**Biliteracy** ... an essential component which empowers students not only to “Read the Word” but also to “Read the World”

(Freire & Macedo, 1987)

**Fall 2021**

**BED 5336 * CRN 19013 LITERACY/BILITERACY**

8/23-10/7 * Final 10/9

**ONLINE COURSE**

3 Graduate Credits

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Online Hrs: Thursday 5-6:30 p.m. or by appointment

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Identification of principal problems and issues of primary and second language acquisition, specifically the relationship between the development of these languages to facilitate and promote biliteracy. Emphasis will be given to critical perspectives and social cultural, cognitive, and linguistic factors that influence in the biliteracy process. In addition, traditional assumptions about bilingual students and biliteracy education will be challenged. Biliteracy instruction, matters of transfer, and holistic biliteracy assessment will also be explored.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Research, reflections, documentation and learning shape our pedagogy. This course challenges traditional perspectives in literacy education of emergent bilinguals. The focus is on biliteracy, including but not limited to, reading and writing in two languages. It emphasizes *translanguaging* as a pedagogical practice that utilizes bilingualism as a resource. Biliteracy is viewed as interdependent processes across both languages; consequently, knowledge and skills acquired in one language are accessible in the other language. Emphasis is on intentionally and purposefully, connecting Spanish and English literacy environments through holistic pedagogical practices: Side by Side Spanish Language Arts/English Language Arts and Reading Standards; Holistic Assessments; Bidirectional Transfer and Metalinguistic/Cross Language Practices. It is grounded in the understanding that the teaching and learning contexts influence the opportunities and developments of biliteracy.

- Research and examine critical perspectives of biliteracy;
- Research and analyze the concepts of *simultaneous* and *successive* biliteracy development;
- Examine cultural, social, political, and linguistic issues that impact biliteracy education;
- Research, examine and define *translanguaging* as a pedagogical practice in its role in biliteracy education;
- Research and analyze the implications for policy and practice in biliteracy education;
- Research and examine biliteracy education in practice.
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COLLEGE’S CONCEPTUAL THEME
This course aligns with the University and College of Education’s mission and vision in addressing the preparation of professionals and the investigation of issues and challenges in schooling with a special emphasis and support for student learning and development within linguistically and culturally diverse border region settings.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

REQUIRED READINGS
The University of Texas at Austin (2020). Kindergarten: Summary of ELAR and SLAR TEKS Expectations Differences. The University of Texas at Austin, Institute for Public School Initiatives, College of Education. https://ipsi.utexas.edu/ELAR-SLAR-TEKS-Grade-kindergarten

TEACHING FOR BILITERACY RESOURCES


Reading in Motion. (2015, April 21). Reading in Motion Speaker Series with Kathy Escamilla [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDZeU8jNKoQ


Teacher applies knowledge of primary and second language acquisition, including the relationship between the development of languages, to facilitate and promote literacy/biliteracy; plans instruction and assessment that is responsive to cultural diversity and the strengths and interests of individual students.

| 1. Examine how literacy development in the first language affects development in English. | a. Early literacy readings;  
b. Course graded assignments, discussions, blogs |
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| 4. Identify, contrast, and explain issues and concepts related to the transfer of literacy and simultaneous biliteracy development | a. Course graded readings and assignments; and  
b. Class discussions on transfer and biliteracy |
| 5. Identify strategies for increasing the literacy of Emergent Bilinguals | a. Course graded readings and assignments;  
b. Class discussion of on critical literacy/biliteracy to include the domains/modalities of language and their direct application in biliteracy development |
| 6. Identify best practices for literacy instruction for Emergent Bilinguals | a. Course graded readings and assignments;  
b. Class discussion of critical literacy/biliteracy |
| 7. Examine and explain biliteracy and holistic assessment | a. Course graded readings and assignments;  
b. Class discussion of critical literacy/biliteracy |
| 8. Identify issues and procedures in assessing Emergent Bilingual, Dual Language Learners – and move towards a holistic biliteracy lens to teach to the potential | a. Course graded readings and assignments;  
b. Class discussion on critical literacy/biliteracy |

