HDE 140L: Laboratory in Early Childhood

Sample syllabus - specific dates and places subject to change

Instructor:	Classroom Lead Teachers:
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Course Summary

This practicum surveys theory, research, and practice-based knowledge of child development in an applied early childhood setting. Students will implement developmental principles as they interact with young children under the guidance of experts in the field of early care and learning. Course topics include: bridging developmental theory and early educational practice; observation as a tool for research and reflective practice; the social context of language and cognitive development; development of self, relationships, and socioemotional competence; and diversity and inclusion in early learning settings. Emphasis will be placed on observation and hands-on learning. Readings will be utilized to further knowledge of child development, promote reflection and application, and prompt dynamic discussion during weekly meetings. Written assignments are intended to explore applied research skills, and develop academic and professional writing.

Learning Goals

In this course, students will develop knowledge and practical skills for communicating and interacting with young children in a variety of educational, medical, social, and clinical work settings.

By the end of this quarter, students will be able to:

- 1. **Connect** research findings with observations and knowledge of child development and best practices for interacting and communicating with young children.
- 2. **Apply** foundational speech and communication caregiving skills.
- 3. **Use** observation, reflection, and documentation to develop a critical thinking "lens" through which to view and support high-quality interactions with young children.
- Explore models for social communication with children and families and personalize interactions to match preferred style and cultural norms.
- 5. **Scaffold** children's learning to support cognitive development and self-help skills.

- 6. **Reflect** on the form and function of children's challenging behavior and **provide** developmentally appropriate guidance strategies to help children meet expectations.
- 7. **Model, teach, and coach** appropriate peer play and friendship skills.
- 8. **Apply** knowledge of self and others to improve the goodness of fit and guide children towards flexibility.
- 9. **Promote** divergent thinking skills and **encourage** children's creative problem solving.
- 10. Explore the development of identity of self and others through a multicultural lens
- 11. **Identify** inclusive, equitable, and responsive practices in order to support positive identity development (self, social, and cultural), address bias, and foster understanding and appreciation of individual differences.

Office Hours

While there are no set office hours, students may request an individual phone, video, or in-person meeting with the instructor at a mutually acceptable time.

Mid-quarter conference

All students meet at least once per quarter with the course instructor to reflect on their ability to meet lab requirements and implement described caregiving techniques. Using the *Performance Appraisal Form* (available on Canvas), **you** will assess your participation and performance in the Early Childhood Laboratory. During the meeting, you and the instructor will review your strengths and discuss areas that may need improvement. Such information should be used as a basis for further growth in the early childhood lab experience.

Many students express an interest in receiving more one-on-one support from the instructor. A second series of appointments will be made available to students later in the quarter; this second meeting is completely voluntary.

Evaluation

This course will require you to **integrate** key concepts learned from previous courses, presented research, lecture content, assigned readings, and personal experiences. There are often no "right answers" for the questions posed in this course. This can cause discomfort in some students, as it differs from the standard way of assessing learning they may have encountered in other academic courses. The instructor will support individual **learning styles** throughout the quarter to instill **curiosity** and **critical thinking** in our community of learners. Students will also be expected to engage in **reflective practice**: the ability to reflect on one's actions so as to engage in a process of **continuous learning**. Students are encouraged to be **thoughtful**, **intentional**, **clear**, **and concise** in their class participation and writing assignments. The instructor will provide detailed **feedback** on written assignments; students are responsible for critically reviewing feedback and using that information to modify future assignments. The intent of this course design is for students to leave with a deep **understanding** of content and an ability to **apply** that knowledge in a variety of settings. It is understood that each student enters the course with different levels of knowledge and experiences; the instructor is looking for **growth** across the quarter, not perfection.

