

# **Class Handbook**

Introduction, Syllabus, & Assessment

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#### INTRODUCTION

This course is an orientation to the process of second language (SL) curriculum design—planning, development, assessment, and evaluation. You will learn how to apply theory to practice and create effective EFL courses. By the end of the course, you should be able to construct a customized SL learning course that effectively targets one (or several) of the major skills areas (e.g., speaking, reading).

Curriculum Design and Development (CDD) roughly mirrors the process of SL curriculum design itself, and it will guide you through 1) surveying the needs of SL learners, 2) choosing and sequencing course content, 3) adapting/creating instructional material, 4) assessing learning outcomes, and 5) preparing to evaluate the effectiveness of a SL course. Out-of-class work should be anticipated. Pair and group work will be the norm during class.

## Course Aim(s)

CDD has been designed to help students

- create EFL courses from scratch/with the aid of **Al applications** (e.g., for a private institute, to meet IGSE's "curriculum" project graduation requirements).
- modify existing EFL courses (e.g., in a public school teaching context).
- evaluate EFL courses and provide feedback to others (e.g., in the role of "coordinator," "head teacher," or "project manager" in a publishing company).

## Textbook(s)

Nation, P., & Macalister, J. (2010). *Language Curriculum Design*. Routledge. [PDF available] Richards, J. C. (2001). *Curriculum Development in Language Teaching*. Cambridge. [PDF available]

#### **EdTech Resources**

- **1.** PC/laptop (for Zoom meetings, word processing, viewing e-documents)
- 2. Class website: http://class.igse.ac.kr (enrolment key: CDD)
- 3. ChatGPT, Microsoft Word

# **S**YLLABUS

FOCUS	UNIT	CONTENT
	_	Curriculum Design and Development (Preview) Reading: N/A
Planning	01	Teaching English for Specific Purposes Reading: See class website
	02	Environment and Needs Analysis Reading: See class website
	03	Questionnaire and Interview Design Reading: See class website
	04	Diagnostic Testing Reading: See class website
	05	Course Aims and Learning Objectives Reading: See class website
	_	Knowledge Test 1 (Units 1–5) / Project: Preparation Reading: N/A
Apply	_	<b>Project:</b> "Parts 1–2 + Course Aims" <b>submission</b> Reading: N/A
Development	06	Syllabus Design Reading: See class website
	07	Teaching Receptive Skills Reading: See class website
	08	Teaching Language Systems Reading: See class website
	09	Teaching Productive Skills Reading: See class website
	10	Course Assessment and Evaluation Reading: See class website
	_	<b>Knowledge Test 2</b> (Units 6–10) / <b>Project</b> : Preparation Reading: N/A
Apply	_	Project: Course Proposal submission Reading: N/A

**Note:** Syllabus subject to change (depending on national holidays). See class website for updates.

# **A**SSESSMENT

Due	Weight	Assignment
Continuous Week 7/14	20% 30%	<ol> <li>Participation</li> <li>Knowledge Tests</li> </ol>
Week 15	50%	3. Project: Course Proposal

# 1. Participation

Grades will be awarded based on the following criteria:

**1.** Punctuality (e.g., arriving to class on time)

2. Preparedness (e.g., having homework done before class)

**3.** Engagement (e.g., working on activities/group work meaningfully)

**TOTAL** 

■ See the file "Participation—Grading Criteria" on the class website.

#### **Submission**

Due Date: Continuous

Format: N/A

# 2. Knowledge Tests

There will be two knowledge tests: Week 7 (Units 1–5) and Week 14 (Units 6–10).

Part A	Key terms	Provide the correct <b>term</b> for <b>3–5</b> definitions (2 points each)	
Part B	Knowledge	10 multiple choice items (1 point each)	
Part C	Text analysis (optional)	E.g., a questionnaire, an assessment instrument, some coursebook teaching material (1 point for each correct answer)	

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**TOTAL** 20

#### **Submission**

Due Date: Weeks 7/14

Electronic via the class website Format:

# 3. Project: Course Proposal

Work individually (or in groups of 2–3). Plan and design a novel second language course proposal for a target learner group you are familiar with. The project assignment consists of five parts:

- Part 1. Research area
- Part 2. Environment and needs analysis
- Part 3. Course design
- Part 4. Assessment and evaluation plan
- Part 5. Conclusion
- See the file "CDD Project—Course Proposal" on the class website.

# **Assessment Criteria** (represents weighting\*)

TOTAL	50
5. Use of academic English and accuracy of APA style referencing *	_
4. Assessment and evaluation plan **	_
3. Course design ****	_
2. Environment and needs analysis ****	
1. Research area **	_

#### Submission

Due Date: Weeks 8/15

Format: Electronic (Microsoft Word) via the class website