**CLASSROOM POLICIES**

- All students are responsible and expected to be prepared and check BlackBoard on a daily basis for emails and to post assignments, discussions, etc.
- Participation in discussions, group activities, and evaluations is required on time.
- Pay close attention to DUE dates for assignments. Late work is not acceptable.
- All writing in blogs, discussions, reading responses, and other assignments must be well thought out and appropriate for each topic that is discussed.
- All writing needs to be organized, clear, grammatical, and must follow APA format. Use references/citations following APA guidelines. 
  Resource at: [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/)

**Technology Requirements:**

Becoming very familiar with Blackboard is essential for doing well in this class since all content is delivered via Internet in Blackboard. You will need to make time to go to the labs at UTEP or if you are going to use your laptop or home technology, you need to check that you can successfully use BlackBoard. It is highly recommended you use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome when accessing BlackBoard. For more help, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@utep.edu or at (915)747-4357.
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**Participation:** *All students are expected to be prepared and to be active participants and check their emails, assignments, discussions and blogs on a regular basis.* Reading the assignments is essential for meaningful participation. Students are responsible for working with their team. Team work is mandatory, and provides a forum for discussion that cannot be duplicated. No excuses for incomplete or late assignments will be accepted. All students are required to be prepared for each course session and maintain a high level of professionalism and respect for one another as we engage in discussions and group work.

**Academic Dishonesty:** The University of Texas at El Paso prides itself on its standards of academic excellence. In all matters of intellectual pursuit, UTEP faculty and students must strive to achieve based on the quality of work produced by their individual. In the classroom and in all other academic activities, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Any form of scholastic dishonesty is an affront to the pursuit of knowledge and jeopardizes the quality of the degree awarded to all graduates of UTEP. It is imperative, therefore, that all faculty insist on adherence to these standards. Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and submission for credit of any work or materials that are not attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. Proven violations of the detailed regulations, as printed in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP) and available in the Office of the Dean of Students, may result in sanctions ranging from disciplinary probation, to failing grades on the work in question, to failing grades in the course, to suspension or dismissal among others. For further information, please refer to [http://sa.utep.edu/osccr/academic-integrity/](http://sa.utep.edu/osccr/academic-integrity/)

**Students with Disabilities:** If you have or believe you have a disability, you may wish to self-identify. You can do so by providing documentation to The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS). Students who have been designated as needing this service must reactivate their standing with CASS on a yearly basis. Failure to report to this office will place a student on the inactive list and nullify benefits received. If you have a problem with testing, studying or learning, including a handicapping condition, such as a learning disability, vision or hearing impairment, or physical disability, you must notify the instructor by the end of the third week of class if you wish to request accommodation. You are encouraged to discuss this in confidence with the instructor and/or the director. The Center for Accommodations and Support Services can be reached at Web: [http://sa.utep.edu/cass/](http://sa.utep.edu/cass/) Phone: (915) 747-5148 voice E-Mail: cass@utep.edu.

**COVID-19 Precautions**

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu, so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID 19 testing.
The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit www.epstrong.org

**GRADING SCALE:** Points will be based on self-narrated videos, discussions, blogs, reading responses, scholarly paper, and culminating project. All work is required to be turned in on time. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit work in the event there are technology issues. In addition, your classmates cannot respond thoughtfully to your blogs/discussions if you post at the last minute. Post by the designated time.

The following are the assignments and point value, for a total of 100 points.

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*A Rubrics for all assignments are included at the end of the syllabus and are also posted on blackboard for each assignment.*
August 23  Setting the Stage

1. B³ - Bilingualism, Bilingual Education and Biliteracy

   Please view the following video and then proceed to the development of your assigned Self-Narrated Video.

2. Self-Narrated Video [Instructions posted on BlackBoard]
   What is biliteracy TO YOU? Include what you learned from the video.
   Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

   APA - Read/Review/Learn to use as a daily resource: APA (American Psychological Association). Study on link below and prepare for the APA Quiz. Be sure to click all links.
   https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html
   In this course, all written work must reflect and follow APA Style 7th Edition.

