



*UNLV – College of Education  
Preparing Professionals for Changing Educational Contexts*

**Department of Teaching and Learning  
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**Course Information**

I.	<b>Prefix &amp; Number</b>	CIE 634
II.	<b>Title</b>	Integrated STEM Curriculum and Research
III.	<b>Credits</b>	3 Credit hours
IV.	<b>Semester</b>	
V.	<b>Instructor</b>	
VI.	<b>Office/Phone/Email</b>	
VII.	<b>Class Location</b>	
VIII.	<b>Office Hours</b>	
IX.	<b>Prerequisites</b>	--
X.	<b>Course Description (Course Introduction)</b>	Examines elementary STEM curriculum programs and STEM education research conducted in K-8 school settings.

**XI. Knowledge Objectives**

**Upon completion of this course students will be able to meet the following objectives:**

<p><b>Objectives:</b> After completion of this course, the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge Describe and analyze the current <b>K-8 STEM Education Curriculum.</b></li> <li>Describe and analyze the current <b>K-8 STEM Education Standards</b> in the United States.</li></ul>
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- Performance Skills

**Analyze** the components of **K-8 STEM Education Programs**.

Synthesize K-8 STEM education **theoretical research and application literature** into models of effective STEM education teaching.

Demonstrate **collaborative skills** for professional development

- Dispositions

Demonstrate a **positive and professional attitude** toward STEM education and STEM education research

Demonstrate **reflective habits of mind** for professional development.

- Results

Demonstrate the ability to **conduct action research** based on Integrated K-8 STEM Education curriculum.

**XII. RESULTS**

Course Objectives	Measurement/Evaluation
Describe and analyze the current <b>K-8 STEM Education Curriculum</b> .	Weekly readings and class discussions
Describe and analyze the current <b>K-8 STEM Education Standards</b> in the United States.	Weekly readings and class discussions
Synthesize K-8 STEM education <b>theoretical research and application literature</b> into models of effective STEM education teaching.	Weekly readings of STEM education literature and class discussions  Literature review paper related to action research project
<b>Analyze</b> the components of <b>K-8 STEM Education Programs</b>	Written report critically analyzing the components of a STEM Program
Demonstrate the ability to <b>conduct action research</b> on based on integrated K-8 STEM Education curriculum	Action research report

Demonstrate <b>collaborative skills</b> for professional development	All aspects of class
Demonstrate <b>a positive and professional attitude</b> toward STEM education and STEM education research	All aspects of class
Demonstrate <b>reflective habits of mind</b> for professional development.	All aspects of class

### XIII. COURSE RESOURCES

#### Required Materials:

Next Generation Science Standards Lead States. (2013). Next generation science standards: For states, by states. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

Also available online at <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>

National Research Council (2012). *A framework for K-12 science education: Practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press. <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/13165/a-framework-for-k-12-science-education-practices-crosscutting-concepts>

### XIV. ASSIGNMENTS

#### 1. STEM Curriculum Review (15 points)

Students will review a STEM Curriculum Project using a rubric (Change the Equation) designed around the following design principles suggested by The Coalition for Science After School.

- Address a compelling and well-defined need
- Use rigorous evaluation to continuously measure and inform progress toward ambitious but manageable goals
- Ensure work is sustainable
- Promote replicability and scalability
- Identify outside conditions that can hinder or thwart progress
- Create high-impact partnerships
- Ensure individual attention to diverse learners' needs
- Ensure organizational capacity to achieve goals

#### 2. STEM Curriculum Review Presentation (5 points)

#### 3. Action Research Project (40 points)

Students will conduct an action research project in their own classrooms. Action research project will involve the following components.

- **Literature Review**  
Students will review 10 peer-reviewed empirical journal articles about STEM Education literature relevant to the purpose of their study.
- **Purpose/Research Questions**
- **Data Collection**
- **Data Analysis**
- **Results**
- **Conclusion**

4. **Action Research Presentation** (10 points)

5. **Weekly Readings and Classroom Participation** (30 points)

Complete all readings and fully participate in classroom discussions and activities for each week.

