EDUCATION (EDUC)

EDUC 1450 (Re)Making U.S. Schools
What is the purpose of schooling? Why does education seem to be in a constant state of reform? How best to close the entrenched and pernicious opportunity gaps that characterize school systems in the United States? In this first-year seminar, we will consider and debate these questions as we explore the history and politics of schooling in the U.S. over the last half-century. Topics include political movements for racial justice in schools, policy and legal efforts addressing equal opportunity, the rise of standards-based reform, school choice dilemmas, and community control of schools. Our goal is to develop a deeper understanding of the processes by which U.S. society constructs, prioritizes, and addresses education.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 2050 Learning from Children
This course is about looking at elementary school classrooms and understanding children's experiences of school from a variety of perspectives, and from a variety of theoretical and methodological lenses from which the student can interpret children’s educational experiences. This course is about developing the skills of observation, reflection, and analysis and to begin to examine some implications for curriculum, teaching and schooling. This course requires you to spend time in an elementary school classroom.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 2140 Education in American Culture
This course explores the relationships between forms of cultural production and transmission (schooling, family and community socialization, peer group subcultures and media representations) and relations of inequality in American society. Working with a broad definition of “education” as varied forms of social learning, we will concentrate particularly on the cultural processes that produce as well as potentially transform class, race, ethnic and gender differences and identities. From this vantage point, we will then consider the role that schools can and/or should play in challenging inequalities in America.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 2445 Civil Dialogue Seminar: Civic Engagement In A Divided Nation
The goal of this course is to help students develop concepts, tools, dispositions, and skills that will help them engage productively in the ongoing experiment of American democracy. This nation’s founders created a governmental structure that sets up an ongoing and expansive conversation about how to manage the tensions and tradeoffs between competing values and notions of the public good. These tensions can never be fully resolved or eliminated; they are intrinsic to the American experiment. Every generation must struggle to find its own balance, in no small part because in every era people who previously had been unjustly excluded from the conversation find a way to be heard. That inevitably introduces new values and changes how enduring ones get interpreted. The challenge of each generation is to develop that capacity to its fullest. The goal of this course is to equip you to engage fully in your generation’s renewal of the conversation. Class sessions will use a variety of modalities: lecture, discussion, case studies, opportunities to experiment with the tools and techniques of civil dialogue and writing. Each session will include some theory or historical context, a case study, exploration of a key concept of civic dialogue with a related tool or technique, and an interactive exercise. This course is part of a larger effort by the university (called the Paideia program) to help Penn students build these skills.
Fall or Spring
Also Offered As: COMM 2445, URBS 2445
1 Course Unit

EDUC 2535 Psychology of Women
Critical analyses of the psychological theories of female development, and introduction to feminist scholarship on gender development and sexuality.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 2541 Educational Psychology
Current issues and research, applying psychological theory to educational practice. As such, this course will explore the fundamental themes in behavioral, developmental, and cognitive areas of psychology as they relate to education. Topics include: learning, motivation, growth and development, cognitive processes, intelligence tests, measurements, evaluations, etc.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 2551 Mindfulness and Human Development
This course will introduce the student to the many ways in which mindfulness is currently being implemented to support the health and success of students of all ages. Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), which utilizes secularized practices from Asian and South Asian traditions for the remediation of various health concerns, has revolutionized behavioral medicine, and the scientific evaluation of MBSR has shed new light on the biomechanical pathways linking mind and body. This course will 1) explore fundamental principles underlying mindfulness, 2) the scientific data on its effects, and 3) the ways in which mindfulness is being applied to clinical and educational settings to support healthy human development. Contemplative practices include all forms of meditation, including contemplative dimensions of yoga, tai chi, qigong and other mind-body wellness activities. By far the most well known contemplative practice in the U.S. today is “mindfulness.” Mindfulness meditation was introduced into clinical medicine in the 1980’s in the form of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) by Jon Kabat-Zinn and his colleagues at U Mass; since that time it has had a significant impact on psychoneuroimmunology, clinical medicine, and especially behavioral medicine. Both psychological theory and practice have slowly been transformed by new findings emerging from mindfulness research. Brain imaging studies of persons engaged in meditation suggest that focused mental activities can actually change cerebral blood flow (Newberg et al 2010), brain morphology and neural circuitry, in addition to strengthening the immune system (Davidson et al 2003) and improving attention skills (Jha et al 2007). MBSR has been repeatedly documented to be effective in treating mental health problems, particularly depression and anxiety, in numerous adult populations (Goyal et al 2014). Now, researchers are testing MBSR and other mindfulness approaches in children and adolescents as both a way to treat social-emotional dysfunction as well as to promote health and enhance Spring, odd numbered years only
1 Course Unit

EDUC 3123 Tutoring School: Theory and Practic
This course represents an opportunity for students to participate in academically-based community service involving tutoring in a West Phila. public school. This course will serve a need for those students who are already tutoring through the West Phila. Tutoring Project or other campus tutoring. It will also be available to individuals who are interested in tutoring for the first time.
Spring
Also Offered As: URBS 3230
1 Course Unit

EDUC 3545 Psychology of Personal Growth
Intellectual, emotional and behavioral development in the college years. Illustrative topics: developing intellectual and social competence; developing personal and career goals; managing interpersonal relationships; values and behavior. Recommended for submatriculation in Psychological Services Master’s Degree program.
Fall or Spring
Also Offered As: GSWS 3440
1 Course Unit

EDUC 3560 Human Development in Global Perspective
A life-span (infancy to adulthood) approach to development. Topics include: biological, physical, social and cognitive basis of development. Films and guest speakers are often included.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 3726 Tutoring in Urban Public Elementary Schools: A Child Development Perspective
The course provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in academically based community service learning. Student will be studying early childhood development and learning while providing direct, one-to-one tutoring services to young students in Philadelphia public elementary schools. The course will cover foundational dimensions of the cognitive and social development of preschool and elementary school students from a multicultural perspective. The course will place a special emphasis on the multiple contexts that influence children's development and learning and how aspects of classroom environment (i.e., curriculum and classroom management strategies) can impact children's achievement. Also, student will consider a range of larger issues impacting urban education embedded in American society. The course structure has three major components: (1) lecture related directly to readings on early childhood development and key observation and listening skills necessary for effective tutoring, (2) weekly contact with a preschool or elementary school student as a volunteer tutor and active consideration of how to enhance the student learning, and (3) discussion and reflection of personal and societal issues related to being a volunteer tutor in a large urban public school.
Fall
Also Offered As: URBS 3260
1 Course Unit

EDUC 4014 Children's Literature
Theoretical and practical aspects of the study of literature for children. Students develop both wide familiarity with children's books, and understanding of how children's literature fits into the elementary school curriculum.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5007 Teaching & Learning in Student Centered Classrooms
Most teachers have ambitious goals for their classrooms. They strive to make their classrooms spaces where students engage in authentic and meaningful work, where students collaborate on challenging and complex tasks, and where students develop deep disciplinary knowledge and the skills and mindsets that are necessary for their success in college, career, and society. However, many classrooms fall short of this ambitious vision. This course explores the challenges and opportunities teachers face when they attempt to build student-centered learning environments, and offers educators tangible insights and practices to support their work.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5015 Field Seminar: Culturally Responsive Teaching
This seminar is designed to integrate student teaching fieldwork and university course work through reading, discussion, and reflection. Central to this course will be teacher research, an inquiry stance toward learning how to teach, and a social justice approach to education. Throughout the semester, we will be examining a range of issues through theoretical and practice-oriented lenses that will deepen our understanding of teaching and learning. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
0.5-3 Course Units
EDUC 5017 Humanities Field Seminar in Secondary Schools: Curriculum Design & Assessment
This seminar is designed to integrate student teaching fieldwork and university course work through reading, discussion, and reflection. Central to this course will be teacher research, an inquiry stance toward learning how to teach, and a social justice approach to education. Throughout the semester, we will be examining a range of issues through theoretical and practice-oriented lenses that will deepen our understanding of teaching and learning. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
0.5-3 Course Units

