Psychology of Educators  
GEC1000 Section 5656  
Time: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 2nd Period (8:30-9:20)  
Location: Weimer Hall 1085  
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Course Description  
The psychology of educators is the scientific study of what motivates the style of information dissemination. The course content will include analysis and implementation of assessment techniques, lecture style, public speaking skills, and communication with students.

General Education Objectives and Learning Outcomes  
This course is a social and behavioral sciences (S) subject area course in the UF General Education Program. Social and behavioral science courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and underlying theory or methodologies used in the social and behavioral sciences. Students will learn to identify, describe and explain social institutions, structures or processes. These courses emphasize the effective application of accepted problem-solving techniques. Students will apply formal and informal qualitative or quantitative analysis to examine the processes and means by which individuals make personal and group decisions, as well as the evaluation of opinions, outcomes or human behavior. Students are expected to assess and analyze ethical perspectives in individual and societal decisions.

These general education objectives will be accomplished through:  
1. Evaluation of how individual personality affects teaching style.  
2. Critique of how different social institutions foster predictable design of education that is unique to the type of institution. For example, university vs. high school education design.
3. Assessment of how social acceptance of certain education techniques has varied with time.
4. Discussion of the relationship between personal beliefs and methodologies of education.
5. Evaluation of the ethicality of controversial styles of dissemination of information.

At the end of this course, students will be expected to have achieved the following learning outcomes in content, communication and critical thinking:

- **Content**: Students demonstrate competence in the terminology, concepts, theories and methodologies used within the discipline. Students will acquire a basic knowledge of personality characteristics of educators, institutional differences, disparities, and improvements. Various social and ethical issues pertaining to the educators of various institutions will be discussed. Achievement of this learning outcome will be assessed through two of the three essay response papers, three multiple choice quizzes, and a midterm and final assessment.

- **Communication**: Students communicate knowledge, ideas and reasoning clearly and effectively in written and oral forms appropriate to the discipline. Students will participate in small group discussions at the end of three class periods during the semester with assigned groups. At the end of these class periods, several groups will be asked to present the points supporting their argument on a given subject. Every group will have the chance to present, and normal class discussion will occur during every meeting period. Achievement of this learning outcome be assessed through student discussions during class time as well as during presentations of arguments on specified topics at the end of class small group discussions. Participation grades will reflect how well a student communicates during these tasks.

- **Critical Thinking**: Students analyze information carefully and logically from multiple perspectives, using discipline-specific methods, and develop reasoned solutions to problems. Students will prepare three essay responses to topics pertaining to the psychology of educators. Students will compare and contrast teaching styles, and evaluate institutional differences. Achievement of this learning outcome will be assessed by one of the three essay response papers. This paper will allow students to pick a personality type, a social context, and a period in time, in which the student must then discuss the most effective educational techniques that should be employed.

**Required Textbooks**

**Recommended Materials**
Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to course
Week 2: Personality in education
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories
Week 3: Teaching techniques
  • Read chapters x-x in Early Childhood Education Today
  • Essay Response 1 due 1/20
Week 4: Social context
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories
Week 5: Institutional variation
  • Read chapters x-x in Early Childhood Education Today
  • Quiz 1 on 2/3
Week 6: Administrative pressures
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories
Week 7: Change in style with time
  • Read chapters x-x in Early Childhood Education Today
  • Essay Response 2 due 2/17
Week 8: Ethical matters
  • Midterm exam on 2/24
Week 9: Gender in education
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories

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Week 10: Popular teaching tactics
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories
  • Quiz 2 on 3/17
Week 11: Ineffective teaching styles
  • Read chapters x-x in Early Childhood Education Today
Week 12: Charisma in education
  • Read chapters x-x in Early Childhood Education Today
  • Quiz 3 on 3/31
Week 13: Age of educators
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories
Week 14: Variations in subpopulations
  • Read chapters x-x in Personality Theories
  • Essay response 3 due 4/14
Week 15: REVIEW

Week 16 Reading days
  • Final Exam 4/30

Include a weekly course schedule (e.g., topics, assigned readings, other assignments, due dates, assessments) that includes sufficient detail for the General Education Committee to determine the appropriateness of the requested general education classification(s).

Inclusion of critical dates for exams or other work is recommended.
Evaluation of Grades

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More information on grades and grading policies is here: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

Class Attendance and Make-Up Policy
Class attendance is expected. Each unexcused absence will result in a 10 point reduction in the final grade. Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx) and require appropriate documentation.

Late essay response papers will not be accepted. A makeup midterm and makeup final exam will be provided for students who miss either exam due to extreme, documented circumstances. A cumulative make-up quiz will be provided at the end of the semester for any and all quizzes missed. This score will replace all missing quiz grades. Students should arrange with the instructor for makeup material, and the student will receive one week to prepare for any makeup assignment, if circumstances allow it.
Students Requiring Accommodations
Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation
Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/.

Class Demeanor
Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of the classroom. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

Materials and Supplies Fees
There are no additional fees for this course.

University Honesty Policy
UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Counseling and Wellness Center
Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.