## XV. SPECIAL NOTES

### Academic Misconduct

Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the Campus community; we all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility, and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, and are encouraged to always take the ethical path whenever faced with choices. Students enrolling at UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's educational mission. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another person, from the Internet or any other source without proper citation of the sources. See the [Student Conduct Code](https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct), <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct>.

### Auditing Classes

Auditing a course allows a student to continue attending the lectures and/or laboratories and discussion sessions associated with the course, but the student will not earn a grade for any component of the course. Students who audit a course receive the same educational experience as students taking the course for a grade, but will be excused from exams, assessments, and other evaluative measures that serve the primary purpose of assigning a grade.

## Classroom Conduct

Students have a responsibility to conduct themselves in class and in the libraries in ways that do not interfere with the rights of other students to learn or of instructors to teach. Use of electronic devices such as pagers, cellular phones, or recording devices, or potentially disruptive devices or activities, are only permitted with the prior explicit consent of the instructor. The instructor may rescind permission at any time during the class. If a student does not comply with established requirements or obstructs the functioning of the class, the instructor may initiate an administrative drop of the student from the course.

## Copyright

The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves with, and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you, nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional [copyright policy information](#) is available at <http://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright>.

## Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The [UNLV Disability Resource Center](#) (SSC-A, Room 143, <https://www.unlv.edu/drc>, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. Students who believe that they may need academic accommodations due to injury, disability, or due to pregnancy should contact the DRC as early as possible in the academic term. A Disabilities Specialist will discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours, so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

## Final Examination

The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur on the date and at the time specified in the Final Exam schedule. The general schedule is typically available at the start of the semester, and the classroom locations are available approximately one month before the end of the semester. See the [Final Exam Schedule](#), <https://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

## Identity Verification in Online Courses

All UNLV students must use their Campus-issued ACE ID and password to log in to WebCampus.

UNLV students enrolled in online or hybrid courses are expected to read and adhere to the [Student Academic Misconduct Policy](https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/misconduct/policy), <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/misconduct/policy>, which defines, “acting or attempting to act as a substitute for another, or using or attempting to use a substitute, in any academic evaluation or assignment” as a form of academic misconduct. Intentionally sharing ACE login credentials with another person may be considered an attempt to use a substitute and could result in investigation and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Academic Misconduct Policy.

UNLV students enrolled in online courses are also expected to read and adhere to the [Acceptable Use of Computing and Information Technology Resources Policy](https://www.it.unlv.edu/policies/acceptable-use-computing-and-information-technology-resources-policy), <https://www.it.unlv.edu/policies/acceptable-use-computing-and-information-technology-resources-policy>, which prohibits sharing university accounts with other persons without authorization.

To the greatest extent possible, all graded assignments and assessments in UNLV online courses should be hosted in WebCampus or another UNLV-managed platform that requires ACE login credentials for access.

## Incomplete Grades

The grade of “I” (Incomplete) may be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session, but cannot complete the last part of the course for reason(s) beyond the student’s control and acceptable to the instructor, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. For undergraduate courses, the incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester. Graduate students receiving “I” grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the period indicated, a grade of “F” will be recorded, and the student’s GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete grade do not register for the course, but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the “I” grade.

## Library Resources

Librarians are available to consult with students on research needs, including developing research topics, finding information, and evaluating sources. To make an appointment with a subject expert for this class, please visit the [Libraries’ Research Consultation](http://guides.library.unlv.edu/appointments/librarian) website: <http://guides.library.unlv.edu/appointments/librarian>. You can also [ask the library staff](http://ask.library.unlv.edu/) questions via chat and text message at: <http://ask.library.unlv.edu/>.

## Missed Classwork

Any student missing class, quizzes, examinations, or any other class or laboratory work because of observance of religious holidays will be given an opportunity during that semester to make up the missed work. The make-up opportunity will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for Fall and Spring courses (except for modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for Summer and modular courses, of their intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit the Policy for Missed Work, under Registration Policies, on the [Academic Policies](https://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531) webpage, <https://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531>.

In accordance with the policy approved by the Faculty Senate regarding missed class time and assignments, students who represent UNLV in any official extracurricular activity will also have the opportunity to make up assignments, provided that the student provides official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es).

