Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #7 Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #8 Due  
Chapter 7 Quiz Due on Blackboard |
| Friday, 9/2   |                                         | **Midterm Exam** Due on Blackboard |
| Monday, 9/5   |                                         | **Labor Day Holiday-no class** |
| Tuesday, 9/6  | Chapter 8: Verbal Interventions and use of Logical Consequences | Reading Response Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #9 Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #10 Due  
Chapter 8 Quiz Due on Blackboard |
| Wednesday, 9/7 | Chapter 9: Chronic Behavior Problems      | Reading Response Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #11 Due  
Discipline Model Presentation/Skit #12 Due  
Chapter 9 Quiz Due on Blackboard |
| Monday, 10/3  | Career and Resume Writing Workshop        | Classroom Management Plan Due |
| Monday, 11/28 |                                         | **Final Exam Presentations Due** |
Since this class is all about behaviors and consequences, please note the following:

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance is crucial to your success in this program and your development as a professional. 
Class begins at 8:30 a.m. promptly and ends at 12:00 noon. Points will be deducted for each tardy/leave early. In fact, 20 points will be deducted for each tardy/leave early. Because this is an intense, front-loaded course, you will be expected to attend every class meeting. More than one absence may result in an automatic failure of this course.

**Notification of an absence does not constitute a class attendance waiver. Any absence requires the following make-up assignment.**

MAKE-UP POLICY: If you are ill, please present a doctor’s excuse upon your return to the class. You will need to complete a research project assigned to you over the missed course work. This assignment will involve finding three articles (related to the topic(s) of the missed class) from professional journals; copying the articles, highlighting critical passages within the text, and writing a half-page summary and a half-page critique of each article. All makeup research assignments are due one week following the missed class meeting. If this make-up assignment is not completed and turned in on time, the student’s grade will be lowered by one letter grade. No exceptions! You are personally responsible for all material discussed in class, even if you have a doctor’s excused absence. You will need to make your own arrangements for material covered during the time you are absent from class. The instructor does not provide lecture notes for student use.

LATE WORK POLICY: Late work will be accepted at the discretion of the professor on a case by case emergency basis. However, all late work submitted would be accepted for a maximum of 50% credit.
Late chapter responses and/or online chapter quizzes will not be accepted and you will forfeit the points for the missed response and/or quiz. Even if you are ill, you must email the instructor your chapter response before midnight of the due date to receive credit. Also, technology will not be accepted as an excuse for any late work. You will be given ample time to finish any online quiz.

CELL PHONE POLICY: To receive the full benefit from this course, the use of electronic devices for unrelated activities (i.e. text messaging, instant messaging, internet surfing, etc) is prohibited. If I suspect improper use of your electronic device, I will ask you to leave. If this problem persists, I will have you removed from the class.

X. TEXTBOOK

XI. BIBLIOGRAPHY
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XII. Grade Appeals

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2. Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeals Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

XIII. Disabilities Accommodations

“The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statue that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Office at (361) 825-5816 or visit the office in Driftwood 101.” http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu

The student has the responsibility of informing the course instructor of any disabling condition that will require modifications to avoid discrimination.
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at 825-5816.

**Academic Honesty**

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to a penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work.)

http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~students/JAffairs/ja_hndbk_rules_n_regulations.htm

**Classroom Conduct**

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Faculty has the professional responsibility to treat students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which students express opinions. Disruptive students in the academic setting hinder the educational process. Disruption, as applied to the academic setting, means behavior that a reasonable faculty member would view as interfering with normal academic functions. Examples include, but are not limited to, persistently speaking without being recognized or interrupting other speakers, behavior which distracts the class from the subject matter or discussion, or in extreme cases, physical threats, harassing behavior or personal insults, or refusal to comply with faculty direction. Students are expected to refrain from disruptive behavior at all times. Students who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to disciplinary action.

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**Statement of Civility**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of gender, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, age, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

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Make the most of your work this semester. Make it something you will want to keep, because it is a part of you, whether or not that something is physical. That means being true to yourself, and giving your personal best. That means having an open mind, and trying to learn from the opportunities presented to you. Just remember that when you leave this semester and this university, you will leave these assignments and your teachers behind as you become THE teacher. The most important thing you will carry with you is what you have learned. It is my hope that what you learn here will serve you well for many years to come. Good luck, and remember I am here to support your success as you sprint for home plate and become THE teacher.

We always attract into our lives whatever we think about most, believe in most strongly, expect on the deepest level, 
When you get in a tight place and everything goes against you till it seems As though you could not hold on a minute longer, 
Never give up then, for that is just the time and the place the tide will turn. 
Harriet Beecher Stowe