The table below provides a clear breakdown of the assignments that make up final course grade:

Assignments & Grade Breakdown			Total Points Possible	Weight (% of Grade)
Engagement in Practicum	Performance Appraisal Form (PAF) As observed over the duration of the quarter by course instructor and professional staff 100 points		100	35%
Group	Weekly Discussion	10 weekly discussions 25 points/discussion	420	
Participation	Lab Discussion	9 daily discussions 20 points/discussion	430	10%
	Syllabus Survey	15 points		
Surveys	Mid Quarter Survey	15 points	45	5%
	Final Survey	15 points		
Written — Assignments	Mid-Quarter Conference PAF Self Eval	50 points		
	Journals	50 points/each 2 journals		
	Field Notes	85 points/each 4 Field Notes (Field Note 1- 40 points)	630 50%	
	Final Project: Applied Writing Assignment	100 points		
Final Grade Grades will be rounded up from 0.5%				
A+ (97-100%) A (93-96%) A- (90-92%)	B+ (87-89%) B (83-86%) B- (80-82%)	C+ (77-79%) C (73-76%) C- (70-72%)	D+ (67-69%) D (63-66%) D- (60-62%)	F < 60%

Late Work: Planning ahead and meeting deadlines are essential life skills; use this course to practice organization, time management, and task completion. Late assignments <u>without prior approval</u> will **not** be accepted. It is understood that unforeseen circumstances can occur; there is built-in flexibility with assignment submission. See **Field Notes** under **Course Format** below.

Course Website

Canvas

All course content (readings, PPT slides, assignments, grading rubrics), feedback, and announcements will be available on and made through the Canvas site. Students are responsible for checking the site regularly for announcements/messages.

If you need assistance with Canvas, please contact the IT EXPRESS Help Desk (530)-754-HELP (4357) or ithelp@ucdavis.edu.

Course Format

This course mixes direct instruction, collaborative learning, and individual exploration. It is **not** a passive class experience. Students will be expected to engage in whole-class discussion, group work, and both small group and 1-1 conversations with peers and instructors. Use this course as an opportunity to grow in both your oral and written communication skills.

Engagement in Practicum (35%)

Performance Appraisal Form: Students will be expected to internalize content from weekly discussion and apply highlighted skills in lab section the following week. Skills build upon each other weekly; by the end of the quarter, **each students' performance in the course will be assessed using a cumulative version of the** *Performance Appraisal Form* **(see** *Engagement in Practicum Rubric* **on Canvas).**

Group Participation (10%)

Weekly Discussion: Weekly discussion is an opportunity to synthesize theory, research, and practice by raising questions and voicing concerns, and by examining your own personal biases and beliefs about young children. Topics pertinent to the growth and well-being of the children in your care will be addressed via lecture, videos, group discussion, and class experiences. Weekly Discussion PPT slides will be posted for students to review prior to class. Class is held:

Thursdays from 4:15-6:00 PM in OLSON 141

Attendance and participation is <u>expected</u> at these meetings. See more details under the <u>Attendance</u> section below. Rubric available on Canvas.

Lab: Students work **two days** per week (M/W or T/R) in a classroom at the Early Childhood Laboratory (ECL), UC Davis. Lab hours are as follows:

Morning Program: 8:15 AM – 11:45 AM Afternoon Program: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Lab Discussion: The last 15 minutes of each lab workday are devoted to a discussion of the daily events and observations. This **lab discussion** is an opportunity to ask questions and to share frustrations and successes. Monday and Tuesday discussions are dedicated to discussing the follow-up reading; more general discussions occur on Wednesday and Thursday. Each student is **expected** to take part in this discussion and to use it as an opportunity to practice group participation skills. Rubric available on Canvas.

Surveys (5%)

Surveys are intended to offer feedback to the course instructor regarding: student's access and understanding of expectations (syllabus survey), instructor facilitation of learning (mid-quarter survey), and overall course evaluation and experience (final survey). These surveys are graded as "all or nothing": if you complete the survey, you will receive full points.

