Tentative Syllabus

Course: Course Design and Material Evaluation (Fall 2018) Classroom: Research Building 250303

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Course Description

This course aims to provide students with a general understanding of the major approaches of language curriculum development. Two thirds of the course will cover general curriculum and materials design, while one third of the course will focus on learning how to utilize corpora and lexical resources for material development. The following topics will be discussed:

Curriculum & Materials Design

- 1. Definition of curriculum
- 2. Needs analysis
- 3. Different types of syllabus designs (Goals, content, & sequencing)
 - (a) TBLT
 - (b) CLIL
 - (c) Multimodality
 - (d) Differentiated instruction
- 4. Materials selection and evaluation
- 5. Content and linguistic analysis of materials

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- 1. Use of corpora and lexical resources
- 2. Linguistic analysis of corpus result

Goals

- 1. Students are able to design language curriculum and teaching materials.
- 2. Students are able to critically analyze and evaluate language curriculum and teaching materials.

Tentative Schedule

Date	Topics & Assigned Readings
7/5	An Overview
季陶	Language Curriculum Development Macalister & Nation (2010): Chapter 1
303	Materials Development Richards: Chapter 10
	12-year Curriculum Guideline
	http://www.naer.edu.tw/files/15-1000-10635,c1174-1.php?Lang=zh-tw
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7/10	Needs Analysis , Planning Goals, & Creating Syllabus
季陶	Richards: Chapter 4; Cowling (2007)
303	
7/12	Task-based Language Teaching (TBLT)
季陶	Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
303	Coyle et al. (2010): Chapter 3 CLIL as a theoretical perspective
	Anagnostou, Griva, & Kasvikis (2016): CLIL in Arts
7/17	Multimodal Approach/Multiliteracies

季陶	Pahl & Rowsell (2012): Chapter 2 multimodality
303	Hafner (2014): Digital literacy
	Van Leeuwen (2015): Multimodality in education
7/19	Guest Speaker: Analysis of textbooks in Japan and Taiwan
季陶	Differentiated Instruction
303	Tomlinson (1999): The differentiated classroom Chapter 2 (E-book from library)
7/24	● Translanguging: Lin & Lo (2017)
	Materials Selection and Evaluation
	Byrd (2001); Skierso (1991); Cunningsworth (1995)
7/26	Content Analysis
	Chao (2011): Hidden curriculum of cultural content
	Xiong & Qian (2012): Ideologies of English: CDA
7/31	• Linguistic Analysis
	Limberg (2016): Teaching how to apologize Tsai (2015): Collocation use in ELF textbooks & learner writing
8/2	Hunston (2002) Ch. 1
0/2	• Hunston (2002) Ch. 2
	BNCWeb (Bring Laptop)
8/7	• Hunston (2002) Ch. 3
G, .	• English Sketch Engine (Bring Laptop)
	Dictionaries and lexical resources
	Research topic proposal
8/9	• Hunston (2002) Ch. 7
	Learner Corpus (Bring Laptop)
	AntConc (Bring Laptop)
0.14.4	Research methodology
8/14	Presentations of research topic I
8/16	Presentations of research topic II
8/21	Analysis of M.A. Thesis Proportetions of the continuous project I
0.12.7	Presentations of the curriculum project I
8/23	Presentations of the curriculum project II
	● Wrap-up

Course Requirements

1	Curriculum and Materials Design	70%
	Task One: Leading Discussions (once)	
	You are required to lead discussion once. In the discussion, you will summarize the important	
	points for the class, put them into practice, and pose questions for class discussions. Power	
	Point slides are required. As to discussion methods, you are encouraged to be creative.	
	Task Two: Final Curriculum Project	
	For your final project, you are required to develop a practical and research-informed	
	curriculum for your current teaching context.	
	Length: 18-week elective course, summer camp (two weeks), or intensive English course	
	Type: TBLT, CLIL, or multimodal approach, differentiation instruction	
	Significant elements: needs analysis, goals/learning outcomes, syllabus design, teaching	

	materials, evaluation	
	Final Oral Presentation: Each student will have 20 minutes for teaching and 5 minutes for Q&A.	
	Final Written Project: Your final written report includes all the elements mentioned above and	
	reflection. Please note that each element should include research-informed	
	rationales/explanations (to be explained in class). Deadline: August 23, 2018 (midnight).	
2	Corpus	30%
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Assigned Reading

Curriculum and Materials Design (Downloadable from Dropbox) (Selective)

- Macalister, J. & Nation, I. S. P. (2010). Language curriculum design. NY: Routledge.
- Richards, J. C. (2017). *Curriculum development in language teaching*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Cowling, J. D. (2007). Needs analysis: Planning a syllabus for a series of interview workplace courses at a leading Japanese company. *English for Specific Purpose*, 26, 426-442.
- Byrd, P. (2001). Textbooks: Evaluation for selection and analysis for implementation. In M. Celce-Murica (Ed.), *Teaching English as a second or foreign language* (3rd edition) (pp. 415-428). Boston, MA: Heinle & Heinle.
- Cunningsworth, A. (1995). *Choosing your coursebook*. London: Heinemann.

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Hunston, S. 2002. Corpora in Applied Linguistics. Cambridge University Press. Ch. 1, 2, 3, 7

Important Notes:

- 1. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- 2. All papers should be single spaced and written in APA style.
- 3. No late work will be accepted unless an emergency indicates otherwise. Notification in advance is expected.
- 4. For any technical problems, please email my teaching assistant and cc me.
- 5. No data/work obtained from your previous classes, work, or projects can be used until you get the instructor's permission.
- 6. If you would like to write a research proposal on curriculum or materials development (as your final project), please discuss with the instructor.

Organizations

- Association for Curriculum and Instruction, Taiwan, R.O.C. (中華民國課程與教學學會)
- 中華民國教材研究發展會 http://www.trd.org.tw/about/index.asp
- 國家教育研究院 http://www.naer.edu.tw/

- 中等學校教師研習會 http://203.68.218.24/control/control1.htm
- 高中課務發展 http://web.ylsh.ilc.edu.tw/course/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=74&Itemid=49
- 12 年國教草案

http://english.tyhs.edu.tw/~english/download/1030210B.pdf

Corpora URLs

BNCWeb http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk/bncwebSignup/user/login.php

English Word Sketch https://beta.sketchengine.co.uk/

AntConc http://www.laurenceanthony.net/software.html

LTTCELC http://www.lttcelc.org.tw/

ICNALE http://language.sakura.ne.jp/icnale/