EDUC 5018 Integrating the Arts in the K-8 Classroom
It is an unfortunate state of public elementary and middle level education that programs and time spent in arts education are becoming more and more limited, as school leaders feel the pressure to prepare their students for mandated assessments. In this context, it is essential that K-8 educators enter schools prepared to fill this gap through the development of opportunities for children to explore their worlds and express their knowledge through creative channels. This course has been designed to emphasize student-centered pedagogies and to prepare teachers to utilize the arts as one mechanism for building culturally responsive classrooms. This course will prepare K-8 teachers to enact lessons that support students in authentic, collaborative, iterative learning through the creative integration of visual arts and music. The course is split into two modules, one that focuses on visual arts and one that focuses on music. Additionally, this course supports the development of Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) PreK-8 teacher competencies. Prerequisite: Admission to the UTAP program or permission of instructor.
Summer Term
0.5-3 Course Units

EDUC 5020 Literacy in Elementary/Middle Schools
In this course, the interconnections of language, literacy and culture are explored in order to build a knowledge base and understanding of how children learn to read and write. Emphasis will be on how to teach and develop literacy curriculum in the elementary grades, and on how close listening and observation of children in their classroom contexts, combined with a critical reading of research and theory, can inform teaching practices. A central tenet of this course is that the best teachers of reading and writing are themselves active and engaged readers and writers. An important goal is to combine an inquiry approach to teaching and learning with an inquiry approach to thinking about how we teach. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5021 Science Methods: Project-Based Learning Approaches
The goal of this course is to prepare teachers to facilitate science learning in the elementary and middle school. Special emphasis is placed on striving for a balance between curricular goals; individual needs and interests; and the nature of science. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5023 Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle Schools
This course will focus on teaching and learning in the content area of social studies. Curricular and pedagogical theories and practices will be examined for their educational significance, meaningful integration of content areas, respect for students’ cultures (past and present), and contribution to social justice issues. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Spring
0.5-1 Course Unit

EDUC 5030 Cultivating Creativity in the K-8 Classroom
This course is an introduction to maker education and project-based learning, and will prepare K-8 teachers to enact classroom practices that support students in authentic, collaborative, iterative learning through the use of a variety of creative and technological mediums. Classes will consist of a combination of lecture, discussion, and maker lab. This course is about learning to create and teach others how to make. Students will explore a variety of techniques including basic circuitry, coding, architecture, and design while seeking a balance between free exploration and discovery within parameters. Prerequisite: Admission to the UTAP program or permission of instructor required.
Summer Term
0.5-1 Course Unit

EDUC 5031 Mathematics in the Elementary and Middle Schools
Learning to teach mathematics in ways that foster mathematical understanding and enjoyment for every student requires that teachers draw on different kinds of knowledge, skills, and dispositions. In addition to developing an understanding of central mathematical ideas, learning to teach math involves learning about learners, the understandings and conceptions they hold, and the processes through which they learn. It also involves developing skill in constructing tasks that engage students in mathematical exploration, creating an environment that facilitates reasoning, and finding ways to analyze and learn from one's own teaching. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5040 Differentiating Instruction for Diverse Learners/Special Education & Bilingual Students
This course engages student teachers working with diverse learners, presenting factual information about specific areas of need situated within a socio-cultural framework. It addresses content related to both special education and English language learners in four areas: (1) Introduction to Special Education; (2) Learning Categories; (3) Issues in Special Education; and (4) Working with English Language Learners. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program. Prerequisite: Permission needed from department.
Two Term Class, Student must enter first term; credit given after both terms are complete
0.5-1 Course Unit
EDUC 5054 Managing Collaborative Learning Environments in Urban Contexts
This course marks the beginnings of your year-long inquiry as preservice teachers, and hopefully your career-long inquiry as committed educational professionals, into the challenges of and opportunities for teaching and learning in urban settings. The theories and practices explored in this course are offered as foundations for instructional approaches that are intentional, reflective, inquiry-based, and learner-centered. As we investigate multiple dimensions of teaching and learning (curriculum design, learning theories, instructional techniques, etc.), you will have opportunities to both clarify and challenge the assumptions, beliefs, hopes, fears, and goals that you bring to your preparation to teach in urban secondary schools. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5055 Advanced Field Seminar: Student-Centered Social Justice Pedagogy
This course focuses on praxis—the mutually supporting roles of theory and practice that bring rigor and relevance to the work of educational professionals. This course is designed to give student teachers opportunities to develop pedagogical orientations, to learn from "problems of practice" at placement sites, and to enrich student teachers' theoretical and practical knowledge. All of these experiences will inform the master's portfolio and will prepare teachers to continue to see themselves and their practice as continuing sites for research. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Spring
1-3 Course Units

EDUC 5056 Advanced Field Seminar for STEM Inquiry in Secondary Schools
This course focuses on praxis—the mutually supporting roles of theory and practice that bring rigor and relevance to the work of educational professionals. This course is designed to give student teachers opportunities to develop pedagogical orientations, to learn from "problems of practice" at placement sites, and to enrich student teachers' theoretical and practical knowledge. All of these experiences will inform the master's portfolio and will prepare teachers to continue to see themselves and their practice as continuing sites for research. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Spring
1-3 Course Units

EDUC 5057 Advanced Field Seminar for Humanities Inquiry in Secondary Schools
This course focuses on praxis—the mutually supporting roles of theory and practice that bring rigor and relevance to the work of educational professionals. This course is designed to give student teachers opportunities to develop pedagogical orientations, to learn from "problems of practice" at placement sites, and to enrich student teachers' theoretical and practical knowledge. All of these experiences will inform the master's portfolio and will prepare teachers to continue to see themselves and their practice as continuing sites for research. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Spring
1-3 Course Units

EDUC 5058 Advanced Field Seminar: Student-Centered Social Justice in Early Childhood Education (EDUC)
This course provides an understanding of the nature of entrepreneurship related to public/private/for profit and non-profit educational and social organizations. The course focuses on issues of management, strategies and financing of early stage entrepreneurial ventures, and on entrepreneurship in established educational organizations.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5065 Introduction to Teaching & Classroom Routines
This course is designed to support summer fieldwork in libraries, and serves as a bridge between fieldwork and course and fieldwork that begins in the fall. The course begins with a set of experiences in local communities which, along with courses, helps apprentices learn about neighborhoods and communities in which schools are located. This course provides apprentices with approaches to establishing classroom/group norms and practices allowing teachers to develop relationships with children. Apprentices will learn to establish routines and activities to be used in summer and fall fieldwork, as well as the professional cycle of planning, enacting, observing, and reflecting in a professional learning community. This course will also contribute to apprentices’ understanding of literacy and math learning in the K-8 classroom.
Prerequisite: Admission to the UTAP program or permission of the instructor.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5100 Experimental Course (Teaching, Learning, and Leadership)
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5113 Development of the Young Child
This course will blend an explanatory and descriptive account of behavioral evolution over the early years of life. After a review of "grand" developmental theory and the major themes of child change (from images to representation; from dependence to independence; from instinctual to social beings), this course will survey the child's passage from infancy through the early school years. While the emphasis will be on the nature of the child—what she/he sees, feels, thinks, fantasizes, wants and loves—these realities will be understood in terms of developmental theory. At each stage, the course will review the development of cognition, personal identity, socialization, and morality in pluralistic contexts.
Fall
0.5-1 Course Unit