Written Assignments (50%)

Journals: Once at the beginning of the quarter, and again at the close, you will be required to write a journal entry reflecting on your experience in the ECL Preschool. Prompts are provided

in the template; please provide detailed responses to each. Template and rubric available on Canvas.

Field Notes: Field Notes are intended to sharpen your observation and reflective practice skills, as well as to prompt the application of research to practice. Each week, students will complete an assignment containing two components:

- Observe: Objective record of a brief moment in time
- <u>Reflect</u>: Interpretation and reflection of observation using course themes/topics and assigned readings

Specific instructions for writing style and content will be reviewed in weekly discussion. Weekly topics and rubric available on canvas.

There will be a total of <u>six assigned</u> field notes; only <u>five</u> will count towards your final grade. **All students** <u>must</u> complete Field Note 1 and 2. Afterwards, you may choose not to write one, or you may choose to write all six, and have the lowest score dropped from your final grade.

Final Project: At the end of the quarter, students will complete an **applied writing assignment.** The goal is to synthesize key concepts from the course to develop a piece of professional writing geared towards a specific audience. Students are encouraged to consider their educational and professional goals when choosing their topic and format and when completing the assignment. Students will choose from the following formats:

- Infographic
- Grant Proposal

Preparation for the final project will begin in Week 7; weekly deliverables will be due to ensure adequate time management, provide constructive feedback, and support the development of the final project. Deliverables include: format/topic selection, concept map, and outline. Instructions and rubric available on Canvas.

Course Readings

Students will be expected to read two to three articles each week. These readings were chosen to prompt discussion, stimulate thinking about your lab experiences, present current research, and offer ideas for enhancing and extending your caregiving approaches.

Readings are available on Canvas:

- **Preparatory Readings** should be <u>read in advance weekly discussion</u> and are meant to prime your brain on a specific subject in preparation of delving deeper at discussion.
- Follow-up Articles are intended to provide an extension of weekly themes and course content. They should be <u>read after weekly discussion</u>, <u>prior to Monday/Tuesday lab</u> (depending on assigned section). Articles will highlight current research in the field of early education and/or child development. They will have direct implications for your work in program with young children and should be <u>used in your field notes</u>.

Course Videos

Students will be expected to watch a preparatory video each week prior to weekly discussion. The content of the video will help provide background context on a specific subject related to the weekly discussion topic. These foundational videos are compulsory to one's learning and successful participation at weekly discussion.

Attendance

Reliable attendance for both lab and weekly discussion is expected. **The children and staff rely on you, and your presence is critical to them.** By choosing to sign up for this course, it means you understand the attendance and participation requirements.

It is important to <u>arrive on time</u> for lab each day (<u>no later than 8:15</u> am for AM programs and 12:30 for PM programs). Before the children arrive, the CDDL will discuss critical information for that day. It also allows you the time to set intentions for the approaches that you will put into practice with children. Late arrivals reflect on your professionalism, a criteria of your final grade. Students sign in for each lab workday. If you do not sign in on the sheet, you will be marked as late.

Missed Lab and/or Weekly Discussion: In the event you cannot attend on a scheduled day, you are responsible for emailing your instructor before 7:45 AM (morning program) or 12:00 PM (afternoon program). Please refer to the *Orientation Handouts* for more details on our Health Policy. Missed Lab sessions must be made up in order to complete the required 70 hours for the practicum (*May vary dependent on university holidays*). Please arrange make-ups with the course instructor.

In the case of a missed Weekly Discussion, students are responsible for reviewing course content (available on CANVAS) and submitting written notes from videos, discussion questions, and/or activities that occurred during the class. Notes are due within one week after the missed class. Peer consultation is also encouraged to actively engage with the information discussed and presented.

In the case of COVID-related absences, your instructor will work with individual students to develop appropriate accommodations. This may include scheduling make-up days for missed lab sessions; remote participation for weekly discussion; and alternative writing assignments.