August 27  MODULE 1 Ideologies and Foundations of Biliteracy in School

Ideology: An ideology is a set of normative beliefs and values that a person or other entity has for non-epistemic reasons. These rely on basic assumptions about reality that may or may not have any factual basis.

Learning to read and write in two languages differs from learning to read and write in one language. Development or progress should never be understood/explained as independent systems of Spanish and English.

Readings:

Read the article and chapter and respond to **Blog 1** and **GROUP Discussion 1**.

**BLOG 1** Emergent Bilinguals and English Language Learners

**Who are our Emergent Bilinguals?**

**Who are the English Language Learners?**

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

**GROUP DISCUSSION 1** Program Effectiveness

Address the following:

**What does the graph mean and what are the implications on program effectiveness?**

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

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**August 31** MODULE 2 Critical Perspectives: The Social-Cultural, Socio-Historical, and Socio-Political Context of Biliteracy

**Readings and video**


Read the articles, watch the video and respond to **Blog 2**.

**BLOG 2** Long Term English Learners (LTEL) and Pushouts

“English learner students who, despite many years in our schools and despite being close to the age at which they should be able to graduate, are still not English proficient and have incurred major academic deficits — the ‘Long-Term English Learners (Olsen, 2010).”

Discuss the connections between long term English learners (LTEL) and Pushouts.

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates
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**Reading**


Read the article and respond to **Blog 3**.

**BLOG 3 Injustice and Redemption**

React to this reading. Opens 8/31-9/3 4 pts.

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates Post by 8pm 9/3 Respond by 11:30 pm 9/3

When writing a reaction response, you are expected to demonstrate a grasp of the topic, analytical skills, and the ability to communicate reactions to the reader. Understand the purpose of the reaction. Reaction responses require that you think carefully about what you feel or think about the text/video. Start your reaction response with your introduction that includes the topic you are reacting to, and write it concisely, preferably in one sentence. End with your conclusion. Conclude with a restatement of your reactions.

**Reading**


Read the article and respond to **Group Discussion 2**.

**GROUP DISCUSSION 2 Avoiding Racial Equity Detours**

Equity Detours: *Students experiencing racism can’t wait for schools to move at their own pace and comfort level*, (Gorski, 2019).

Political Contexts of Biliteracy

Do you think your school/district engages in any equity detours? Opens 9/2 - 9/5 5 pts.

How might you reexamine such initiatives in light of Gorski’s equity literacy principles? Post by 8pm 9/5

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates Respond by 11:30 pm 9/5

**September 6 MODULE 3 Research, Perspectives and Policy Implications on Biliteracy**

**Reading**


Read the article and respond to **Blog 4**.
**BLOG 4 Continua of Biliteracy**

Discuss what the continua is, what the components are and how they influence biliteracy.

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

**Opens 9/6-9/8** 4 pts.

**Post by 9/8**

**Respond by 11:30 pm 9/8**

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**Reading**


Read the article and respond to **Reading Response 1**.

**Reading Response 1 Research Perspectives/Definitions of Biliteracy**

Discuss the different researcher perspectives/definitions of biliteracy (the different researchers in the article).

**Opens 9/9-9/10** 4 pts.

**Post by 11:30 pm 9/10**

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**Reading**


Read the article and respond to **Reading Response 2**

**Reading Response 2 Translanguaging**

Address what translanguaging documentation, rings and transformation means.

**Opens 9/11-9/12** 4 pts.

**Post by 11:30 pm 9/12**

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**Reading**


Read the article, watch the video and respond to the **Group Discussion 3**.

**GROUP DISCUSSION 3 Translanguaging: What is it?**

What is translanguaging, what does it address and how does it contribute to biliteracy?

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

**Opens 9/13-9/14** 5 pts.

**Post by 8pm 9/14**

**Respond by 11:30 pm 9/14**
Reading


Read the article and respond to Blog 5.

**Blog 5 Leadership in Dual Language Bilingual Education**

What significant role does leadership play in dual language bilingual education?

Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

Post topic from 1-3 below for approval of Final Biliteracy Project

FINAL BILITERACY PROJECT

Select one of the following and describe what you propose to use. Gather data; analyze; provide your findings/recommendations; support with research acquired in this course.

1. Analyze the language policy in your (a) school. Show how it fosters or deters the development of metalanguage and biliteracy development.
2. Gather assessment instruments used in two languages in literacy development. How might you use reading assessments in two languages as tools to look at the biliterate reading development of students?
3. Gather writing samples/data in Spanish and English for the same student. How can you discuss literacy/biliteracy development? How can you use this data to strengthen biliteracy instruction?

**September 17 MODULE 4 Biliteracy: Pedagogical Pathways for Instruction and Assessment**

**Textbook**


**Readings and videos**

✓ In textbook, Forward and Chapter 1: What is Literacy Squared?


✓ Reading in Motion. (2015, April 21). *Reading in Motion Speaker Series with Kathy Escamilla* [Video]. YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDZeU8jNKoQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDZeU8jNKoQ)

Read the article, watch the videos and develop your **Group Presentation What is Literacy Squared.**
GROUP PRESENTATIONS What is Literacy Squared

Group Forward and Chapter 1: What is literacy squared?
Discuss the term you are assigned:
(1) Cross-language connections/Metalanguage
(2) Holistic Biliteracy Framework/Literacy Squared
(3) Paired Literacy Instruction
(4) Simultaneous Bilinguals
(5) Trajectories toward biliteracy

Readings
✓ The University of Texas at Austin (2020). Kindergarten: Summary of ELAR and SLAR TEKS Expectations Differences. The University of Texas at Austin, Institute for Public School Initiatives, College of Education. https://ipsi.utexas.edu/ELAR-SLAR-TEKS-Grade-kindergarten

Read the articles and respond to Blog 6.

Blog 6 ELAR and SLAR
Why is it important to understand and connect the differences and similarities between ELAR and SLAR?
Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

Resources

Explore the following resources and respond to Group Discussion 4.

GROUP DISCUSSION 4 Bilingual Biliteracy Resources
There has been a shift in the development of bilingual biliteracy resources. Review the following resources and connect the new practices with Chapter 1 in your textbook.
Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates
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QUALITY RESOURCES
WHAT THEY ARE GOOD FOR?  
Opens 9/28-10/2  10 pts.
In preparation, do all of the readings and watch all videos listed in this section for this week’s class. You will be leading a presentation/discussion on any one of the topics.

❖ In textbook, Chapter 2: Oracy

❖ In textbook, Chapter 3: Reading

❖ In textbook, Chapter 4: Writing

❖ In textbook, Chapter 5: Metalaanguage
✓ SEAL (2018, September 18). Así se dice- That’s how you say it – Bilingual 2nd + 3rd Grade Classroom [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXhogDzZhlA

❖ In textbook, Chapter 6: Reading assessment
GROUP 1 Explain Oracy Development, its benefits, and how it differs from Oral Language Development. Identify any of the materials/strategies you reviewed that could be used. Briefly explain why/how.

GROUP 2 Discuss how paired literacy instruction is different from more traditional models of bilingual and dual language education. How might this better meet the needs of simultaneous dual language learners? Identify any of the materials/strategies you reviewed that could be used. Briefly explain why/how.

GROUP 3 According to the authors, discuss why increased emphasis needs to be placed on writing in teaching emerging bilingual learners and how this can be done. Identify any of the materials/strategies you reviewed that could be used. Briefly explain why/how.

GROUP 4 Discuss what metalanguage is and why metalinguistic skills are important for emerging bilingual students. Identify any of the materials/strategies you reviewed that could be used. Briefly explain why/how.

GROUP 5 Explain how holistic reading assessments inform instruction. Identify any of the materials/strategies you reviewed that could be used. Briefly explain why/how.

Post your Quality Resources Presentation Post by 8pm 10/2

Respond to the presentations Respond by 11:30 pm 10/4

FINAL BILITERACY PROJECT DUE 10/7 by 11:30 pm 8 pts.