EDUC 5126 Technology for Educators
The aim of this course is to provide educators with hands-on experience with a range of technologies. During the course we will explore and learn how to handle web-based, free technologies that can be used by educators to design educational activities appropriate for their students.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5134 Diversity and Social Justice in American K-12 Education
In this course, students will develop a critical understanding of how various markers of social difference mediate the privileging of some and the marginalization of others within K-12 schools. Additionally, by considering their potential to act as agents of change, students will devise and share strategies for anti-oppressive educational practices.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5150 Educational and Social Entrepreneurship
This course provides an understanding of the nature of entrepreneurship related to public/private/for profit and non-profit educational and social organizations. The course focuses on issues of management, strategies and financing of early stage entrepreneurial ventures, and on entrepreneurship in established educational organizations.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5151 Outside the School Box: History, Policy and Alternatives
This course explores historical and contemporary challenges involved in the policy and practice of non-school education agencies and factors that work in service to local school/community settings. Students will explore several historical case studies, conceptual frames, and current policy challenges, culminating in a community-based research project.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5152 Video Games and Virtual Worlds as Sites for Learning
Drawing on work from the education, psychology, communication, and the growing field of games studies, we will examine the history of video games, research on game play and players, review how researchers from different disciplines have conceptualized and investigated learning in playing and designing games, and what we know about possible outcomes. We will also address issues of gender, race and violence that have been prominent in discussions about the impact of games.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5171 Collaboration & Conflict
Collaboration & Conflict is an experiential and interdisciplinary exploration of how people work together to solve complex problems. The course explores the deeply intrapersonal and interpersonal demands of exercising leadership within partnerships, teams, and complex organizations. The course seeks to help students understand why effective leadership is a cognitively demanding task, requiring both adept emotional intelligence as well as expert technical skill, and why most of us must develop as individuals in order to develop as leaders. The course draws on relevant research, theoretical frameworks, and best practices from psychology, sociology, business, law, medicine, negotiation, economics, education, and more.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5180 Gender & Education
This course is designed to provide an overview of the major discussions and debates in the area of gender and education. While the intersections of gender, race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality are emphasized throughout this course, the focus of the research we will read is on gender and education in English-speaking countries. We will examine theoretical frameworks of gender and use these to read popular literature, examine teaching practices and teachers with respect to gender, using case studies to investigate the topics.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5204 Citizen Sociolinguistics
In this course we will draw on the Internet and daily news (internet circulated, usually) to find "Citizen Sociolinguists" who speak with authority, while juxtaposing these media with the usual scholarly sources.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5208 Classroom Discourse and Interaction
In this course students will read research that investigates the role of classroom interaction in learning and human development. Students will also learn how to "do" discourse analysis using real classroom data. Students will practice and critique methods for analyzing classroom discourse data as teachers, with an aim of developing a critical awareness of our own language use and role in society.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5212 Communication and Culture in Context
This course brings together scholarship in pragmatics, interactional sociolinguistics, and critical discourse analysis to help language teachers and intercultural educators foster pedagogies that respond to the complexities of living in a multilingual/multicultural society. Through a series of readings, small research projects, and activities, participants will develop a collection of educational practices that focus on 1) raising metalinguistic awareness, 2) developing resources and strategies for communicating across perceived social and cultural boundaries, and 3) assessing intercultural interactional competence.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5216 Content-Based Instruction
This course offers students opportunities to investigate, observe, design practice, and critically evaluate the integration of content and language teaching - Content Based Instruction. The settings investigated include thematic English Language teaching; co-teaching and peer coaching by ESL and content teacher teams; and sheltered content instruction, among others. Standards, integrations of tasks, and special language requirements in various content areas are reviewed.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5220 Pedagogy and Action for Critical Education
This graduate-level course is designed in collaboration with students and is centered on student-facilitated critical dialogue. Students in this course will engage with salient dimensions and theoretical foundations of issues, such as social justice, diversity, intersectionality, oppression, and more, within educational spaces. Through course activities and discussions, as well as student designed and facilitated classes, students will examine issues related to anti-oppressive education and develop skills in workshop design and facilitation that will empower them to work towards social change as community members, educators, and/or researchers.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5224 Curriculum and Materials Development for English Language Teaching
This course is designed for those who are ready to develop skills in curriculum, course and materials design. The objectives of the course include learning how (a) to become able to analytically respond to readings on curriculum, course and materials development; (b) to analyze the sociocultural, economic, linguistic and occupational contexts of language teaching programs; (c) to design an original semester-long ESL/ EFL course; (d) to design original pedagogical tasks and supplementary materials; and (e) to design in a group. EDUC 527 & EDUC 537 provide essential background for this advanced course. Prerequisite: Permission from instructor is required.
Fall
Prerequisite: EDUC 6215 AND EDUC 6205
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5232 Indigenous Education and Language Revitalization  
The course examines Indigenous education and language revitalization from an international perspective, considering questions like: What policies, ideologies, and discourses shape the history of Indigenous education? What roles do pan-Indigenous and international organizations play? What does decolonizing and Indigenousizing schooling look like? How do Indigenous epistemologies, ways of knowing, being and relating influence education? What does culturally relevant schooling mean in Indigenous contexts? What are the roles of Indigenous communities in language revitalization and educational processes?  
Not Offered Every Year  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5236 Intercultural Communication and Miscommunication  
An introduction to basic issues in intercultural communication, reviewing various perspectives on the nature of culture, communication, “miscommunication” and inter-cultural relations. The course criticizes two commonly held assumptions: 1) that “cultures” are unitary and unchanging and 2) that inter-cultural contact and communication is inherently more troublesome than intra-cultural communication. The course considers ways in which intercultural communication has important consequences in education, medicine, social services, business settings, and international contact situations.  
Not Offered Every Year  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5240 Language and Gender  
This course traces the development of research on language and gender, introducing key theoretical issues and methodological concerns in this area. Participants will consider how gender ideologies shape and are shaped by language use, with particular attention to how research findings can be applied to educational and other professional settings.  
Not Offered Every Year  
Also Offered As: GSWS 5720  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5248 Language Assessment  
This course concerns a basic theoretical and practical foundation in language assessment, with particular emphasis on assessments used in second and foreign language education. The course covers various kinds of testing (both formal testing and performance-based assessment), theoretical and technical issues associated with test development, administration, the social influences of testing, and future directions in language assessment.  
Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5252 Language Diversity and Education  
Exploration of issues affecting educational policy and classroom practice in multilingual, multicultural settings, with an emphasis on ethnographic research. Selected U.S. and international cases illustrate concerns relating to learners’ bilingual/bicultural/biliterate development in formal educational settings. Topics include policy contexts, program structures, teaching and learning in the multilingual classroom, discourses and identities in multilingual education policy and practice, and the role of teachers, researchers, and communities in implementing change in schools.  
Fall  
Also Offered As: LALS 6610  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5256 Linguistic Anthropology of Education  
Linguistic anthropologists study the role of language use in culturally patterned behavior. The course focuses on recent research by linguistic anthropologists in educational settings in the US and Europe marked by increasing linguistic and cultural diversity. The goal of the course is to uncover useful tools that contemporary linguistic anthropology offers to educational research.  
Spring  
Prerequisite: EDUC 6210  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5264 Structure of English  
The goal of this course is to increase students’ explicit knowledge of selected isolatable parts of the English language and to identify their pedagogical applications with respect to the needs of learners of English as a foreign/second language. This goal is realized through an investigation of: 1) frequently occurring linguistic forms and the rules and principles that govern the way that these forms can be combined and ordered; 2) the meanings that can attach to these forms; and 3) the social functions associated with these forms.  
Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5268 Teaching Performance Art for Cross-Cultural Education  
This class examines issues related to cultural communities and the arts, specifically performance, writing and storytelling as an educational tool for generating cross cultural and intercultural understanding, dialogue and exchange. Assignments will focus on, cross-cultural research and dialogue, and skill building in teaching, writing and performance. Students will also develop an understanding of how performance can be used to enhance classroom activities in elementary/middle/secondary/post secondary classroom curricula.  
Fall  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5270 Selected Topics in ELX: Adult Literacy for ELLs  
The focus for each semester will vary to reflect those issues most relevant to current concerns in educational linguistics.  
