COURSE PREFIX: EDAD 718 & HIED 718
Doctoral Dissertation
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall Semester, 2012

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

No textbook required.

Course Description:

EDAD 718 & HIED 718 *Doctoral Dissertation* (3 - 12 semester hours) A candidate must present a dissertation acceptable to the student's advisory committee and the Dean for Graduate Studies and Research on a problem in the area of specialization. To be acceptable the dissertation must give evidence that the candidate has pursued a program of research, the results of which reveal superior academic competence and a significant contribution to knowledge.

Student Learning Outcomes:

EDAD 718 & HIED 718 *Doctoral Dissertation* is intended to provide a guided experience in the writing of the dissertation project. The Shell will address the following dissertation project sections.

The Course Shell will provide resources for writing:

- The IRB;
- Chapter One
- Chapter Two
- Chapter Three
- Chapter Four
- Chapter Five

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

This is an online course shell and some obvious technological resources will be required.

Access to a computer with

- o Internet access (high-speed preferred)
- o Microphone for classlive sessions throughout the semester (these run about $10)
- o Speakers so you can hear me and others during our classlive sessions and other audio enhanced assignments throughout the semester.
- o Word processing software (Microsoft Word preferred)

As a student enrolled at Texas A&M University-Commerce, you have access to an email account via myLeo - all my emails sent from eCollege (and all other university emails) will go to this account, so please be sure to check it regularly. Conversely, you are to email me via the eCollege email system or your myLeo email as our spam filters will catch yahoo, hotmail, etc. and I will not check for your email in spam.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

eCollege Technical Concerns: Please contact the eCollege HelpDesk, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. by sending an email directly to helpdesk@online.tamuc.org. You may also reach the HelpDesk by calling (toll-free) 1-866-656-5511, or through the Online Chat by clicking on the "Live Support" tab within your eCollege course.
Course Concerns: If you have questions pertaining to the content of this course (e.g., questions about an exam, about course due dates, etc.), please contact your instructor via email, through the "Virtual Office," or during office hours.
Other Questions/Concerns: Contact the appropriate TAMU-C department relating to your questions/concern. If you are unable to reach the appropriate department with questions regarding your course enrollment, billing, advising, or financial aid, please call 903-886-5511 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement:
Participation & Communication: I expect each of you to be active and thoughtful participants within the learning environment (eCollege) and your learning community. You are to expect the same of me. This includes completing the extensive readings related to course topics, team and/or individual research proposal topics and participation in proposal revision activities (submission of individual draft sections and evaluation of draft sections from other class members).

1. Email is the best way to reach me as I check it daily. A reply will be sent within 12 hours depending upon the time your message was received. Please do not send me panicked last minute emails with the word HELP!!!!!!!! in the subject line. ***HOWEVER.... in order to avoid duplication of questions and answers I prefer that you post all class related questions in the Q&A forum provided each week. It is likely that your peers will have the same question. Emails of a personal nature should be sent to my email address via eCollege.***
2. Or if you want to talk via phone, you may contact me via my cell phone 903-815-7926. Please do not contact me before 9 am or after 9 pm.

COURSE GRADING

A grade of S (Satisfactory) , U (Unsatisfactory), and I (Incomplete) can be assigned for the course. Students receive a grade of I until the dissertation is complete.