

MEd – Curriculum & Instruction

Area of Emphasis: Social Foundations

The Social Foundations area of emphasis provides a broad understanding of the complexities and processes of today's education environment, while also providing the focused knowledge and skill development that are directly applied to helping students in the classroom.

All Curriculum & Instruction MEd students are required to take five classes in the Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) core (15 hours) and five classes in an area of emphasis. The C&I core classes consists of four pillars—instruction, curriculum, assessment, and diversity. Students must successfully pass a comprehensive exam which is embedded in a culminating C&I course (EDIS 6880).

Course Descriptions

EDLF 7601: Social Foundations of Education

What is "social" about education? How are schools connected to larger issues in society? Using the lenses of history, philosophy, anthropology, and sociology we explore education as a social institution. Our goal is to develop a deeper insight into the processes, practices and values that shape education as we explore themes such as social inequality, social justice, and cultural diversity, and the changing nature of schooling in a global world.

EDLF 7602: History of Education

The development of education in the United States since colonial times, emphasizing the social-historical forces and ideological concepts that determined the direction and nature of education in the United States to the present.

EDLF 7603: Philosophy of Education

Inquiry into the applicability to present problems of selected philosophical themes and approaches. Issues include conceptions of pupils, theories of learning and teaching, educational equity and justice, indoctrination, and the adequacy of educational research itself.

EDLF 7604: Sociology of Education

Studies the sociological theory and research that applies to a systematic analysis of education as its functions in modern society. Selected social and educational problems are discussed to interpret the sociological nature of the educational process and the role of the school as a complex social organization. Research of educational outcomes and consequences is considered. The effects of school on social stratification are also considered.

EDLF 7605: Anthropology of Education

Anthropology's unique contribution to the study of human life centers around the concept of culture and the methodology of ethnography. In the course of the semester, we will examine the relationship between culture and education and the ways in which the study and understanding of education can be enhanced by attention to culture. Using cases drawn from studies of learning and schooling in cultures around the world as well as among minority cultures and societies in the United States, students will be challenged to begin to see education through cultural comparative frames of reference.

Recommended Plan of Study

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Recommended Plan (Coursework Only)	Offered	Requirement(s) Filled	Credits
Suggested plan: Please see your advisor for specifics. Students need to check their SIS Advising Reports to verify program completion progress.			
Semester 1 (Fall)			
EDIS 5025: Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction	Fall, Spring, Summer	C&I Core: Instruction	3
EDLF 7601: Social Foundations of Education	Fall, Spring	Focus: Social Foundations	3
Semester 2 (Spring)			
EDIS 6220: Assessment of Curriculum: K-12	Fall, Spring	C&I Core: Assessment	3
EDIS 7602: History of Education	Spring	Focus: Social Foundations	3
Semester 3 (Summer)			
EDIS 5422: Cross-Cultural Education for Diverse Learners	Fall, Spring, Summer	C&I Core: Diversity	3
EDIS 6200: Principles of Curriculum Design	Fall, Spring, Summer	C&I Core: Instruction	3
Semester 4 (Fall)			
EDLF 7603: Philosophy of Education	Fall,	Focus: Social Foundations	3
EDLF 7604: Sociology of Education	Fall	Focus: Social Foundations	3
Semester 5 (Spring)			
EDIS 6880: Master Comprehensive in Curriculum and Instruction	Fall, Spring, Summer	C&I Core: Culminating Class	3
EDLF 7605: Anthropology of Education	Spring	Focus: Social Foundations	3
Total Credits			30