Fall or Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5271 Selected Topics in ELX: Technology in Language Education  
The focus for each semester will vary to reflect those issues most relevant to current concerns in educational linguistics.  
Fall or Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5272 Selected Topics in ELX: Conversation Analysis for Second Language Teaching and Research  
The focus for each semester will vary to reflect those issues most relevant to current concerns in educational linguistics.  
Fall or Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5273 Selected Topics in ELX: Task Based Language Teaching  
The focus for each semester will vary to reflect those issues most relevant to current concerns in educational linguistics.  
Fall or Spring  
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5280 Teaching Writing in Multilingual Contexts
This course introduces participants to a range of theoretical and practical issues related to second language literacy development, with a particular emphasis on writing instruction. An intensive service-learning project offers course participants the opportunity to work with developing writers in a bilingual community organization. The dual emphasis on theory and pedagogy is intended to create space for critical reflection on the characteristics, production, teaching, and assessment of written texts in bi/multilingual educational settings.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5281 Language Teaching and Literacy Development in Multilingual Community Contexts
Immigrant youth often face the dual challenge of learning a new language and learning academic content in that language simultaneously. Many educators, however, struggle to identify and implement instructional practices that acknowledge learners’ strengths, while also attending to their communicative, academic, and social needs. This course brings insights and findings from sociolinguistics to bear on research on language and literacy teaching to develop a situated, interactionally mindful approach for supporting emergent bi/multilinguals. An intensive service-learning project offers course participants the opportunity to “learn by doing” by working closely with children and adolescents in one multilingual, community-based after-school setting. Although the course takes the case of English learners attending U.S. elementary and secondary schools as its starting point, discussion of the implications and applications to other national/educational contexts is encouraged.
The goal of this course is to prepare participants to provide language and literacy instruction in contextually sensitive, theoretically informed, and interactionally attuned ways.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5299 TESOL Classroom Fundamentals
This course focuses on the fundamental teaching skills that you need as a language educator. It is designed to help you develop effective ways of doing as much as knowing and thinking about language teaching and learning within a reflective practice framework.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 6215 AND EDUC 6205
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5325 Fieldwork in Language in Education
Supervised fieldwork for individuals preparing to work with reading specialist/teachers in school settings.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5328 Fieldwork in Language in Education
Supervised fieldwork for individuals preparing to work with reading specialist/teachers in school settings.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5333 Forming and Reforming the Elementary Reading/Writing/Literacy Curriculum
Students explore the theory and practice of constructivist approaches to teaching reading/writing/talking across the curriculum. They read widely and discuss issues that are informed by theory and research in many fields of inquiry including children’s and adolescent literature, educational linguistics, cognitive psychology, curriculum, and anthropology and assessment. They write and share integrative journals; develop, teach and reflect upon holistic lessons; and complete an individual or group project of their own choosing.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5335 Literature for Children and Adolescents
Theoretical and practical aspects of the study of literature for children and adolescents. Students develop both wide familiarity with children’s/adolescents’ books and understanding of how literature can be used in elementary/middle/secondary school curricula. Students complete course projects that focus on literature in specific classroom, research, home, or professional contexts.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5378 Teaching Reading and Study in Colleges and Universities
This course is designed for both pre-service and experienced instructors and administrators who are interested in teaching and/or researching the concept of academic literacies and the array of academic skills in postsecondary settings, and/or directing programs in reading, writing and study strategies at the postsecondary level. The course presents theoretical frameworks relevant to the teaching of study strategies, theories of cognitive development, and practical instructional methods. Emphasis is placed on the process and content of such instruction, materials and methods for teaching, and ways to organize postsecondary literacy programs.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5382 Theories and Pedagogies of Teaching Writing
This seminar examines various theories and pedagogies of teaching writing in multilingual, multimodal contexts. It explores the historical and ideological underpinnings of contemporary theories of writing and attends to how writing, and the teaching of writing, is shifting in a mobile, networked, and global age.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5388 Digital Literacies in a Networked World
This graduate seminar is designed to explore how literacy and learning are changing as people participate with digital technologies across intersecting local and global networks. Participants will collaboratively investigate how young people’s digital literacies—their culturally and socially situated meaning making practices mediated by digital tools—emerge in relation to constantly shifting technologies of communication and are constructed, reconstructed, negotiated, and embodied in multiple semiotic systems across everyday contexts. This course highlights how digital literacies are situated, and how these socio-cultural understandings illuminate issues of power and privilege.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5404 Systems Thinking for International Development and Educational Change
This course explores what it means to take a "systems approach" to understanding international development, particularly as it relates to the design and implementation of projects supported at least in part by international aid and donor institutions. We focus overall on the education sector, but we begin with a broader view of complex adaptive systems and international development, drawing upon case studies about education, water, sanitation, health, savings groups, empowering the disabled, climate change and community radio, and others. There is ample room for the course to appeal to those focused on sectors other than education. We build upon a deep discussion of the complexity of development contexts. Next, we turn to systems thinking and "theories of change." We ultimately go deepest into educational processes, politics, systems and outcomes. Concerns for governance and accountability have increased attention to "systems thinking" in the design and implementation of public services, including education plans and educational reform; therefore, reformers must grasp the range of meanings of an "education system" as complex, multidimensional processes, interactions, and institutional structures. Students will learn to use systems thinking to approach, define, understand and analyze the biggest challenges to improving social outcomes—so called "wicked problems".
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5406 International Early Childhood Policies and Programs
This course focuses on early childhood development research, policies, and practices in low and middle-income countries. The first part of the course reviews the evidence for investing in young children from economic, health, and education perspectives. The second part of the course discusses current issues related to designing, implementing, and evaluating quality, contextually-appropriate early childhood interventions. The first part examines global policy frameworks and educational reform; therefore, reformers must grasp the range of meanings of an "education system" as complex, multidimensional processes, interactions, and institutional structures. Students will learn to use systems thinking to approach, define, understand and analyze the biggest challenges to improving social outcomes—so called "wicked problems".
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5412 Policy Planning in International Educational Development: Theory and Practice
This course focuses on education policy in low and middle-income countries. The first part examines global policy frameworks and international institutions/actors that shape education reform efforts. The second part covers the contexts, processes, and tools for national education policy planning. The third part analyzes a series of current cross-national education policy issues.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5414 Economics of Education in Developing Countries
This is a course on economics of education, a field within the subject of economics that draws upon many areas of economic specialization. The course focuses on developing countries and includes papers and case-studies covering themes such as returns to investment in education, production, costs and financing of education, teacher labor markets, economic growth, education markets, and equity issues.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5418 Participatory Educational Research in Global Perspective: Theory and Practice
This course examines participatory models and frameworks in relation to international applied educational development research. Through a critical examination of approaches to international applied development research, the course examines real-world models of development research in order to examine questions regarding the nature of knowledge, post-colonial histories, researcher positionalities, and the relationships between concepts, theory, methodology, community, and identity. Course focuses on participatory methodologies as cross-sector strategy frameworks for sustainable, equitable, locally driven educational development efforts.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5430 Migration, Displacement, and Education
This course examines the effects of migration (forced and voluntary) on education in a variety of contexts across the world (including the United States). The course reviews sociological and anthropological theories of immigrant incorporation and inclusion. Such frameworks are then applied to migration through case studies of im/migrants, refugees, and displaced persons in order to consider educational practices, programs and policies that address the effects of migration and displacement on education in diverse contexts.
Fall
Also Offered As: LALS 5430
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5431 Global Citizenship
This course examines the possibilities and limitations of conceiving of and realizing citizenship on a global scale. Readings, guest lecturers, and discussions will focus on dilemmas associated with addressing issues that transcend national boundaries. In particular, the course compares global/local dynamics that emerge across different types of improvement efforts focusing on distinctive institutions and social domains, including: educational development; human rights; humanitarian aid; free trade; micro-finance initiatives; and the global environmental movement. The course has two objectives: to explore research and theoretical work related to global citizenship, social engagement, and international development; and to discuss ethical and practical issues that emerge in the local contexts where development initiatives are implemented.
Spring
Also Offered As: ANTH 5460, URBS 5460
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5433 Teaching and Learning in the Global Era
