Bicultural Bilingual Studies (BBL) Courses

BBL 2023. Multiculturalism in the Southwest. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A panoramic study of the concept of culture and the social dynamics of exchange among those ethnic groups that determine the multicultural milieu of the Southwest. Examination of cultural differences and similarities among all peoples of the region and the role of multiculturalism in politics, education, economics, religion, and everyday life. (Same as MAS 2023. Credit Cannot be earned for both BBL 2023 and MAS 2023.).

BBL 2243. Globalizing the Local: Bilingual Families, Communities, and Schools. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. (TCCN = ANTH 2351)
This course examines the interrelatedness among families, communities, and schools in supporting the achievement of Latina/o bilingual children. Taking a local approach to a global phenomenon—preparing bilingual/multilingual children in an increasingly interconnected world, this course explores how historical, political, and social factors influence access to a quality education. Issues pertaining to cultural transmission and maintenance of transnational ties will also be addressed. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

BBL 3013. Language Analysis and Bilingualism. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Survey of concepts in descriptive and contrastive linguistics; analysis of language contact phenomena, including cross-linguistic transfer, language alternation, and bilingualism. Offered in Spanish and English.

BBL 3023. Mexican American Culture. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of Mexican American cultural distinctiveness in the areas of biculturalism, cultural production, and social organization. Topics may include family and kinship, folklore, health, language, music, and religion.

BBL 3033. Mexican Americans in the Southwest. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Historical foundations of the United States–Mexico biculturalism in the Southwest. An examination of the historical forces that created and shaped the Mexican American people as a bicultural community. Attention is given to Mexican American contributions in arts, economics, literature, and politics. (Same as MAS 3033. Credit cannot be earned for both BBL 3033 and MAS 3033.).

BBL 3043. Social Psychological Considerations in Mexican American Communities. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A cross-cultural and social psychological study of human development, interethnic communication, stereotyping, learning styles, or other topics relevant to the bicultural setting. (Same as MAS 3043. Credit cannot be earned for both BBL 3043 and MAS 3043.).

BBL 3053. Foundations of Bilingual Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Investigation of the philosophies and theories of schooling in bilingual societies, with focus on language policy and the sociological, psychological, and legal aspects involved. A minimum of six hours of field experience is required. (Formerly BBL 4023. Credit cannot be earned for both BBL 3053 and BBL 4023.).

BBL 3133. Language Development in Bilinguals. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A study of bilingual language development in its social and cultural contexts. Emphasis on factors affecting successful bilingual language development in schools and communities.

BBL 3143. Children’s Literature for Bilingual Learners. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with oral and written children’s literature in bilingual programs. Focus is on bilingual students’ affective, linguistic, and literacy needs through appropriate instruction with authentic literature. Emphasis on Mexican American cultural experiences as well as universal themes. Taught in Spanish and English. Field experience required.

BBL 3403. Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in a Pluralistic Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Examination of sociolinguistic and sociocultural principles central to culturally diverse settings, including the classroom. Topics include educational equity, segregated schooling, the achievement gap, hegemony, and social dominance theory. Various pedagogical practices will be explored to identify culturally inclusive responses. Fifteen hours of field experience are required. Field experience required.

BBL 4003. Spanish for Bilingual Instructional Delivery. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Designed to improve the Spanish proficiencies of bilingual classroom teachers. Study of the grammar, writing conventions, and vocabulary for effective communication and instructional delivery in a formal bilingual classroom setting. Taught in Spanish.