Students with excessive absences may be encouraged by their instructor to take an Incomplete, with the intent to return and complete the course when circumstances allow.

If you do not think you are able to meet the attendance and participation requirements of this course, please contact your instructor as soon as possible.

Course Communication

- Check your email and Canvas regularly for announcements, resources, important information, and syllabus updates. Instructor will send out preparatory announcements prior to weekly meetings, along with follow-up announcements following weekly meetings.
- Use proper etiquette when emailing your instructor. See this medium article for specific examples.
- Instructor will attempt to respond to student emails within 48 hours. If you have not received a reply from your instructor within 48 hours, please resend your email.
- Instructor will attempt to grade written work within one week of submission.
- Students are responsible for reading all written feedback on graded assignments and using the edits and commentary to inform future assignments.

• Open, respectful communication is highly valued. Please do not hesitate to contact your instructor for clarification, questions, and discussion.

Accommodations:

Students registered with the <u>Student Disability Center</u> (SDC) are responsible for contacting the instructor to confirm their need for SDC-specified accommodations. Course instructor will comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, making reasonable accommodations upon request. Contact the SDC at (530) 752-3184 with questions or concerns.

Academic Integrity:

The University of California, Davis has a <u>Code of Academic Conduct</u> administered by the <u>Office of Judicial Affairs</u> (OJJSA). This exists to support high standards of behavior and to ensure fair evaluation of student learning. You are responsible for knowing and abiding by these standards. To protect intellectual property rights, course content and materials are for educational use and may be used solely for the purposes of individual or group study with other students enrolled in the class this quarter. <u>They may not be reproduced or shared in any way (including electronically or posting in any web environment)</u> with those not in the class this quarter; except with explicit written permission of instructor. This includes, but is not limited to: assignments and visual materials such as slides and handouts. Students who violate this policy will be reported to OSSJA. To protect individual personal privacy, any video recordings of class discussion are meant to be used for educational purposes, for the students enrolled in the class for this quarter. <u>Students may not take recordings of peers' images and/or voice, as it is in direct violation of FERPA</u>, a federal privacy law.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

UC Davis is a diverse community comprised of individuals from a multitude of backgrounds and experiences, having many perspectives and identities, with distinct needs and goals. We recognize that to create an inclusive and intellectually vibrant community, we must understand and value both our individual differences and our common ground. Together we must create a safe, inclusive, and equitable learning community for all our members. Doing so advances our own knowledge and expresses our care and respect for one another. Through active engagement with course materials and with your own experiences and perspectives, we will learn more about how diversity increases our own awareness and knowledge around major course themes. Creating this inclusive learning community of care is an important strategy in implementing our UC Davis Principles of Community. Members of our community are expected to treat each other with respect and dignity, to refrain from displays of inappropriate anger or intimidating conduct, to shun epithets or abusive language, and to find effective means to disagree, to persuade and to inform through rational discussion. Please let the course Instructor or Teaching Assistant know if anyone is making you uncomfortable and we will take action to help. We also endeavor to make course materials equitable, accessible and inclusive to all students. Suggestions to increase access and inclusion of course materials and activities are encouraged and appreciated. Course Instructor wholeheartedly supports and follows the Department of Human Ecology's racial justice statement and action plan.

Please note that instructors and TAs are required to report certain information related to students' health and safety, including, but not limited to: information related to sexual violence or harm to self or others. Please be aware if you share anything personal that falls into one of these categories that

your instructor or TA may be required to relay this information to the relevant reporting agency. If you are experiencing distress and would like to discuss this with a confidential resource, please reach out to your instructor or teaching assistant, and they can connect you with confidential resources.