We are living in an era in which economic, social, cultural, environmental and technological transformations are connecting people across the globe in new and unprecedented ways. Given that our world is increasingly interconnected, it is no longer adequate to prepare students to succeed simply as citizens of a particular nation. Students also must acquire the knowledge, skills, dispositions, understanding and aptitude to engage with people from different regions in the world who may hold varying or conflicting perspectives, forms of knowledge, and ways of knowing that are culturally and historically specific and informed. This course will focus on issues related to teaching and learning in the 21st century, and to preparing young people for global citizenship. We will consider what it means to be a global citizen as well as the various approaches to educating for global citizenship that have emerged in the U.S. and around the world. We will also explore instructional and curricular innovations that aim to enrich how young people learn about world regions and cultural traditions, engage with global issues and come to respect contrasting perspectives.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5434 Decolonizing Education
Frantz Fanon (1963) writes that decolonization “sets out to change the order of the world.” This course approaches decolonization in and around Education not as a “metaphor” for “civil and human rights-based social justice projects” couched in diversity, inclusion, and equity (Tuck and Yang 2012), but as part of a range of political projects and experiments that have sought to fundamentally reorder global structures, systems, and relations of power. Though prevailing philosophies about the meaning and purpose of Education cast schooling as a critical pathway to democratic, socially just, and inclusive societies, the historical foundations and contemporary realities of formal education in the Global South complicate these ideals. For much of the formerly colonized world, Western education was one of the earliest and most enduring imperial projects, which deliberately undermined indigenous systems of knowing and learning in order to produce “good” subjects for incorporation into colonial regimes. Despite the promises of post-colonial nationalhood, in most parts of the world, education still retains this function as the primary instrument of elite re/production and social stratification. And, yet, education is also typically imagined as central to decolonial and anti-imperial projects, improving social conditions, and forms of social and political belonging. This course interrogates histories and contemporary realities related to the politics and possibilities of Education from the vantage point of the Global South, which here signals a geography of relative geopolitical power indexing relations of development/underdevelopment, core/periphery, and empire/colony. By considering the various ways education has been part of decolonizing projects, we will investigate the relationships between education and indigenous ways of knowing and learning, colonialism, nationalism, conflict, class re/production, spatial and social mobilities, among other thematic strands. Moreover, in centering the periphery, we will explore the theoretical openings that “theory from the (Global) South” offers for decolonial epistemologies and pedagogies.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5435 Youth Cultural Formations
This course explores anthropological perspectives on peer-based youth cultures. It explores how educational institutions, media (fashion, music, magazines), and states shape youth cultures in cross-cultural contexts through social processes such as capitalism, nationalism, and increasing globalization. The course emphasizes ethnographies and histories which explore the relationship of these wider social processes to the lived realities of young people, situated in class, gender, national and race-specific contexts.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5436 Philosophical Aspects of Education Policy
This course, which is unofficially titled ‘Justice goes to School’ explores the philosophical or normative foundations of educational policy decisions. School choice, standards-based reform, civic education, children’s and parents’ rights, school finance reform - how do different arguments for these policies view the role of schools in society? What are their concept of the person, and their view of the educated person? We will consider arguments for and against a variety of contemporary educational policies. Students are encouraged, if they are interested, to bring to class educational policy decision that perplex or intrigue them.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5437 Interfaith Dialogue in Action
This ABCS course explores religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue and action on college campuses. It brings together students with diverse faith commitments (including atheism) to engage with and learn from one another in academic study, dialogue, and service.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5438 Education Law and Policy
This course examines major court cases in the United States and considers their impact on education policy and practice. We consider the arguments for different court decisions in light of normative principles, precedents, and both intended and actual consequences. The court cases discussed will vary, including topics such as school finance litigation and its impact on equity since Rodriguez; speech protections for students and teachers in K-12 and in higher education since Tinker; integration, affirmative action and racial equity since Brown in both K-12 and higher education; and other cases.
Fall, even numbered years only
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5439 Examining the School to Prison Pipeline: Implications of History, Policy, and Race
The term school-to-prison pipeline typically refers to a disturbing trend in which punitive policies have led to children being funneled out of schools and into the criminal justice system at an alarming rate. This course: 1. Examines the historical context and policies that have contributed to the school-to-prison pipeline.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5443 Education and the American Metropolis
Education and the American City centers on major trends and factors that have shaped cities and their prek-16 school systems since the Second World War, including racial discrimination, migration and immigration, suburbanization, deindustrialization, U.S. housing policy, social welfare policy, and urban renewal.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5445 Ethics & Schools
This course explores the ethical elements of the work of schooling by examining ethical dilemmas faced by teachers, administrators, and policy makers. This course also explores how ethics should be taught in schools (and if it should be taught at all). The course raises and engages with the following questions: How can educators approach ethical dilemmas in their everyday work? How might an educator respond when she believes school-based policies and procedures are not in a student’s best interest? How might an educator balance responses to particular events with system’s level transformation? Should policy makers pande to upper-middle class parents to attract them to urban districts? How can individual teachers and entire schools teach ethics? 
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5449 The Social & Political Philosophy of Education
Is the purpose of education to allow individuals to better themselves by pursuing personal tastes and interests, or should education be primarily aimed at creating good citizens or good members of a group? Is there a way of reconciling these two aims? Assuming that adult relations with children are inherently paternalistic, is it possible for children to be educated for future autonomy to pursue major life goals free from such paternalistic control; and if so, how? How much, if any control over education can be allocated to the state, even when this conflicts with the educational goals parents have for their children? Such questions are especially relevant in multicultural or pluralistic societies in which some groups within a liberal state are non-liberal. Should a liberal democratic state intervene in education to ensure the development of children’s personal autonomy, or must tolerance of non-liberal groups prevail even at the expense of children’s autonomy? 
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5451 Politics and Education
How is education a form of political action? In this course we look at the governance of schools, the trust in them and their relations to socio-economic conditions in society, among other topics, using research in education, political science, and political theory. 
Fall
Also Offered As: PSCI 5450
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5453 History of American Education
This course will examine the growth and development of American schools, from the birth of the republic into the present. By 1850, the United States sent a greater fraction of its children to school than any other nation on earth. Why? What did young people learn there? And, most of all, how did these institutions both reflect and shape our evolving conceptions of "America" itself? In an irreducibly diverse society, the answers were never simple. Americans have always defined their nation in a myriad of contrasting and often contradictory ways. So they have also clashed vehemently over their schools, which remain our central public vehicle for deliberating and disseminating the values that we wish to transmit to our young. Our course will pay close attention to these education-related debates, especially in the realms of race, class, and religion. When immigrants came here from other shores, would they have to relinquish their old cultures and languages? When African-Americans won their freedom from bondage, what status would they assume? And as different religious denominations fanned out across the country, how would they balance the uncompromising demands of faith with the pluralistic imperatives of democracy? All of these questions came into relief at school, where the answers changed dramatically over time. Early American teachers blithely assumed that newcomers would abandon their old-world habits and tongues; today, "multicultural education" seeks to preserve or even to celebrate these distinctive patterns. Post-emancipation white philanthropists designed vocational curricula for freed African-Americans, imagining blacks as loyal serfs; but blacks themselves demanded a more academic education, which 
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5455 Merit and America
What constitutes merit? What should constitute merit? These questions are both philosophical and practical - and are faced by every educator in some form. The notion of meritocracy has long been at the heart of varied discourses about the place of education in American society. Merit is most often understood as inhering in consistent and individual personality traits such as competency, intelligence, and diligence. And yet, every individual is embedded in complex social worlds that are culturally specific and historically contingent. Drawing on a broad array of disciplines and literatures, this seminar-style course challenges students to consider how ideas of merit and its measurement are shaped by American history, culture, and society, and to articulate their own views as they move toward their professional goals. 
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5457 Education and the Culture Wars: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
America is wracked by "culture wars," pitting different moral and religious values against each other. But these conflicts are hardly new. Since the founding of the Republic, we have battled over religion, sex, gender, and race. And many of these conflicts have entered our schools, which remain our primary vehicle for deliberating and determining who we are. What languages should we use in school? What should we teach young people about sex? About race? About religion? Most of all, what stories should we tell about the nation itself? This course will probe these issues and also help students write primary-source research papers that examine different culture wars in American education. 
Fall
1 Course Unit
**EDUC 5459 Activism Beyond the Classroom**

