CUIN 6398: Special Problems  
Section_________ Spring 2007

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When possible, and in accordance with 504/ADA guidelines, we will attempt to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who request and require them. Please call the Center for Students with Disabilities at ext. 3-5400 for more assistance.

Additional Course Policies and Procedures:

The following information is designed to help the class run smoothly. The instructor reserves the right to make additions and adjustments as necessary.

Statement on Course Materials: Prior to committing to this course, please carefully review the syllabus. If you have a concern, please discuss it with me at your earliest convenience.

Required Texts  
No required text.

Description of Course  
This course is for graduate students who wish to conduct research for their candidacy paper, thesis or area of interest.

Objectives of the course  
Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able to give a lecture or presentation on the selected topic (second language acquisition theory, methods, or related topic).

Course Requirements  
There are three main components to the course:
- Bi-weekly reflection or essays over chapters in textbook.
- Mid-semester report that outlines your work thus far completed.
- Final report consists of work completed on selected topic (second language acquisition theory, methods, or related topic). Upon completion of project, the instructor may allow student to choose to either demonstrate a Power Point presentation or submit a term paper.

**Grading Criteria**

Total points for this class: ###

- Six Bi-Weekly reports 10 points ..................60 points
- Mid-semester report ..................................20 points
- Final report .............................................20 points

90-100 ................................................. A
80-89 ................................................. B
70-79 .................................................. C
60-69 .................................................. D
59 and below ................................. F

Students are expected to abide by the university's academic honesty policy in all matters concerning this course. ([http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk/acad/achonpol.html](http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk/acad/achonpol.html)). In particular, plagiarism, “Representing as one’s own work the work of another without acknowledging the source,” whether intentional or unintentional, will not be tolerated.

* **Important dates in the academic calendar:**

**January 29, 2007** – Official Reporting Day, last day to drop a course without hours counting towards the Enrollment Cap for Texas Residents

**February 9, 2007** – Last day to file university application for graduation

**February 13, 2007** – Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.

**March 12-17, 2007** - Spring Break

**April 3, 2007** – Last day to drop a course or withdraw

**April 30, 2007** - Last day of classes

**May 1, 2007** - Make up day for all classes canceled by the university.

**May 8, 2007** - Final Exam

**May 11, 2007** - Official Closing