Course Syllabus
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
MUE 2999 ENTRY TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

In lieu of a textbook, all students are required to have access to College LiveText. Students may purchase LiveText from the University Bookstore. This software will be used throughout your professional program and is introduced in this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A required non-credit course for all teacher education candidates that must be successfully completed prior to admission to teacher education. Candidates are required to establish an electronic portfolio and provide evidence that all teacher education admission requirements have been satisfactorily met. If an unsatisfactory grade is earned, the course must be repeated until a satisfactory grade is received.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLE

VI. PROFESSIONALISM: Teachers recognize, participate in, and contribute to teaching as a profession.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will meet all admission to teacher education requirements and document meeting those requirements in their educational portfolios. These requirements are:

1.   a minimum GPA of 2.5 on all previously attempted coursework – a minimum of 30 hours of coursework must have been completed prior to enrollment in this course.

2.   satisfactory performance on GACE I test (or exemption of test)

Exemption scores are: SAT – 1000 (Math and Verbal combined)
ACT - 43 (Math + English)
GRE - 1030 (Verbal + Quantitative)

3.   completion of a criminal background check

4.   evidence of professional liability insurance

5.   completion of a self-evaluation of educator dispositions and candidate information form (via LiveText) See special instructions below.

6.   completion of the Music Education Checkpoint

COURSE OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENTS:

In order to receive an "S" (satisfactory) grade in this course, the following assessments/activities are required:

1.   GPA review – students must provide a copy of their transcript that documents the required GPA for admission to teacher education
2.   GACE I exam (or exemption) – students must document successful performance on the GACE I exam required for admission to teacher education
3.   Completion of ENGL 1101 and 1102 with C or better
4.   Completion of the criminal background check
5.   Purchase of professional liability insurance (must be kept current – expires June 30 every year unless multiple years purchased) See Sheree Hudson in COE Advising Center for SPAGE insurance
6.   Attend a LiveText orientation session where you will complete a self-evaluation of educator dispositions, create an electronic portfolio, and complete a candidate information form.
7.   Pass the Music Education Checkpoint (This is a 3-pronged assessment where you write two essays, undergo a faculty assessment, and complete an interview with music education faculty.)
8.   Meet with Dr. Corbin individually or in a small group; time TBA.

Documentation of the above assessments/activities must be included in your LiveText portfolio or in BANNER. In BANNER, check the Admission to Teacher Education option to monitor your status.

LIVETEXT PURCHASE/ACTIVATION & LIVETEXT FORMS

Please email Ms. Elizabeth Omiteru at eoomiteru@valdosta.edu for any information about LiveText.

All 2999 students must purchase and activate their LiveText accounts no later than Monday, January 30th at 5:30 p.m. Activated accounts will be checked the following day.

Students must attend a mandatory LiveText Orientation session. At this session all students will (1) complete the Disposition Survey, (2) complete the Candidate Information Form, and (3) begin their professional portfolio.

Students must register for one of the orientation sessions through the training portal located at http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/training/

1. Click on online registration
2. Click on VSU Employee/ Student login
3. Login using your BlazeView username and password
4. Register for one of the LiveText orientation sessions you wish to attend.

Students will receive a confirmation email (sent to their VSU email account) with the date, time, and location of the LiveText Orientation session specified.

Please e-mail other inquiries about LiveText to eoomiteru@valdosta.edu ..

Critical LiveText dates for Spring 2013

- Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. – Deadline for purchasing and activating LiveText

Choose **ONE** of the LiveText Orientation Sessions from the following:

- **Wednesday, February 6**   **10:00am OR 2:00pm**
- **Friday, February 8**   **10:00am**
- **Wednesday, February 13**   **10:00am OR 2:00pm**
- **Friday, February 15**   **10:00am**
- **Wednesday, February 20**   **10:00am OR 2:00pm**
- **Friday, February 22**   **10:00am**

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have been in MUE 2999 before but did not pass, you must attend an orientation session. It is abbreviated and will not take but a few minutes to update your record. You cannot pass MUE 2999 unless you attend an orientation session. They are very strict about it.

GACE Information

To register for the GACE test, go to the following website and follow the instructions.

www.gace.nesinc.com

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The university attendance policy will be adhered to in this class.

SPECIAL NEEDS STATEMENT:

Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in the Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (V/VP) and 219-1348 (TTY).

Here is a link to their website:
http://www.valdosta.edu/access/facresources.shtml