Campus Resources:

There are a multitude of resources at your disposal on campus:

Office of Educational Opportunity and Enrichment Services (OEOES) https://opportunity.ucdavis.edu/	Academic Assistance and Tutoring Centers (AATC) 530.752.2013 https://tutoring.ucdavis.edu/
Technical Assistance 530.754.4357 https://iet.ucdavis.edu/support	Career Resources 530.752.2855 https://icc.ucdavis.edu/
Center for Advocacy Resources and Education (CARE) CARE advocates provide confidential help for individuals experiencing any form of sexual violence. 530.752.3299 https://care.ucdavis.edu/	Counseling Services Student-centered mental health services, advocacy, outreach, and consultation. 530.752.2300 https://shcs.ucdavis.edu
Student Health and Wellness Center	Emergency and Short-Term Loan Programs
Advice Nurse: 530.752.2349 https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/about/shwc	530.752.2416 https://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/loans/short-term
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For more comprehensive lists of additional campus student resources, please use the following links:

https://ebeler.faculty.ucdavis.edu/resources/faq-student-resources/https://ucdavis.app.box.com/s/3hfpl94pubh73xwjudx4rux1zatkx9bi

Please also view the "Student Academic, Health, and Well-Being Resources" page on Canvas.

<u>Calendar of Requirements</u> Winter 2023

Detailed assignment instructions and grading rubrics available on Canvas

Module	Topic of Study	<u>To-Do</u>	
1	Course	Expectation	<u>Action</u>
	Introduction & Foundational Caregiving Skills Learning Goal (L.G.) 1	Meet	Attend Student Orientation Monday, January 9 th OR Tuesday, January 10 th • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program)
		Prepare	Read Syllabus thoroughly Review Canvas Site Watch ECL Introductory Video
		Meet 1.11-1.12	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion
		Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 1 Thursday, January 12 th from 4:15-6:00 PM in Olson 141
		Review	<u>Take</u> Syllabus Survey <u>Due:</u> Sunday, January 15 th by 11:59 PM
		Reflect	Complete Journal 1 Due: Sunday, January 22 nd by 11:59 PM
		Extend	Read (prior to M/T Lab Discussion): Roles and Responsibilities of an early Childhood Teacher (Adapted from ChildCare Education Institute)
	Meet 1.17-1.19 *No lab 1.16*	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion	
2	2 Observation and Reflective Practice	Expectation	Action
		Prepare	Read: How to Increase your Powers of Observations (Murphy Paul, 2012) Watch: Using the Ladder of Inference

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L.G. 2 L.G. 9	Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 2 Thursday, January 19 th from 4:15-6:00 PM in Olson 141	
	Extend	Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): Why Observe Children? (PennState Extension, 2018)	
	Meet 1.23-1.26	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion	
		Observe	Assignment: Field Note 1 Due: Sunday, January 29 th by 11:59 PM
3	The Art of Communication	Expectation	Action
	L.G. 1 L.G. 3 L.G. 9	Prepare	Read: My Students Don't Know How to Have a Conversation (Barnwell, 2014) Watch: Language Development Background Video
		Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 3 Thursday, January 26 th from 4:15-6:00 PM in Olson 141
		Extend	Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): Influence of Language Nutrition on Children's Language and Cognitive Development (Zauche et al., 2016)
		Meet 1.30-2.2	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion
		Observe	Assignment: Field Note 2 Due: Sunday, February 5 th by 11:59 PM
4	Scaffolding Skill Development	Expectation	<u>Action</u>
	L.G. 1 L.G. 4	Prepare	Read: In Praise of Better Praise (Konnikova, 2014) Watch: Theorist Review Background Video
L.G. 4 L.G. 9		Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 4 Thursday, February 2 nd from 4:15-6:00 PM in Olson 141