BBL 4013. Advanced Spanish for Bilingual Teaching and Learning. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BBL 4003 or departmental permission. Advanced study of formal academic Spanish for future bilingual educators. Extensive practice in reading and creating authentic didactic materials, instructional delivery, and effective communication with Spanish-speaking parents and community members. Taught in Spanish.
BBL 4033. Assessment, Learning, and Motivation in Bicultural-Bilingual Classrooms. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to a Bilingual Generalist Teacher Certification Program; BBL 3053, RDG 3823, and successful completion of the ALPS (Assessment of Language Proficiency in Spanish) sequence. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4063, BBL 4073, and BBL 4403 for Bilingual Generalist EC–6 Teacher Certification majors. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4063 and BBL 4073 for Bilingual Generalist 4–8 Teacher Certification majors. A survey of learning and motivation theory and examination of evaluation and assessment procedures in bicultural-bilingual settings, including formal and informal assessment of language proficiency and learning for instructional purposes. The appropriate use of standardized tests with language minority populations will be included. Field experience is required. Taught in Spanish and English.

BBL 4063. Bilingual Approaches to Content-Based Learning. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to a Bilingual Generalist Teacher Certification Program; BBL 3053, RDG 3823, and successful completion of the ALPS (Assessment of Language Proficiency in Spanish) sequence. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4033, BBL 4073, and BBL 4403 for Bilingual Generalist EC–6 Teacher Certification majors. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4033 and BBL 4073 for Bilingual Generalist 4–8 Teacher Certification majors. An investigation of appropriate first language usage in bilingual classrooms, focusing on the different content areas, appropriate terminology for native language instruction, and the study of languages distribution strategies. Field experience required. Taught in Spanish.

BBL 4073. Language Arts in a Bicultural-Bilingual Program. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to a Bilingual Generalist Teacher Certification Program; BBL 3053, RDG 3823, and successful completion of the ALPS (Assessment of Language Proficiency in Spanish) sequence. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4033, BBL 4063, and BBL 4403 for Bilingual Generalist EC–6 Teacher Certification majors. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4033 and BBL 4063 for Bilingual Generalist 4–8 Teacher Certification majors. An examination of theories, instructional strategies, texts and materials for biliteracy development in the elementary bilingual classroom. Emphasis on the integrated use of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in content area teaching. Field experience required. Taught in Spanish.

BBL 4353. Approaches to Teaching Science EC–6. (2-2) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to the Teacher Certification Program; BBL 3053, IDS 2403, IDS 2413, IDS 3201, and IDS 3211. A study of pedagogical approaches, materials, and resources designed to support children’s meaningful exploration, discovery, and construction of basic concepts and processes common to all sciences, development of effective learning environments for science both inside and outside of the classroom, planning and implementation of inquiry-based science lessons, assessment of student learning, and the use of an integrated approach to teaching. Restricted course; advisor code required for registration. Field experiences required. (Same as C&I 4353. Credit cannot be earned for both BBL 4353 and C&I 4353.).

BBL 4403. Approaches to Teaching Mathematics EC–6. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to Bilingual Generalist EC–6 Teacher Certification Program; BBL 3053, RDG 3823, and successful completion of the ALPS (Assessment of Language Proficiency in Spanish) sequence. Must be taken concurrently with BBL 4033, BBL 4063, and BBL 4073 for Bilingual Generalist EC–6 Teacher Certification majors. This course involves the study of instructional methods and materials that support diverse children’s meaningful exploration, discovery, and development of basic concepts and skills in mathematics from EC–Grade 6. Emphasizing a constructivist approach to the teaching and learning of mathematics, this course also advances the use of technology to facilitate mathematics understanding. Attention will be given to understanding the interrelatedness of mathematics and other content areas, creating effective learning environments, planning and implementing lesson plans to meet the differentiated needs of a wide variety of learners, and assessing student learning in mathematics. Restricted course; advisor code required for registration. Field experiences required. (Same as C&I 4403. Credit cannot be earned for both BBL 4403 and C&I 4403.).

BBL 4913. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Permission in writing (form available) from the instructor, the student’s advisor, and the Department Chair in which the course is offered. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 semester credit hours of independent study, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor’s degree.

BBL 4953. Special Studies in Bilingual and Bicultural Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. An organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. Special Studies may be repeated for credit when the topics vary, but not more than 6 semester credit hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor’s degree. To apply credit earned in BBL 4953 toward a minor, consent of the academic advisor is required.