Part I - You selected/were approved to research and to present your gathered data; an analysis supported by research from any of your course readings; provide your findings/recommendations; include citations presentation. Give it a creative title.
1. Analyze the language policy in your (a) school. Show how it fosters or deters the development of metalanguage and biliteracy development.
2. Gather assessment instruments used in two languages in literacy development. How might you use reading assessments in two languages as tools to look at the biliterate reading development of students?
3. Gather writing samples/data in Spanish and English for the same student. How can you discuss literacy/biliteracy development? How can you use this data to strengthen biliteracy instruction?

Biliteracy Project: **12 Slides** Required: 1 Title Slide and 1 Reference Slide; 10 Content Slides
Part II: Include in your Self Narrated Video/PPT, aspects of what you learned through this course. **What is biliteracy?** Include in your presentation any of the following: (1) a review of perspectives/definitions of biliteracy from various researchers; (2) the various components of biliteracy; and (3) the influence in the pedagogy of biliteracy. Cite researchers and use APA where appropriate on your slides.

**Peer Evaluations for Biliteracy Project**
Respond to a minimum of 2 classmates

**DUE 10/7 by 11:30 pm** 8 pts.

**Opens 10/8-10/9** 3 pts.
**Post by 8 pm 10/9**
Self-Narrated Video: Creating a Community of Learners

Introductions are an effective way to meet your classmates and professor - a first impression! However, if the introduction is not created with care and some planning, it can easily turn into a first impression you want to take back. In 1-3 PowerPoint presentation slides that must include one picture of yourself and a voice recording of 2-3 minutes in Flipgrid, introduce yourself to the class.

In your presentation, talk about yourself, what biliteracy is to you, and include what you learned from the two videos. You will be graded according to the rubric found below. Create your assignment on Flipgrid and respond to 2 classmates as part of creating a community of learners.
# Self-Narrated Video: Creating a Community of Learners

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| Analysis / Interpretation | Postings reflect understanding, insight, and reflection about the topic. The message uses sources. Demonstrates new understanding of the topic. | Postings provide some insight, understanding and reflective thought about the topic. Some messages do analysis or interpretation well. Some opinion used. | Postings lack evidence of insight, understanding or reflection. Messages generally show little analysis, consisting in opinion. |

| Writing Skill | Sentences are clear. Correct word choice, correct spelling, correct grammar. Writing still supports persuasiveness in points of view. | Writing is mostly clear. Some grammar errors. Most points supported for persuasiveness of the argument, rather than opinion. | Grammar, spelling, and/or word choice errors are frequent enough that the sense of the message is lost. Mostly opinion based. |

| APA Format | APA format citations and references. | Some APA format citations references | No APA format. |

| Participation | Responds to 2 or more classmates with significant, meaningful feedback. | Responds to one classmate; and/or not relating to what the classmate stated. | Does not post responses to any classmates |
GROUP DISCUSSION RUBRIC

Online discussions help students engage in informative and reflective discussions, clarify understandings, and learn from each other. Before engaging in discussion, make sure to read carefully the readings and make highlights and notes on questions, ideas, concerns, and critiques. Follow questions posted in your discussion board. You are required to respond to a minimum of two classmates. Write/submit in the BOX provided in BB. **DO NOT ATTACH AS A WORD FILE.**

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READING RESPONSE RUBRIC
These responses are intentionally assigned at 150-200-word count to provide you the opportunities and practice to write succinctly. The writing, however, is always academic writing, and follows APA format for citations and references (in-text citations and references). You will write/submit these in the BOX provided in BB. **DO NOT ATTACH AS A WORD FILE.**

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<td><strong>Content</strong></td>
<td>Addresses main points in assignment and concept ideas presented in readings</td>
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<td><strong>Organization</strong></td>
<td>Ideas well-organized</td>
<td>Ideas somewhat organized</td>
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<td><strong>Analysis / Interpretation</strong></td>
<td>Demonstrates new and gained understanding of the topic.</td>
<td>Understanding mostly opinion and general.</td>
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<td><strong>Writing Skill</strong></td>
<td>Sentences clear and wording unambiguous. Correct word choice, correct spelling, and correct grammar.</td>
<td>Mostly clear; some lapses; but does not undermine communication or persuasiveness of argument.</td>
<td>Grammar, spelling, and/or word choice errors frequent enough that sense of the message is lost.</td>
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<td><strong>APA Format</strong></td>
<td>Follows APA format in in-text citations and references</td>
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## LITERACY/BILITERACY