ACTIVISM BEYOND THE CLASSROOM (ABC) invites you to engage in participatory inquiry and public scholarship related to grassroots activism around education and social justice, in collaboration with Philadelphia community activists and one another. Together, we will explore how to form the coalition(s), theory, and praxes necessary to transform social conditions. In the first part of the course, we critically examine theories of power, resistance, and liberatory transformation to share knowledges and a build a critical vocabulary with which we will investigate the contested rhetorical and political terrain of our present moment. The notion of praxis, a guiding principle of the course, signals the processes through which “theory” is both embodied and realized. As such, in the second part of the course, we will experiment with how theory can be brought to bear on contemporary struggles around education—and, conversely, how the practices of activism can inform our learning, scholarship, and pedagogies. ABC is an Academically Based Community Service course supported by the Netter Center for Community Partnerships. Our work will crosscut three areas: (1) inquiry-based working groups, (2) community engagements, and (3) public forms of scholarship, including a class podcast, opinion essays, and a course website located at: www.activismbeyondtheclassroom.com.

Not Offered Every Year

1 Course Unit

**EDUC 5466 Ethnographic Filmmaking**

This ethnographic methodology course considers filmmaking/videography as a tool in conducting ethnographic research as well as a medium for presenting academic research to scholarly and non-scholarly audiences. The course engages the methodological and theoretical implications of capturing data and crafting social scientific accounts/narratives in images and sounds. Students are required to put theory into practice by conducting ethnographic research and producing an ethnographic film as their final project. In service to that goal, students will read about ethnography (as a social scientific method and representational genre), learn and utilize ethnographic methods in fieldwork, watch non-fiction films (to be analyzed for formal properties and implicit assumptions about culture/sociality), and acquire rigorous training in the skills and craft of digital video production. This is an ABCS course, and students will produce short ethnographic films with students in Philadelphia high schools as part of a partnership project with the School District of Philadelphia. Due to the time needed for ethnographic film production, this is a year-long course, which will meet periodically in both the fall and spring semesters.

Two Term Class, Student must enter first term; credit given after both terms are complete

Also Offered As: ANTH 5830

1 Course Unit

**EDUC 5467 Community Youth Filmmaking**

This course focuses on how the filmmaking medium and process can provide a means for engaging youth in ethnographically grounded civic action projects where they learn about, reflect on, and communicate to others about their issues in their schools and communities. Students receive advanced training in film and video for social change. A project-based service-learning course, students collaborate with Philadelphia high school students and community groups to make films and videos that encourage creative self-expression and represent issues important to youth, schools, and local communities. Stories and themes on emotional well-being, safety, health, environmental issues, racism and social justice are particularly encouraged. A central thread throughout is to assess and reflect upon the strengths (and weaknesses) of contemporary film (digital, online) in fostering debate, discussion and catalyzing community action and social change. The filmmaking medium and process itself is explored as a means to engage and interact with communities. This course provides a grounding in theories, concepts, methods and practices of community engagement derived from Community Participatory Video, Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) and Ethnographic methods. For the very first time, Penn students will be trained to operate a state-of-the-art TV studio at PSTV (Philadelphia Schools TV). At the end of the semester approved films will be screened with an accompanying panel discussion at an event at the School District of Philadelphia (SDP). These films will also be broadcast on Comcast Philadelphia’s PSTV Channel 52 and webcast via the district’s website and YouTube channel. This is an ABCS course, and students will produce short ethnographic films with students in Philadelphia high schools as part of a partnership project with the School District of Philadelphia. EDUC 5466 Ethnographic Filmmaking (or equivalent) is a pre-requisite or permission of instructor.

Spring

Also Offered As: ANTH 5467

1 Course Unit

**EDUC 5480 Education in Developing Countries**

In recent years the construct of “global development” has come under increasing scrutiny, leading some scholars and practitioners to wonder whether development remains a useful concept. In this course, we will actively engage in this debate through a survey of the development literature in the field of education. We will examine theoretical frameworks and historical perspectives that will allow us to develop a better understanding of what is meant by “development” as well as recognize how these concepts relate to basic educational planning and practice in various international contexts. Prerequisite: Prior graduate work in related areas recommended. The course will work from primary and secondary materials on theories, research, and applications used to promote global development and basic education. Some programs are carried out by multinational/bilateral agencies such as World Bank, Unicef, UNESCO, and USAID, while others are undertaken by intermediary organizations (such as NGOs and universities) and local organizations or individual specialists. Issues include a range of social, economic and political obstacles to the provision of quality education. The goal of this course is to improve your understanding of how different theories of education and development influence educational policy, priorities, and programs of international, national, and local institutions. Prerequisite: Prior graduate work in related areas recommended.

Fall

1 Course Unit
EDUC 5490 School and Society in America
This course reviews the major empirical and theoretical research from the social history, and social theory on the development, organization and governance of American education, and the relationship between schooling and the principal institutions and social structures of American society.
Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5495 Anthropology and Education
An introduction to the intent, approach, and contribution of anthropology to the study of socialization and schooling in cross-cultural perspective. Education is examined in traditional, colonial, and complex industrial societies.
Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms
Also Offered As: ANTH 5470, URBS 5470
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5522 Psychology of the African-American
Using an Afro-centric philosophical understanding of the world, this course will focus on psychological issues related to African Americans, including the history of African American psychology, its application across the life span, and contemporary community issues.
Spring
Also Offered As: AFRC 5220
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5538 Stereotype Threat, Impostor Phenomenon, and African Americans
This course critically examines stereotype threat and impostor phenomenon as they relate to African Americans. Both stereotype threat and impostor phenomenon negatively affect African Americans. The apprehension experienced by African Americans that they might behave in a manner that confirms an existing negative cultural stereotype is stereotype threat, which usually results in reduced effectiveness in African Americans' performance. Stereotype threat is linked with impostor phenomenon. Impostor phenomenon is an internal experience of intellectual phoniness in authentically talented individuals, in which they doubt their accomplishments and fear being exposed as a fraud. While stereotype threat relies on broad generalization, the impostor phenomenon describes feelings of personal inadequacy, especially in high-achieving African Americans. This course will explore the evolving meanings connected to both stereotype threat and impostor phenomenon in relation to African Americans.
Fall
Also Offered As: AFRC 6020
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5553 Foundations of Education for Diverse Learners
An introduction to Special Education including the history, the legal regulation of Special Education, and an examination of critical issues.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5557 Developmental Theories: Applications with Adolescents
Focuses on theories of adolescent development and the nature of transactions among adolescents, peers, teachers, specialists, and significant others. Also covers methods of intervening to promote psychological growth.
Fall
0.5-1 Course Unit

