Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education

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Courses Acceptable on Master's Degree

Programs in Education (PLC)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

PLC 515. Multilingual Education: Theory and Practice for Biliteracy Teachers (3)
Pedagogical and programmatic practices for addressing linguistic and academic needs of multilingual learners. Historical and theoretical foundations of bilingual education as related to bilingual and dual language programs to include instruction, curriculum, and assessment. Taught in Spanish and English.

PLC 523. Psychological Foundations for Biliteracy Teachers in K-6 Classrooms (3)
Major theories of learning and cognition as applied to bilingual students and their relation to child development, first and second language acquisition, and approaches to teaching in bilingual classroom. (Formerly numbered Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 923.)

PLC 524. Psychological Foundations for Biliteracy Teachers in Grades 7-12 (1-4)
Bilingual learning theory as it affects adolescent growth, individualized instruction, classroom management and discipline, and methods of measuring and evaluating achievement. Taught in Spanish and English. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit four units. (Formerly numbered Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 924.)

PLC 532. Biliteracy Teaching in Language Arts for Elementary Students (3)
Prerequisites: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 415 and 515.
Assessing language proficiency; selecting, designing, and evaluating learning experiences to develop biliteracy in K-6 classrooms in English language arts and Spanish, Arabic, Filipino, Japanese, or Mandarin. Taught bilingually in language of emphasis and English. (Formerly numbered Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 932.)

PLC 553. Language Assessment and Evaluation in Multicultural Settings (3)
Theories and methods of assessment and evaluation of diverse student populations including authentic and traditional models. Procedures for identification, placement, and monitoring of linguistically diverse students. Theories, models, and methods for program evaluation, achievement, and decision making.

PLC 596. Special Topics in Bilingual and Multicultural Education (1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Selected topics in bilingual, cross-cultural education and policy studies. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

GRADUATE COURSES

PLC 600A. Foundations of Democratic Schooling (3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Analysis of relationships among ideology, culture, and power in educational context; key concepts in critical pedagogy applied to programs, curricula, and school restructuring.

PLC 600B. Foundations of Dual Language Programming for Critical Biliteracy Development (3)
Prerequisite: BCLAD credential or score of 3 on SDSU Spanish examination.
Critical literacy and democratic schooling for dual language program models. Program models that apply to policies and practices that inform literacy curriculum and pedagogy in dual language-biliteracy settings.

PLC 601. Language Policies and Practices (3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Formal and informal policies related to education of linguistically diverse students at micro/macro level and in school contexts; analysis of bilingual and cross-cultural issues in cognition and literacy. (Formerly numbered Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 653.)

PLC 603. Community and Schools in a Diverse Society (3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Linguistic and cultural diversity of school and community. Development of community sociocultural scan; home and school collaboration; effects of home and school collaboration on achievement; responsibility of parent caretaker, stakeholder for student success.

PLC 604. Learning and Teaching Language in a Dual Language Setting (3)
Prerequisite: BCLAD credential or score of 3 on SDSU Spanish examination.
Dual language instructional methods, modeling oral and written grammatical structures. Language acquisition strategies for English and Spanish in K-12 grades. Emphasis on written structures for academic literacy.

PLC 650. Curriculum Development for Urban School Communities (3)
Prerequisites: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 600A and 601.
Curriculum development through lens of critical theory. Principles of curriculum and instruction contextualized and with regard to particular educational institutions or work sites from a social justice perspective.

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PLC 651. Curriculum, Teaching, and Assessment: ELD and SDAIE (1-3)
Prerequisite: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 915A or 915B.
English language development and delivery of comprehensive instruction for English learners. Strategies for implementing state adopted instruction programs for ELD in language and content.

PLC 653. Language Development in K-12 Multilingual Classrooms (3)
Prerequisite: Admission to bilingual authorization credential program.
Dual language and multilingual classrooms, universals and differences in language structure, transfer, and use (including basic linguistics). First and additional language development; related factors (political/sociocultural aspects of bilingualism). Taught in English and Spanish. (Formerly numbered Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 953.)

