**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Department:**    Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis

**Course Number:**   5200/6200

**Course Title:** Emerging Perspectives Influencing the School

**Semester Hours:**   6 semester hours

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                               If need quicker response, please call me on my cell phone.

**Date of this Revision of Syllabus:**  Summer 2012

 **Text(s) and/or Required Readings for Both ELPA 5200 and ELPA 6200 Students:**

Spring, J.  *The American School:  A global context from the puritans to the Obama era.* (2011, 8thedition).McGraw-Hill.*ISBN #978-0-07-809784-3*

Kozol, J. *The Shame of a Nation.* (2005).  Three Rivers Press.

 ISBN-13:  978-1-4000-5245-5

 Ozmon, H. A., *Philosophical Foundations of Education*  (2012, 9th edition) Prentice-Hall.  ISBN#   978-0-13-254074-2.

**Catalog Description:**  Course will critically analyze philosophical and cultural issues reflective of the local, regional, national, and global social contexts of which the schools are a part.  Student will learn legal and regulatory applications of school leadership.  Budget planning, development, and implementation will be examined as a logical outgrowth of the environmental context influencing schools.

**Additional Course Information:**  None

**Special Needs Policy**

It is the responsibility of any student with special needs to notify the course instructor of such needs within the first two weeks of the course.  If you are a student with a special need seeking accommodations you are invited to make an appointment with the instructor during the class break.  The Office of Disability Services’ phone number is (423) 439-8436.

**Academic Dishonesty**

You are a member of an institution of higher learning, East Tennessee State University (ETSU).  As a member of this institution, you are entrusted with adhering to the ideals and rules of governing ETSU.  Academic dishonesty such as cheating and plagiarism detract from the value of the degrees offered at ETSU and seriously undermine the ideals set forth by ETSU’s governing body.  Therefore, cheating, plagiarizing or any form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.  Academic dishonesty will result in a minimum of a failure on the assignment and potential failure of the course.  In a nut shell: Do your own work.

**Relationship of Course to College and Program Philosophy and Goals:** This course encourages students to use critical thinking and reflection to be able to articulate their philosophy, ethics, and values.  It continues the Administration Endorsement Program focus upon the knowledge, skills and dispositions outlined in our College of Education Conceptual Framework and the Interstate School Leaders License consortium (ISSLC) Standards that each candidate is developing in the course of the program.   Candidates will gain understanding of the legal system that supports the diversity of citizens and their rights in relation to school setting.  They will examine a broad range of viewpoints, issues, and constituency groups which influence America's schools to enhance their appreciation for, and understanding of, the diverse stakeholders served directly or indirectly by the schools.

**Course Objectives as Related to the ISLLC Standards:**

The student will demonstrate proficiency in relation to the skills, knowledge, and dispositions included in the professional standards for school administrators.

**Suggested Internship Activities Appropriate to the ISLLC Standards Addressed by the Course:**

Throughout this course, students should strive to engage in internship activities which correspond to the ISLLC standards which provide the conceptual foundation for the course, as well as activities which address the four areas of individual concern identified through the NPBEA Self-Assessment Instrument at the beginning of the program.  Students are reminded that internship activities must encompass all grade levels, K-12, central office settings, community agency settings, and work with diverse populations.  Therefore, it may well be that a student might find it educational to engage a given activity several times, in a variety of educational settings.

**Previously Productive Internship Activities Include:**

*Law:*  Attend juvenile court; work for/with a juvenile judge; attend IEP meetings; follow a truancy case; interview or work with a school attorney; attend workshops on legal issues; study district policies; attend board meetings; attend administrative staff meetings; study Special Education law and its implications for administrative policy and practice.

*Finance, budgeting, and budget management:*  work with central office person on budget; write a grant, in conjunction with a district level program; analyze existing grants; work with a principal on a school budget, work with the school secretary on management of the budget, sit in on school's site-based meeting dealing with budget, interview private sector representatives to gain a "business" perspective on administering schools; attend board budget meetings; study the Financial Management Manual provided by the State.

*Ethics:*  study or develop an ethical standards policy for the district.

*Educational Philosophy and History*:  Interview a state legislator, school board member, or elected official who influences the schools; attend a county commission meeting; research a specific educational philosophy and determine its current relevance to curriculum; visit school with heavy minority base of students (e.g., in Knoxville, Cherokee, etc.).

**Course Requirements:**

* Five Essays on assigned topics                            20 points each

           *Submit essays in the dropbox assigned to that essay.*

*Topics and directions are located on D2L in Content area.*

* Seven Current Events discussions                      10 points each

            *Students will upload news items on current events in education.*

*Each student will be assigned a week to identify the events and*

*facilitate the discussions.*

* Three School Law discussions                             10 points each

            *This is location for School Law presentations and discussions.*

*Students enrolled in 6200 level will research and present on an*

*assigned topic of law.  Presentations may be done using powerpoints,*

*podcasts, videos, etc.  These students are responsible for facilitating*

*the discussion during their presentation week.*

* Two discussions on inequity                                 25 points each

*Students will read and discuss textbook Shame of the Nation.*

*Students will watch and discuss movie “Waiting for Superman.”*

* History and Philosophy Presentation                  75 points

*Students will read textbooks, The American School and Educational Philosophies.*

*Students will work in small groups to prepare timelines identifying key events that*

*have shaped education in America.  Students will identify the philosophies that*

*shaped those events.  A product that can be printed is expected to accompany*

*this presentation (powerpoint, word document, etc.). These will be presented*

*discussion area on D2L.*

* History and Philosophy Discussion                     25 points

            Class will discuss each presentation.

Students in 6200 will complete all of the above assignments and in addition will prepare a presentation on a law topic assigned by instructor.

* Law topic presentation                                     40 points
* Facilitation of discussion on law topic                 10 points

**Grading Scale:**

A         93 -- 100% of total points

B         92 – 85% of total points

C         84 – 79% of total points

F          < 78% of total points

**Schedule:**

May 3—Course Opens

Law Discussion on Special Education, presented and facilitated by instructor (closes May 13)

Current Events Discussion, presented and facilitated by instructor (closes May 13)

            Curriculum Module Opens (closes May 13)

May 10—

Law Discussion on Religion and Schools opens (closes on May 20). Presented and facilitated by April and Tiffany.

Current Events Discussion facilitated by Heather opens (closes on May 20).

Safe Schools Module opens (closes May 20).

May 17—

            Current Events Discussion facilitated by Dan opens (closes May 27).

            Education as a Profession Module opens (closes May 27).

May 24—

           Law Discussion on Due Process opens (closes on June 3).

            Presented and facilitated by Rachel and Jim (closes on June 3).

            Current Events discussion facilitated by April opens (closes on June 3).

May 31—

            Current Events discussion facilitated by April opens (closes on June 10).

            Kozol’s Shame of the Nation discussion opens (closes on June 10).

            Diversity Module opens (closes on June 10).

June 7—

           Current Events discussion facilitated by Tiffany opens (closes on June 17).

           “Waiting for Superman” discussion opens (closes on June 17).

            Where We Stand Module opens (closes on June 17).

June 14—

            Current Events discussion facilitated by Jim opens (closes on June 24).

            History and Philosophy presentations and discussions open (close on June 30).

June 21—

            Current Events discussion facilitated by Rachel opens (closes on June 30).

            History and Philosophy discussions remain open (close on June 30).

            Final Course reflection opens (closes June 30).

**Supplementary Readings and Materials:** As assigned.

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