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## EDRD 6307 Theoretical Foundations of Reading

### Course Syllabus

#### Course Description

EDRD 6307 Theoretical Foundations of Reading. Three Semester Hours.

Seminar for doctoral students to study and critique major theoretical models and processes of reading . Special emphasis will be given to cognitive, constructivist, and socio-psycholinguistic theories. Psychological, linguistic and physical factors related to reading performance will be explored and special attention will be given to consideration of implications for teaching reading across the grades and across the curriculum. Theoretical models of reading, including developmental, interactive-transactional, and affective models, will be reviewed, with an end to the generation of new research hypotheses and the development of paradigms for improving reading instruction of diverse populations. Prerequisite: Doctoral classification.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of major theoretical models and processes of reading through discussions and written products
- Analyze and critique major research on reading that has influenced current instructional practices.
- 3. Generate new research hypotheses for further investigation of reading processes.
- 4. Develop instructional paradigms for improving reading instruction of diverse populations, across the grades, and across the curriculum.

#### Instructional Activities

- Written Paper. The student will analyze major theories of reading and will write a paper in which
  the student critiques theories based on their application to diverse cultural, ethnic, linguistic,
  developmental, and ability groups making up the student population, and will generate new
  research hypotheses to guide further investigation of reading processes. (150 points)
- Instructional Paradigm. The student will develop an instructional paradigm for improving reading instruction. The student will select a specific student population and the grade level for which the paradigm will be developed. (125 points)
- 3. Seminar Participation. Each student will be required to lead one seminar or a portion of one seminar during the semester. As the leader, the student will be expected to prepare discussion questions/topics for the discussion, and for moderating the discussion. Every student will be required to attend every class session and actively participate by contributing to the discussions. (50 points for leading/moderating + 75 points for participation in all seminar class sessions = 125 pts.)
- 4. Written Mid-term Exam. (100 points)
- 5. Written Final Exam. (100 points)