PLC 686. Seminar in Multicultural Education (1-6)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Topics dealing with current issues in multicultural education. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

PLC 798. Special Study (1-6) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor; to be arranged with department chair and instructor.
Individual study. May involve fieldwork. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

CREDENTIAL COURSES

PLC 910. Teaching Mathematics to Bilingual Students (1-3)
Prerequisite: Admission to Bilingual 2042 Multiple Subject credential program.
Underlying learning theories for teaching mathematical concepts, computation, and problem-solving skills to bilingual students.

PLC 911. Teaching Social Studies to Bilingual Students (1-3)
Prerequisite: Admission to Bilingual 2042 Multiple Subject credential program.
Conceptual approaches for teaching bilingual social studies curriculum, incorporating sociocultural characteristics of multicultural community, social concepts, and community social issues.

PLC 912. Teaching Science to Bilingual Students (1-3)
Prerequisite: Admission to Bilingual 2042 Multiple Subject credential program.
Strategies for development of process skills and concept acquisition. Methodology for teaching activity-oriented science class bilingually.

PLC 915. Teaching and Learning in the Content Area: English Language Development/SDAIE (1-3)
Prerequisites: Education 451, Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 515, and admission to Bilingual 2042 Single Subject credential program.
Teaching strategies in content specific fields from second language acquisition perspective taken concurrently with student teaching. See Class Schedule for specific content. May be repeated with new content. (Formerly numbered Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 914.)
  A. Multiple Subjects
  B. Single Subjects
  C. Special Education

PLC 931. Skills in Teaching Reading to Bilingual Elementary Students (1-3)
Prerequisite: Admission to Bilingual 2042 Multiple Subject credential program.
Teaching reading in English, including methods, strategies, assessment, materials, and techniques of transition for implementing reading programs in the bilingual classroom.

PLC 933. Skills in Teaching Reading to Bilingual Secondary Students (3)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing. Admission to Bilingual 2042 Single Subject credential program.
Methods for developing reading skills in Spanish and English across subject areas. Includes comprehension, academic vocabulary, concept development, reading strategies, and assessment. Taught in Spanish and/or English.

PLC 954. Classroom Organization for Democratic Teaching in Bilingual Classrooms (1-4)
Prerequisites: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 400; concurrent registration in Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 524 and 963; admission to single subject bilingual 2042 program.
Teaching practices to include democratic processes for classroom management in bilingual classrooms. Classroom teaching, classroom discipline, and curriculum management. Social-cultural and political contexts of teaching to include overview of teacher performance assessment tasks.

PLC 960. Professional Seminar for Bilingual Teacher Candidates (1-4) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 954.
Lesson planning and organization for bilingual elementary and secondary teacher candidates. Meeting needs of diverse learners in biliteracy settings. Maximum credit eight units.

PLC 961. Practicum in Elementary Bilingual Classroom (1-12) Cr/NC
Prerequisites: Admission to Bilingual 2042 Multiple Subject credential program. Student must provide own transportation to student teaching site.
Field experience at two grade levels in a multicultural setting and a bilingual elementary classroom; student teacher assumes responsibility for planning and instruction for specified time to comply with State requirements. Maximum credit 12 units.

PLC 962. Student Teaching for Elementary Bilingual Students (1-12) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 961.
Field experience in a multicultural setting or a bilingual elementary classroom. Maximum credit 12 units.

PLC 963. Practicum in Secondary Bilingual Classroom (3-4) Cr/NC
Prerequisites: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 400; concurrent registration in Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 524 and 954; admission to the single subject bilingual emphasis program. Students must provide own transportation to student teaching site.
On-site, part-time experience to implement bilingual teacher competencies introduced in Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 515, 524, and 954.

PLC 964. Student Teaching for Bilingual Secondary Students (8-12) Cr/NC
Prerequisites: Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education 524 and 963. Students must provide own transportation to student teaching site.
On-site, full-day experience in State approved bilingual and non-lingual classes to implement teacher competencies as developed in the total professional sequence. Maximum credit 12 units.