

MY UDL JOURNEY, 2021 COHORT

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Promoting student inclusion, student engagement, and student success

AGENDA

Why I joined
UDL

What I
changed in
my teaching

What I got
out of it



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BACKGROUND

Humanities Prof:

- 101: Knowledge
- 102: Worldviews
- BXH: Ethics

- ~~→ Philosophy~~
- ~~→ General knowledge~~
- ~~→ Reading~~



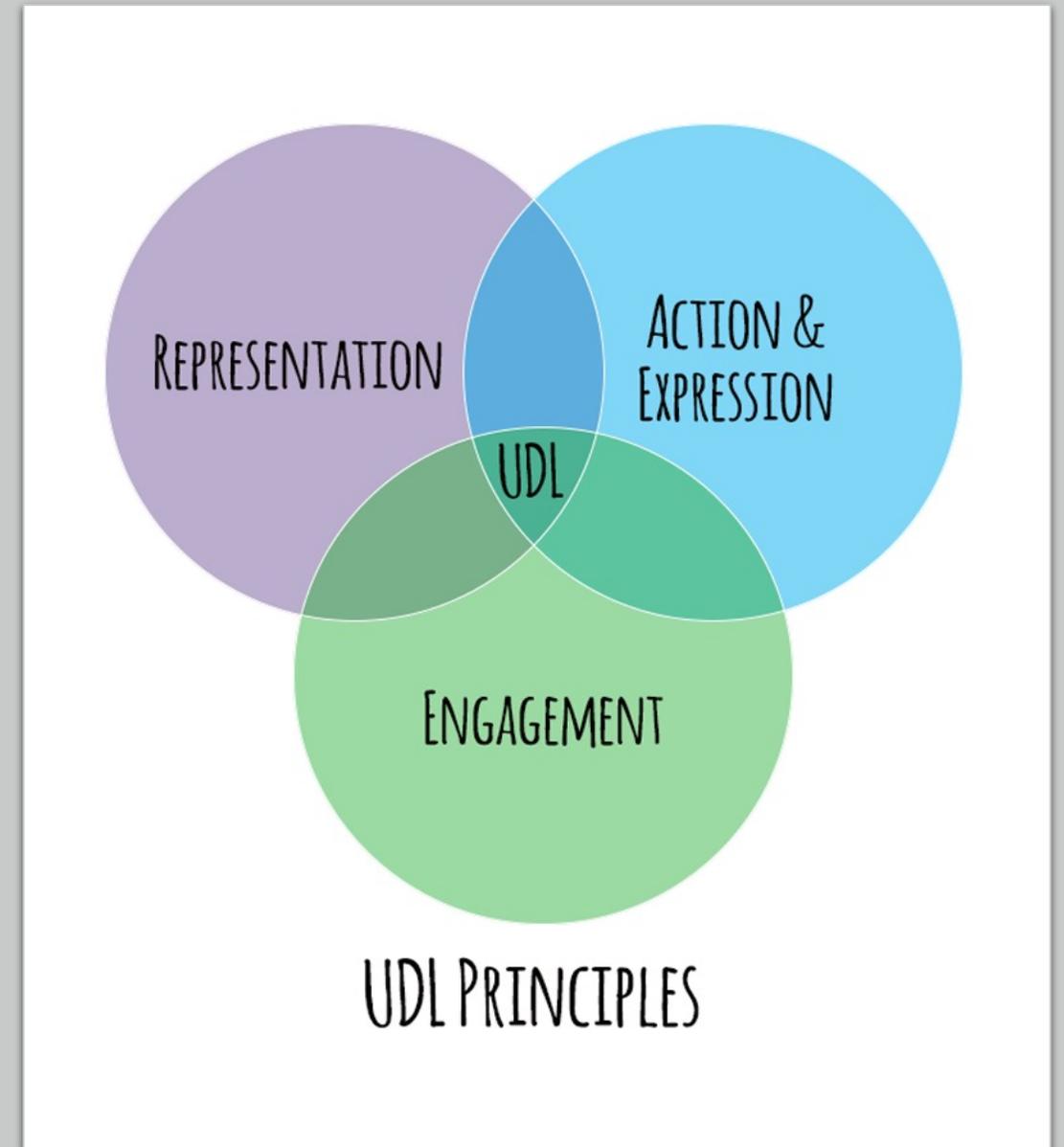
101: KNOWLEDGE

- Critical thinking
- Argumentation
- **Critical pedagogy**
 - Understanding oppression
 - Empowering youth = dialogue
 - Promoting social action



WHY I JOINED UDL

- Self-improvement
- Current research
- The demographic of Dawson students



WHAT I CHANGED

- The outline
- My approach to teaching
- Assessments



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ABOUT YOUR PROFESSOR:



My name is Mariam Sambe, and I would like to welcome you to this course! For some of you this might be your first Critical Pedagogy class, for others you might be returning after having taken education. No matter the situation you are in, you are happy to be working with you this semester. My philosophy is simple: I want to promote student involvement, engagement, and student success. This means that diversity in all its forms. Our class will be participatory and your opinion and experience is of the utmost importance.

As your teacher this semester, I am committed to Universal Design for Learning (UDL). This means that I will support a wide range of learning styles and abilities. Each student is different, has different challenges and strengths, and different experiences. Therefore, I endeavor to provide a learning environment that offers flexible options for learning. However, if you experience any barriers to your learning during this course, please let me know so we can come up with a solution. Remember, if I don't know what is going on, I cannot help you. My only request of you in exchange is to respect your classmates, your professor, and the material of this class, our virtual spaces, and our interactions must be as inclusive as possible. Mutual respect, the ability to listen and to observe others carefully are crucial to universal learning. Last, please be engaged in class. Learning should not be a burden 😊.