EDUC 5558 Developmental Theories: Applications with Young Adults
This course is designed as a collaborative inquiry toward constructing and elaborating upon theories of young adult development and interactions with young adults as counselors, teachers, family members, and higher education administrators. Using a seminar or working group format, participants explore the relationships among developmental theory, sociocultural contexts of young adults, practice (e.g., interventions, relationships), and research. Using literature from empirical and popular, mainstream sources, participants will engage in learning of how young adults navigate the transition from adolescence to adulthood. Specific topics to be addressed include, "the quarterlife crisis," financial needs of young adults, relationships, family, and career exploration and crystallization.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5560 Human Development
Provides an introduction to physical, social, cognitive, emotional and linguistic development from infancy to adulthood. Major theories related to human development will be discussed along with methods of intervention for individuals in various life stages.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5561 Adolescent Development
An interdisciplinary view will be used to frame biological, psychological, and social development among adolescents. Special emphasis will be placed on how contextual factors influence developmental outcomes. Theories of adolescent development and methods of intervention will also be discussed.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5562 Personality & Social Development
The effects of social processes on human development in the interlocking contexts of parents, family, peers, school, communities and culture are considered during the major developmental periods of infancy, childhood, adolescence and adulthood. The course examines what is unique about social developments, how social relationships can be defined, and what are the social precursors and consequences of specific developmental changes.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5568 Cognitive Development
This course examines the cognitive development of the child from infancy to adolescence with an emphasis on cultural context. Topics include: origins of thinking, Piaget, Vygotsky, intelligence, development of learning and memory, language development, and moral development.
Fall
Prerequisite: EDUC 5560
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5570 Topics of Psychology in Education: Qualitative Studies of Developmental Interventions
This course is designed to introduce students to innovative approaches to the psychology of education, especially with regard to populations from at-risk contexts, sociocultural dimensions of education, and social-emotional learning.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5571 Topics of Psychology in Education: Mindfulness and Healthy Development
This course is designed to introduce students to innovative approaches to the psychology of education, especially with regard to populations from at-risk contexts, sociocultural dimensions of education, and social-emotional learning.
Not Offered Every Year
Also Offered As: AFRC 5750
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5573 Topics of Psychology in Education: Psychoeducational Processes with Black Males
This course is designed to introduce students to innovative approaches to the psychology of education, especially with regard to populations from at-risk contexts, sociocultural dimensions of education, and social-emotional learning.
Not Offered Every Year
Also Offered As: AFRC 5573
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5580 Developmental Theories & Applications with Children
The purpose of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to consider mandates, models, and methods related to enhancing the learning and development of preschool and early elementary school children. This course emphasizes the application of developmental psychology and multicultural perspectives to the design of effective classroom-based strategies. Students will consider a "whole-child" approach to understanding children's classroom behavior in context. Major assignments will involve gathering and synthesizing information about children in routine classroom situations. This information will be used to better understand children's needs and strengths and how they are manifested in transaction with classroom contexts. Students will focus on one or more students to conduct a comprehensive child study of the child in context. This contact must include opportunities to observe children in a natural setting and interact with them on a regular basis throughout the semester. The placement needs to be approved by the professor. If students do not have a regular classroom contact, one will be arranged.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5581 Advanced Psychology of Women
The course is intended for those who already have a foundation in the study of the psychology of women and want to expand their understanding of the provision of psychological services to include a contextual, feminist, and relational perspective. Theoretical and applied practices regarding women's mental health, issues of diversity, sexuality and relationships for women will be addressed. Prerequisite: Introduction to Psychology and an undergraduate course in the Psychology of Women or approval by professor.
Also Offered As: GSWS 5810
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5584 Basic Counseling Skills
This course will teach basic counseling skills to students not seeking a license in professional counseling as a way to help them connect with and work well with others. It will predominantly be oriented towards skill building. We will review/discuss a selection of basic counseling skills and use in-class demonstrations to practice these skills. This course is required for the Counseling and Human Development Skills Concentration.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5585 Advanced Group and Family Counseling
This course focuses on the basics of systems intervention with a specific focus on families and groups. The purpose is to develop more advanced knowledge of practical therapeutic problem-solving skills at the graduate student level using ecological, systemic, and cultural perspectives. Students will be exposed to advanced group therapy strategies with children, youth, and adults, with family interventions across various mental health diagnostic populations, and how to intervene within groups and families in which cultural differences and styles are key themes. Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in the M. Phil. Ed. in Professional Counseling Program. Students will also be challenged to develop a preliminary rationale for a systemic theory of behavior change. Given the diversity of clients that counselors see professionally, some advanced and demonstrated knowledge of how cultural differences will be addressed in the counseling session and in the relationships of larger societal institutions will be expected. This course will satisfy the Group work II requirement of the MPE program in Professional Counseling and Psychology. The course also fits within the APHD theme of Applied Psychology: Intervention and Certification. Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in the M. Phil. Ed. in Professional Counseling Program.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5587 Human Sexuality
All persons have moments that elicit reflection on issues related to myriad aspects of sexuality. When working with people in clinical or school settings, these issues are ubiquitous. This course will provide a broad understanding of sexuality and specific ways to address sexuality problems.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5588 Autism, Language, and Reasoning
The field of autism has generated growing interest, with increases in diagnosed cases, increased inclusion in regular education classrooms of students with autism spectrum disorders, growing recognition of neurodiversity and concomitant attempts to improve accommodations for and acceptance of adults with autism in society at large, an ever broadening repertoire of interventions and accommodations for autism, and ongoing discoveries in cognitive science and neurobiology. In many ways, examining the issues surrounding autism spectrum disorders provides insights into special needs, neurodiversity, and disability rights in general. This course focuses on the social, linguistic, cognitive, educational, and disability rights aspects of autism, including implications for treatment, accommodation, and counseling. We examine the challenges that individuals with autism have in acquiring language, in deducing the perspectives of other people (Theory of Mind), in engaging in certain types of cognitive tasks, and in having their voices heard by others. We examine, as well, the unusual talents and intellectual strengths that many ASD individuals exhibit. Students interested in working with individuals on the autism spectrum in educational and counseling settings will gain insight into: • How autism spectrum disorders affect the acquisition of social and academic skills • The availability and efficacy of different types of interventions and accommodations • Issues relating to neurodiversity and disability rights • Strategies for guiding students with autism spectrum disorders through K12 schools and beyond
Fall
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5594 Race/Ethnicity in Human Development
This interdisciplinary course will employ a critical perspective on minority youth development, analyze the existing literature, and propose alternative explanations for observed phenomena. It will consider pertinent issues and theories of middle childhood, adolescent and young adult development.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5730 The Evolution of Assessment: Classroom and Policy Uses
This course explores the evolution and diverse uses of assessment in four major areas: the historical roots of testing and the development of the achievement testing industry; the rising interest and exploration of alternative forms of assessment; how teachers employ a variety of assessments in their classrooms; and how policymakers use assessment for decision-making and accountability purposes. Prerequisite: Permission needed from department.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5760 Applied Research Methods to Inform Policy and Practice
The class is designed to provide students with a grounding in the theory and application of policy creation and implementation processes, as well as the knowledge and tools to guide program and policy evaluation, including the alignment of questions to appropriate methods of research; judging the quality of research evidence; and designing strong analysis and evaluation strategies.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5780 American Education Reform: History, Policy, Practice
An examination of major trends, central tendencies, and turning points in American education reform, giving particular attention to contemporary developments such as accountability laws and school choice. This historical development of the federal role in American schooling is also considered, as is the history of school desegregation. What is the purpose of "school"? How have schools evolved across time, and how have Americans tried to change them? And what can we learn from this long history of reform?
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5782 Sociology of Education
This course provides an overview of key theoretical perspectives and topics in the sociology of education, including expansion of formal educational systems; the extent to which educational systems contribute to or inhibit social mobility; inequality of educational inputs and outcomes by race, social class, and gender; and the social organization of educational institutions, including sources of authority, community, and alienation. The course includes both K-12 and higher education topics.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5804 Contemporary Issues in Higher Education
An introduction to the central issues and management problems in contemporary American higher education.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5805 Globalization & the University
The aim of this course is to help students understand the basic concept of globalization, how it impacts higher education in general, and how it shapes the global market for human capital and fosters private sector and for profit provision and diversifies modes of delivery of higher education. The seminars cover the nature of globalization and the way it affects the movement of people between economies to gain and apply skills and knowledge, the creation of branch campuses, the growth of transnational education and the importance of brands and information in the global higher education market.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5812 University-Community Partnerships
Ranging from civic engagement to economic development, institutions of higher education in the United States have long been involved in a variety of relationships with their local communities; in recent years, there has been increasing attention paid to the opportunities and challenges implicit in those relationships. In this Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) course, students will study and discuss the history, rationales, and manifestations of the partnerships that have developed. Through readings, faculty-and student-led discussions, guest lecturers, and policy-oriented projects, students will develop better understandings of the many topics surrounding university-community partnership activities. Among other themes we will consider institutional roles and relationships, service learning, community perspectives, policy issues, and evaluation.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5832 Pursuing Institutions of Excellence: Strategies, Choices, Pitfalls & Possibilities
