FOUNDATIONS (EDFS)

Courses

EDFS 200. Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Designed so that its content and structure may accommodate special issues not especially appropriate within the boundaries of an existing course. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 203. Soc, Hst & Phil Found of Educ. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of central educational/social issues and values with special emphasis on the struggle for justice and equality. Themes include schooling and social class, race, and gender; the purposes of education; and the responsibilities of teachers. Prerequisite: Enrollment in teacher licensing program.

EDFS 204. Sem in Educational History. 3 Credits.
Selected topics in history of education. Education in democratic and authoritarian social orders. Topics: education of women, black heritage, American higher education in transition. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas or Instructor permission.

EDFS 205. History of American Education. 3 Credits.
Educational principals and practices in the U.S. as they relate to the main currents of social history. Key ideas of historic and contemporary significance. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas or Instructor permission.

EDFS 206. D2:Comparative Education. 3 Credits.
Examines educational challenges confronting countries around the world. Explores issues related to sustainable development, diversity, citizenship, and justice in formal and nonformal educational contexts. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 207. Traditionalist Education. 3 Credits.
Perspectives on schooling at all levels directed at preserving and extending a heritage (cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, regional, national), or promoting individual freedom, character, or academic excellence. Selected topics, Instructor choice. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also for Graduate credit.

EDFS 209. Intro to Research Methods. 3 Credits.
Seminars and research projects. Methods of historical, descriptive, experimental, quasi-experimental, field studies, and survey research.

EDFS 255. School as Social Institution. 3 Credits.
Examination of the school and related social institutions, focus on themes, including: social class, race, ethnicity, socialization, role of the family, social change. Prerequisite: Twelve hours of education and related areas.

EDFS 295. Lab Experience in Education. 1-6 Credits.
Supervised field work designed to give students experience in specialized areas for their professional development. Prerequisite: Permission of the Coordinator of Professional Laboratory Experiences.

EDFS 302. Philosophy of Education. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of key beliefs and values in current philosophies of helping, e.g. phenomenological, behavioral, holistic, as practiced in a variety of educational and social service institutions. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 303. Ethics Helping Relationships. 3 Credits.
Clarification of ethical dimensions of professional rights and obligations for educators, counselors, administrators, other helping professionals. Examination of selected ethical controversies currently facing the helping professionals. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 304. Religion, Spirituality & Ed. 3 Credits.
A narrative approach to thinking about religion and spirituality and theoretical and practical implications for policy making, pedagogy, curriculum development, and educational leadership.

EDFS 309. Schol Pers Narr Writing:ED&SS. 3 Credits.
A workshop for educational writers of theses, dissertations, and scholarly articles. Students will be introduced to critical theory, postmodern, feminist, and narrativist conceptions of educational writing.

EDFS 314. Modes of Inquiry. 3 Credits.
A critical analysis of the various conceptual and methodological foundations of theory and practice in education and the human services. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 320. Technology, Schooling, Society. 3 Credits.
This course explores influences of technology on schooling and society. Using sociological, historical, and philosophical frameworks, participants examine equity, cultural diversity, student empowerment, and community.

EDFS 322. D1:Chall Multicult/Ed&Soc Inst. 3 Credits.
Critical analysis of social, historical, and philosophical dimensions of multiculturalism. Examination of identity, empowerment, and justice and their relationships to educational/social policies and practices. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 347. Qualitative Research Methods. 3 Credits.
Introduces students to qualitative methods as a research paradigm and develops skills in ethnographic techniques of field observation, interviewing, and data analysis. Out-of-class fieldwork required. Prerequisite: Master’s or doctoral level standing or Instructor permission.

EDFS 348. Analyze&Write Qualitative Rsch. 3 Credits.
This course extends students’ knowledge of and experience with qualitative research analysis and writing. Students must come with data collected previous to the start of the course. Prerequisite: EDFS 347 or Instructor Permission.

EDFS 352. Aesthetic Ed & Social Justice. 3 Credits.
Exploration of art that deepens understanding of educational and social problems. Focus on artists who challenge dominant powers. Incorporates democratic perspectives on art and aesthetics. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.
EDFS 353. Program Evaluation & Assessment. 3 Credits.
Introduction to program evaluation concepts and methods in education; contemporary theory and practice in educational assessment and testing.

EDFS 354. Anth Persp on Ed & Soc Serv. 3 Credits.
Examination of formal and non-formal education as means to produce and alleviate cultural conflict. Incorporates an autobiographical approach to studying socio-cultural implications of schooling and social services. Emphasis on Third World situations. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 355. Appl Data Analysis for Dec Mkg. 3 Credits.
Students will learn to apply quantitative techniques, using commonly available tools, to organizational data so that they can make data-based policy decisions. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

EDFS 369. Ethics in Ed & Soc Serv Admin. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of theories of ethical decision making. Implications for leadership in educational, social service settings. Ethical investigation utilizing research, scholarship, actual incidents, case studies, role playing. Prerequisite: Ed.D. students have priority.

EDFS 377. Seminar Educational Psychology. 3 Credits.
Personal values, attitudes, beliefs related to learning. Psychological research of the teaching-learning process. Research use in analysis of educational processes. Applications for educational settings. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas.

EDFS 380. Professional Problems in Educ. 3 Credits.
Designed to cover selected educational problems in depth. The major emphasis will be on intensive and critical analysis of the literature and practice in a given area.

EDFS 391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
Thesis topic must be approved by a faculty committee.

EDFS 397. Problems in Education. 1-6 Credits.
Individual work on a research problem selected by the student in consultation with a staff member. Prerequisite: Twelve hours in education and related areas; endorsement by a sponsoring faculty member.

EDFS 455. Soc Process & Institutional Chg. 3 Credits.
Critical analysis of theory and research related to justice, caring, and change in education and other social institutions. Focus: ideology, diversity, and management of knowledge. Prerequisite: Doctoral level standing.