This course will examine the dichotomy between the issues of power and oppression in the world. A particular attention is given to how society, economics, and politics are intertwined and how schooling shapes perspectives of what it means to be powerful/powerless. This course will deal with fundamental questions concerning how education (brought by school, media, or society as a whole) shapes our knowledge and position in the world. We will begin with defining and understanding what Critical Pedagogy is. Then, a brief look at some of the founders of Critical Pedagogy will be outlined, mainly, Paulo Freire, Henry Giroux, and Ira Shor. Last, we will examine some real-world issues, along with the application of critical pedagogy to solve these issues.



REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED TEXT(S) OR READING(S):

There are **no books to be purchased**. All articles for this course will be available electronically and students will be expected to keep up with the reading every week. Additionally, students **MUST** print this outline and have it with them in class.



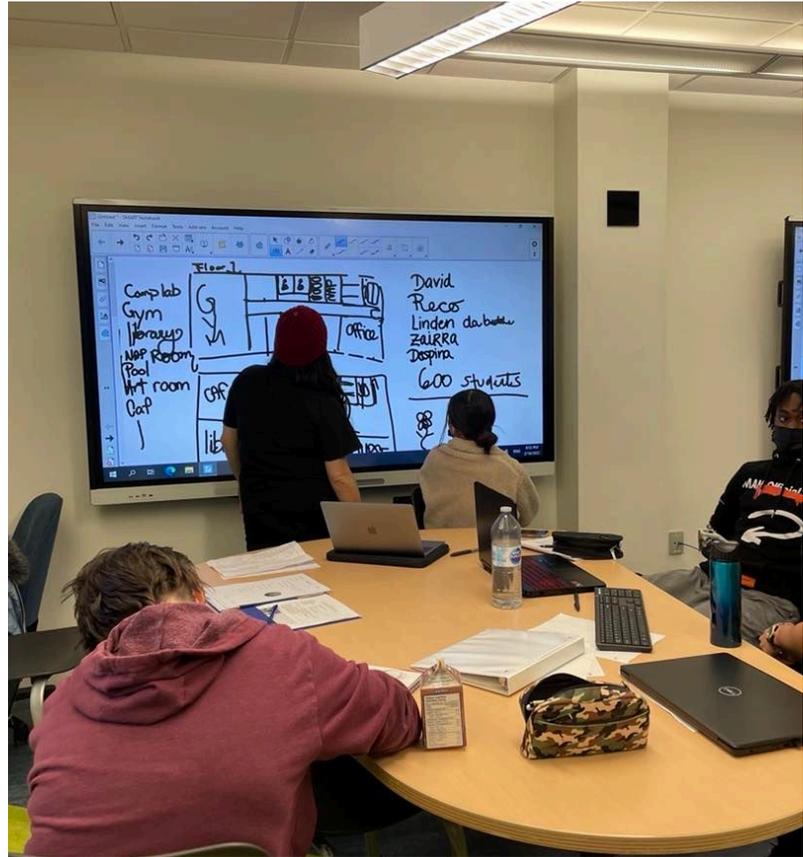
LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS:

Considering that this is a critical pedagogy class, emphasis will be put on active writing and engagement. Students will be invited to analyze and reflect upon the ways in which knowledge is constructed while looking at world issues. Thus, opportunities will be provided for students to express their opinions. As such, they will be expected to have done their homework and their readings prior to class. Participation is of the utmost importance. There will also be several group activities and projects to be engaged in.



OUTLINE

Captivating, detailed, inclusive

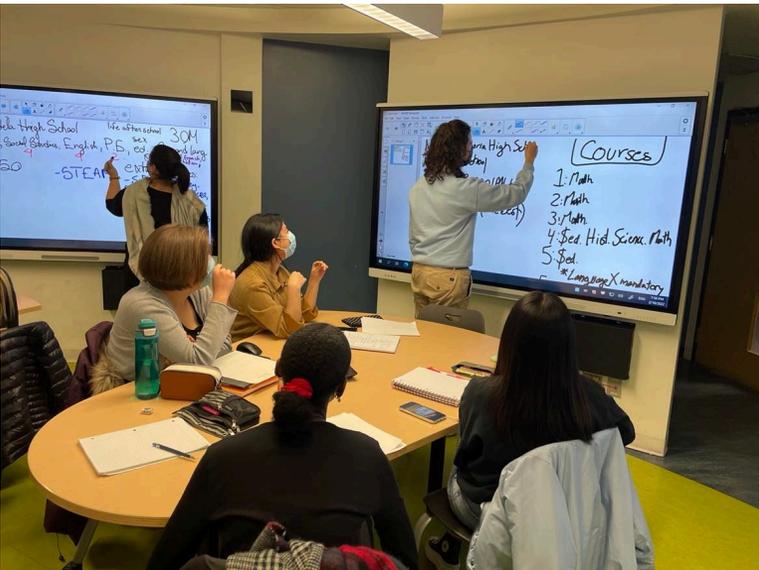


APPROACH TO TEACHING

Flexible, engaging, and experiential



- Project 1:** Argumentative essay → Pair work
- Project 2:** PSA (video) → Group work
- Project 3:** Website/blog → Individual work



ASSESSMENTS

No exams, project based, no strict deadlines

WHAT I GOT OUT OF IT

- A lot more participation
- A lot more work done
- Collaboration and a sense of community
- Everyone is involved
- A sense responsibility



THANK YOU

Questions?

Comments?

Feedback?



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