The spirit and intent of the policy for missed classwork is to offer fair and equitable assessment opportunities to all students, including those representing the University in extracurricular activities. Instructors should consider, for example, that in courses which offer a “Drop one” option for the lowest assignment, quiz, or exam, assigning the student a grade of zero for an excused absence for extracurricular activity is both contrary to the intent of the Faculty Senate’s policy, and an infringement on the student’s right to complete all work for the course.

This policy will not apply in the event that completing the assignment or administering the examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the University that could reasonably have been avoided. There should be a good faith effort by both the instructor and the student to agree to a reasonable resolution. When disagreements regarding this policy arise, decisions can be appealed to the Department Chair/Unit Director, College/School Dean, and/or the Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee.

For purposes of definition, extracurricular activities may include, but are not limited to: fine arts activities, competitive intercollegiate athletics, science and engineering competitions, liberal arts competitions, academic recruitment activities, and any other event or activity sanctioned by a College/School Dean, and/or by the Executive Vice President and Provost.

## Rebelmail

Rebelmail is UNLV’s official email system for students, and by University policy, instructors and staff should only send emails to students’ Rebelmail accounts. Rebelmail is one of the primary ways students receive official University communications, information about deadlines, major Campus events, and announcements. All UNLV

students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the University. Emailing within WebCampus is also acceptable.

## Tutoring and Coaching

The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching, and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, please visit the [ASC website](https://www.unlv.edu/asc), <https://www.unlv.edu/asc>, or call 702-895-3177. The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of SSC A, Room 254. Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library, and on the second floor of the College of Engineering building (TBE A 207).

## UNLV Writing Center

One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the [Writing Center](https://writingcenter.unlv.edu/), <https://writingcenter.unlv.edu/>, located in the Central Desert Complex, Building 3, Room 301 (CDC 3-301). Walk-in consultations are sometimes available, but students with appointments receive priority assistance. Students may make appointments in person or by calling the Center, 702-895-3908. Students are requested to bring to their appointments their Rebel ID Card, a copy of the instructions for their assignment, and two copies of any writing they have completed on their assignment.

### XVI. GRADING POLICY

STEM Curriculum Review	15
STEM Curriculum Review Presentation	5
Action Research	40
Action Research Presentation	10
Weekly Readings/Classroom Participation _____	30
	100

The Final Grade will be determined thusly: **No late work is accepted**

Points Earned	Grade
96-100	A
91-95	A-
87-90	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+

63-66	D
60-62	D-
<60	F

**Attendance Policy**

Attendance is required and affects the final grade. For the purposes of this class, attendance is defined as **presence and participation** in class discussions and activities. Lack of participation may be considered as absence from class. Sharing with colleagues is an integral part of the course. Your attendance pattern (absences, late arrivals, early departures, and participation) will influence your final grade as follows:

<u>Absences</u>	<u>Effect on grade</u>
0 – 2	no change
3	grade drops 1/3 (e.g., B+ will drop to B)
4	grade drops 2/3 (e.g., B+ will drop to B-)
5 or more	F

Note: 3 tardies (late arrivals and early departures) equals one absence.

**XVII. TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lesson Topic</b>	<b>Assignment Due</b>
1	Class introduction/Course Overview	
2	Approaches to Integrated STEM instruction and Introduction to Action Research	
3	STEM Curriculum Project –Project Lead The Way	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
4	STEM Curriculum Project-Engineering is Elementary	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
5	STEM Curriculum Project-Project WET	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
6	STEM Curriculum Project-Project Wild	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
7	STEM Curriculum Project-Population Education	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
8	STEM Curriculum Project-3 D Printing/Tinkercad	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
9	STEM Curriculum Project-Hummingbird Robotics	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation

10	STEM Curriculum Project-Lego Mindstorms Education Robotics	STEM Curriculum Review and Presentation
11	STEM Action Research-Literature	
12	STEM Action Research-Data Collection	
13	STEM Action Research-Data Analysis	
14	STEM Action Research-Findings	
15	STEM Action Research Presentations	Action Research paper due and Action Research Paper Presentation