Extend Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): S Children's Investigations: Guiding Bell Engaging the Mind (Forman, ND)	
Meet 2.6-2.9 Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section ■ 8:15-11:45 AM (morning programmed) ■ 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon programmed) Participate in Lab Discussion	gram)
Observe Assignment: Field Note 3 Due: Sunday, February 12 th by 11:59	PM
5 Scaffolding <u>Expectation</u> <u>Action</u>	
Behavior and Emotional Development L.G. 1 Behavior and Emotional Prepare Read: Offering Children Choices: Enco	5 5
L.G. 5 L.G. 9 Meet Attend and Participate: Weekly Discu Thursday, February 9 th from 4:15-6:0	
Extend Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): 7	TBD
Evaluate Complete: Mid-Quarter Survey Due: Sunday, February 12 th by 11:59	PM
Meet 2.13-2.16 Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section ■ 8:15-11:45 AM (morning programmed) ■ 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon programmed) Participate in Lab Discussion	gram)
Observe Assignment: Field Note 4 Due: Sunday, February 19 th by 11:59	PM
6 Scaffolding <u>Expectation</u> <u>Action</u>	
6 Scaffolding Social Development L.G. 1 L.G. 6 L.G. 9 Expectation Prepare Read or Listen: Preschool—The Best of Program (NPR, 2011) Why Emotional Learning May Be As I ABCs (NPR, 2014) Watch: Play in Early Childhood Backg	Important As the

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		Extend	Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): <i>Understanding Nonsocial Play in Early Childhood</i> (Luckey & Fabes, 2006)
	Meet 2.21-2.23 *No program 2.20	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) ■ 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) ■ 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion	
		Observe	Assignment: Field Note 5 Due: Sunday, February 26 th by 11:59 PM
7	Individual	Expectation	<u>Action</u>
	Differences Part 1:	Prepare	Read: Don't Call Introverted Children 'Shy' (Cain, 2012)
	L.G. 1	Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 7 Thursday, February 23 rd from 4:15-6:00 PM
	L.G. 7 L.G. 9	Extend	Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): TBD
		Deliver	Submit: Final Project Deliverable #1- Format & Topic Selection Due: Sunday, February 26 th by 11:59 PM
		Meet 2.27-3.2	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion
		Observe	Assignment: Field Note 6 Due: Sunday, March 5 th by 11:59 PM
8	21st Century	Expectation	<u>Action</u>
	Skills L.G. 1 L.G. 11	Prepare	Read: TBD Watch: TBD
		Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 8 Thursday, March 2 nd from 4:15-6:00 PM
		Extend	Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): TBD
	Deliver	<u>Submit:</u> Final Project Deliverable #2- Resource Summary	

			Due: Sunday, March 5 th by 11:59 PM
		Meet 3.6-3.9	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion
9	9 Individual Differences Part 2: Identity Development; Diversity, Equity, and	Expectation	<u>Action</u>
		Prepare	Read: Is It Possible to Teach Children to Be Less Prejudiced? (Machado, 2014) Watch: Workshop on Promoting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
	Inclusion L.G. 1	Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 9 Thursday, March 9 th from 4:15-6:00 PM
	L.G. 8 L.G. 9	Extend	Read (prior to T/W Lab Discussion): Conversations that Matter: Talking with Children About Big World Issues (Olson-Edwards & Derman-Sparks, 2021)
		Deliver	Submit: Final Project Deliverable #3- Graphic Organizer Due: Sunday, March 12 th by 11:59 PM
		Meet 3.13-3.16	Attend Lab (Based on Assigned Section- M/W or T/R) • 8:15-11:45 AM (morning program) • 12:30-4:00 PM (afternoon program) Participate in Lab Discussion
10	Course	Expectation	<u>Action</u>
	Summary L.G. 1 L.G. 11	Prepare	Read: The New Preschool Is Crushing Kids (Christakis, 2016)
		Meet	Attend and Participate: Weekly Discussion 10 Thursday, March 16 th from 4:15-6:00 PM
		Reflect	Complete: Journal 2 Due: Sunday, March 19 th by 11:59 PM
	Apply	Complete and Submit: Final Project- Applied Writing Assignment Due: Sunday, March 19 th by 11:59 PM	
		Evaluate	Complete: Final Survey Due: Sunday, March 19 th by 11:59 PM