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<td><strong>Interpretation</strong></td>
<td>Presentation reflects understanding, insight, and reflection about the <em>topic and the assigned perspective</em>. The message uses sources, required reading sources. In addition, it demonstrates that the group has gained new understanding of the <em>topic and the assigned perspective</em>.</td>
<td>Postings provide some insight, understanding, insight, and reflective thought about the <em>topic and the assigned perspective</em>. Some messages do analysis or interpretation well, but a significant number do not. This might be because the analysis was not done well or because it was not attempted (that is, <em>was simply opinion</em>).</td>
<td>Postings show no evidence of insight, understanding, insight, and reflective thought about the <em>topic and the assigned perspective</em>. Message generally shows little evidence of analysis, consisting instead of opinion and feelings and impressions.</td>
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<td><strong>Presentation</strong></td>
<td>Creative. Sentences are clear and wording is unambiguous. Correct word choice, correct spelling, correct grammar.</td>
<td>Ordinary. Has good writing. Presentation has gaps or does not connect all of the time, however, this does not undermine communication or the persuasiveness of the argument.</td>
<td>Presentation is not fluid or connected. Terms are not clearly defined or explained. Grammar, spelling, and/or word choice errors are frequent enough that the sense of the messages is lost or muddled.</td>
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<td><strong>Group Participation</strong></td>
<td>Evident that all members participated and contributed.</td>
<td>Evident that some members participated and contributed.</td>
<td>Evident that no group work was done.</td>
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<td><strong>Time</strong></td>
<td>Kept to the required time.</td>
<td>Went over the required time.</td>
<td>Did not adhere to the time.</td>
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<td><strong>Participation</strong></td>
<td>Responds to all projects with significant, meaningful feedback.</td>
<td>Responds to some projects; and/or not relating to what was presented.</td>
<td>Does not post responses to any projects.</td>
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### FINAL PROJECT RUBRIC: PART I AND PART II

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| Comprehensive, original and informative which demonstrates a high level of understanding and analysis of biliteracy. | Demonstrates significant understanding of biliteracy; Most course aspects of biliteracy included. | Response shows evidence of thought and effort. | Limited and/or unorganized presentation of biliteracy; |
| Presents all questions and feedback from interview in a creative format | Presents all questions and feedback from interview Used specific examples to support analysis of Interview | Presents some questions and/or feedback from interview Tendency to summarize rather than comment/analyze on data and their significance. | Limited presence of questions and/or feedback from interview Work characterized by difficulty communicating information; no supports; uses feelings and opinions |
| Skillfully uses specific examples and quotations to make points; Shows findings/evidence of critical thinking by demonstrating insight, reflection, and ample connections made to courses readings/sources | Demonstrates some insight/reflection in findings; some reference to course readings/ sources Some props used to support some areas. | Too much narrative on slides and not explained; limited findings and/or connections to course readings/sources | No analysis; merely descriptive and/or too much narrative on slides; no findings and/or connections made to course readings/sources |
| Uses props to support throughout presentation. Skillfully uses ample-specific examples and quotations to make points; Talks, and shows evidence of critical thinking; Slides reflect points; Ample connections made to course/reading sources. | Used some specific examples to support points. | Minimum use of props to support. | No use of props to support. Work is characterized by difficulty communicating information; uses feelings and opinions |
| APA format followed in citations and references. Presentation adheres to time allotment. | Talks, not reads, some connections made to sources. Some connections made to course/reading sources. Mostly follows APA format in citations and references. Presentation adheres to time allotment. Mostly appears on video presenting. | Tendency to summarize rather than comment on/analyze points. | Presentation is read; too much narrative on slides Connections not made to course/reading sources. Follows no APA format |

**Strong balanced presence on video presenting**

*Highlighted points belong only to the Final Project Part I.*