



## EXPLORING TED TALKS AND BOOKS

### Change-Your Choice

EDUO 9775 One Semester Credit/Unit

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Public Syllabus – This syllabus contains assignment examples. The full syllabus will be available to registered students.

Welcome to **EDUO 9775!** This class was created by Dominican University of California in conjunction with Educational Development and Services as part of a nine course series. Each course involves studying and discussing a TED book, online TED Talks and other web resources. The courses are focused on encouraging teachers to acquire knowledge and wisdom for both classroom application and personal growth; knowledge and wisdom to help negotiate, make sense of and be successful in life both in and out of the classroom.

The other courses in the series are:

- **EDUO 9770 Authentic vs. Incentive Motivation**
- **EDUO 9771 Building the Future With Creativity and Insight**
- **EDUO 9772 Learning is a Process**
- **EDUO 9773 Perception is Reality**
- **EDUO 9774 Technology's Effect on Humanity**
- **EDUO 9776 The Need to Explore**
- **EDUO 9777 The Power of Self Determination**
- **EDUO9778 Discovering the Adventure of Your Life's Journey**

**Choosing Change-Your Choice**

## Course Description

This course will use a TED Talk book, online TED Talks and web resources to help the teacher to create effective changes and life choices that go along with a changing world.

## Course Goal

By listening, reading and writing the teacher will gain new insights into the need to change, the most effective ways to create change and how to cope with the choices in a changing world.

## Course Objectives

The teacher will:

- through web resources recognize the need for change in the school structure.
- read and review the TED Book *Beyond Measure* by Margaret Heffernan.
- compose a philosophically based plan for changing the classroom now and in the future.
- view six TED Talks and relate the content of each talk to change and choice.
- write about how students can be prepared for the choices that need to be made in a changing world.

## Grading Rubric

Exemplary: A+ to A-	Acceptable: B+ to B-	Unacceptable:
Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignments are clearly stated	Satisfactorily completes all assignments	Ideas are not clear or relevant
Very well organized	Generally well organized	Shows little or no organization
Responses show that resources have been well understood	Responses show that resources were read	Few or no facts or specific details from the resources
Free of spelling and/or grammatical errors	Writing contains a few spelling and/or grammatical errors	Numerous spelling and/or grammatical errors make the writing difficult to read

## Course Requirements

1. View, read and study all assigned web resources.
2. Read and review the TED book *Beyond Measure* by Margaret Heffernan.
3. View all assigned TED Talks.
4. Respond to all inquiries concerning the book, talks and resources.
3. Post at least five comments on the Class Forum.

## Class Required Materials

1. Textbook – TED Book – *Beyond Measure* by Margaret Heffernan  
<https://www.amazon.com/Beyond-Measure-Impact-Small-Changes/dp/1476784906>
2. Online TED Talks
  - “How to Make Hard Choices”
  - “The Paradox of Choice”
  - “The Art of Choice”
3. Web Resources
  - “Exploding the Paradigm”
  - “Beyond Darwin”

## Class Assignments

### A. Web Resources Assignment

1. View the web resource – “Exploding the Paradigm”
  - [http://www.changetheschools.com/pdf/Exploding\\_the\\_Paradigm.pdf](http://www.changetheschools.com/pdf/Exploding_the_Paradigm.pdf)

Explain the term “Transformation” as it relates to school change.

**Place your A1 and A2 assignment work as 1 document into the  
Assignment A Dropbox**

### B. Book Assignment *Beyond Measure*

Read the book *Beyond Measure* by Margaret Heffernan. Write a **Reflective Review** of the book covering your overall impression of the way the book is written and your opinions of the ideas presented.

1. Describe an incident that you are aware of whereby a small change created positive results: This could involve family, school, classroom, business or other.

**Place your B1 a. and b. and B2 assignment work as 1 document into the  
Assignment B Dropbox**

### Online Forum Post Assignment #1

- a. Now that you have read *Beyond Measure* and the two web resources, formulate a general philosophical plan that would direct you in your future classroom changes.
- b. Respond to the Online Post #1 of at least one other student.

**Place your Online Post into Forum #1. Post your peer response(s) into the same  
Forum**

### C. TED Talks

1. View the TED Talk – “**How to Make Hard Choices**” – Ruth Chang
  - [http://www.ted.com/talks/ruth\\_chang\\_how\\_to\\_make\\_hard\\_choices](http://www.ted.com/talks/ruth_chang_how_to_make_hard_choices)  
Explain the ways that Ms Chang’s Talk helped to make hard choices easier for you
  
2. View the TED Talk - “**The Paradox of Choice**” – Barry Schwartz
  - [http://www.ted.com/talks/barry\\_schwartz\\_on\\_the\\_paradox\\_of\\_choice](http://www.ted.com/talks/barry_schwartz_on_the_paradox_of_choice)  
Relate an incident from your life that illustrates the meaning of this talk.
  
3. View the TED Talk – “**The Art of Choice**” – Sheena Lgengar
  - [http://www.ted.com/talks/sheena\\_iyengar\\_on\\_the\\_art\\_of\\_choosing](http://www.ted.com/talks/sheena_iyengar_on_the_art_of_choosing)  
Culture has effect upon choice – did this statement surprise you? - explain

**Place your c1, c2, c3, c4, c5 and c6 assignment work as 1 document into the Assignment C Dropbox**

### Online Forum Post Assignment #2

- a. Comment on your thoughts and feelings upon viewing your favorite three of the six Ted Talks.
- b. Respond to others’ posts as you wish.

**Place your Online Post into Forum #2. Post your peer response(s) into the same Forum.**

### D. Concluding Assignments

1. Your teachers association or union has asked you to give a TED Type Talk at the annual convention. Your audience wants to know how teachers should prepare students for the choices they will have to make in a changing world
  - a. Write out your introduction to your TED Type Talk.
  - b. Outline the body of the talk.
  - c. Write out your conclusion.
  
2. Now that you have completed all requirements (save this one), consider whether your response to the Online Forum Post #1 should be any different. Explain.

**Place your assignment work as 1 document into the Assignment D Dropbox**