The aim of this course is to help students understand how universities pursue excellence by examining national and institutional strategies to become high performing institutions. The seminar series will look at the basic concepts of organizational culture and the merits and flaws of different conceptions of excellence.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5841 Access & Choice in American Higher Education
College enrollment is a complex process that is shaped by the economic, social and policy context, higher education institutions, K-12 schools, families, and students. The course will examine the theoretical perspectives that are used to understand college access and choice processes. The implications of various policies and practices for college access and choice will also be explored, with particular attention to the effects of these policies for underrepresented groups. As an Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) course, this course is also designed to generate tangible recommendations that program administrators and institutional leaders may be used to improve college access and choice.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit
EDUC 5843 Understanding Minority Serving Institutions
Students taking this course will learn about the historical context of HBCUs in educating African Americans, and how their role has changed since the mid-1800’s. Specific contemporary challenges and successes related to HBCUs will be covered and relate to control, and enrollment, accreditation, funding, degree completion, and outreach/retention programming. Students will become familiar with MBCUs in their own right, as well as in comparison to other postsecondary institutions.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5853 Academic Advising in Higher Education
Academic advising in higher education differs within and across institutions and has evolved in its method of delivery, yet consistently focuses on and is attributed to student success. Key advising concepts, theoretical approaches, and relational skills to support students in the college environment will be examined in this course. Attention will be given to best practices and advising diverse student populations with academic planning, goal setting, and decision-making. An understanding of policies related to privacy, confidentiality, and university considerations will also be discussed. This course provides a foundation in academic advising, strategies and skills needed to promote institutional mission and goals, and equips aspiring and current professional advisors with the resources to assist collegians in having holistic and gratifying experiences in higher education.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5856 Higher Education Finance
Designed for non-financial managers, this course provides students with an introduction to basic concepts related to the finance of higher education. It examines the forces that influence the financing of higher education at both the state and federal levels. It addresses both the macro-economic and micro-economic issues related to higher education finance. In addition, students will be introduced to issues related to institutional finance.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5869 Administration of Student Life
This course covers a variety of issues in the management of student services on campus. After examining the historical context of student affairs and the theoretical frameworks of student development, students explore ways to most effectively administer the numerous activities that comprise student affairs programs.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5873 Higher Education Policy: What Can We Learn from Other Countries?
This course examines the proposition that policy makers, educational leaders and practitioners can learn from what has worked and failed in higher education policy and practice in other nations.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5892 Professional Development in Higher Education
To prepare for a career in higher education, students are engaged in a 20-hour a week assistantship in the field. This course complements and enhances the graduate assistantship. Emphasizing practical application of theory and skill development, the course does the following: provides students with tools to embark on a successful job search; offers networking opportunities with administrators in higher education; and introduces students to relevant and timely literature and resources in higher education professional development.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 5894 Diversity in Higher Education
This course explores issues of diversity as they pertain to higher education, including race, ethnicity, gender, class, religion, sexual orientation, ideology, etc. Rather than focusing on specific populations of people, the course will tackle issues of diversity within the context of concrete higher education functions and problems.
Fall
Also Offered As: LALS 5940
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6027 Teaching in the Middle and Secondary Schools: Math
Content-specific sections of this course (math, social studies, science) will examine approaches in planning, implementing and evaluating methods for teaching science, mathematics and social studies in middle and secondary schools. This course is grounded in the belief that teaching and learning require educators to question our teaching purposes and practices through a process of self-reflection, collegial and student-teacher interactions as well as personal and professional growth. Using a variety of learning theories and perspectives as the foundation for interactive teaching strategies, the stories, questions and contradictions of each content area are examined from a variety of perspectives. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6028 Teaching in the Middle and Secondary Schools: Science
Content-specific sections of this course (math, social studies, science) will examine approaches in planning, implementing and evaluating methods for teaching science, mathematics and social studies in middle and secondary schools. This course is grounded in the belief that teaching and learning require educators to question our teaching purposes and practices through a process of self-reflection, collegial and student-teacher interactions as well as personal and professional growth. Using a variety of learning theories and perspectives as the foundation for interactive teaching strategies, the stories, questions and contradictions of each content area are examined from a variety of perspectives. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6029 Teaching in the Middle and Secondary Schools: Social Studies
Content-specific sections of this course (math, social studies, science) will examine approaches in planning, implementing and evaluating methods for teaching science, mathematics and social studies in middle and secondary schools. This course is grounded in the belief that teaching and learning require educators to question our teaching purposes and practices through a process of self-reflection, collegial and student-teacher interactions as well as personal and professional growth. Using a variety of learning theories and perspectives as the foundation for interactive teaching strategies, the stories, questions and contradictions of each content area are examined from a variety of perspectives. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program. Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6030 Teaching in the Middle and Secondary Schools: English
This course is a collaborative inquiry into the dynamic concept of adolescent literacy and its potential as an organizing construct for improving teaching and learning. It provides opportunities to investigate a variety of resources including our own histories as well as a range of print, digital and visual texts and to conduct fieldwork in various middle and secondary school classrooms where youth are being positioned (and positioning themselves) as literacy learners and literacy is being defined, performed, practiced, interrogated, and interpreted, within and beyond the school curricula. By engaging with youth, in various texts and contexts and for a range of purposes, participants will try to make sense of how adolescents negotiate their worlds, in school and out. The approach to literacy is interdisciplinary, drawing from the domains of literature, composition, linguistics, curriculum theory, anthropology and psychology and from theory, research and practice of both university-based and school-based teachers, writers and researchers. The intent is to pose and refine questions about what it means to teach literacy in ways that take seriously what youth bring to school as their own knowledge and passions, cultural and linguistic resources. Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6041 Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in Urban Secondary Schools
While a wealth of evidence has illustrated the role of culture in mediating learning & engagement in educational spaces, responding to the pedagogical impact of culture remains challenging for many educational practitioners and institutions. This course will tackle that challenge by exploring the affordances of culturally responsive pedagogies, defined briefly as the philosophical beliefs and conceptual understandings of the interactions between cultures, learners, and educational contexts that guide the design and facilitation of learning experiences. Through course texts and discussions, dialogue with local educators, and inquiry- and practice-oriented assignments, this course will expose students to culturally responsive strategies for engaging, educating, and empowering students in urban secondary schools. Prerequisite: Admission to the UTAP program or permission of instructor. Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6042 School, Society & Self
Teaching is a work of the whole self; and teachers are the lynchpins of schools and schooling in American society. The purpose of this course is to develop a critical understanding of the larger forces at play in our work as educators, and conceptualize what that means for the day-to-day of our teaching practice. In this course, we will explore the ways in which American schools have been molded by the social, political, economic, cultural, and ideological forces in society at large. By historically linking the development of educational initiatives to notions of power, nation building, and citizenship, this class furthers an understanding of the assumptions about the purpose of education within this democratic nation, and its role(s) within our current social and political climate. Additionally, we will explore how the work of teaching can support transformation, rather than reproduction, of these macro-level injustices and inequities. We will draw on students’ experiential knowledge of schools and teaching to imagine how urban educators can transform the socially reproductive practices of schools. The work of increasing access to opportunity has been a path walked by educators, individually and collectively, and schools, by leaders and as organizations, and by reformers. With these understandings about self, school, and society, we seek to create a community of practice of equity- and justice-minded teachers, driven by the belief that we are all co-learners in our endeavor as teachers and as citizens, and that we are all co-participants in a democratic society. Prerequisite: Admission to the UTAP program or permission of department. Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6057 Advanced Methods in Middle & Secondary Schools: Math
Formal teaching and learning are on-going processes that require an examination of our practice and purpose through self-reflection, self-evaluation, collegial and student/teacher interaction, and personal and professional growth. This course is the second half of a content-specific secondary methods sequence that is geared toward teaching middle and high school English, math, science and social studies in an urban setting. Special focus will be on content, pedagogical strategies as well as specific skills and Pennsylvania and national standards. We will work together as teacher-researchers to combine theory with practice to increase our understanding and utilization of an inquiry based, multiple perspective, constructivist approach to teaching. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6058 Advanced Methods in Middle & Secondary Schools: Science
Formal teaching and learning are on-going processes that require an examination of our practice and purpose through self-reflection, self-evaluation, collegial and student/teacher interaction, and personal and professional growth. This course is the second half of a content-specific secondary methods sequence that is geared toward teaching middle and high school English, math, science and social studies in an urban setting. Special focus will be on content, pedagogical strategies as well as specific skills and Pennsylvania and national standards. We will work together as teacher-researchers to combine theory with practice to increase our understanding and utilization of an inquiry based, multiple perspective, constructivist approach to teaching. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6059 Advanced Methods in Middle & Secondary Schools: Social Studies
Formal teaching and learning are on-going processes that require an examination of our practice and purpose through self-reflection, self-evaluation, collegial and student/teacher interaction, and personal and professional growth. This course is the second half of a content-specific secondary methods sequence that is geared toward teaching middle and high school English, math, science and social studies in an urban setting. Special focus will be on content, pedagogical strategies as well as specific skills and Pennsylvania and national standards. We will work together as teacher-researchers to combine theory with practice to increase our understanding and utilization of an inquiry based, multiple perspective, constructivist approach to teaching. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6060 Advanced Methods in Middle & Secondary Schools: English
Formal teaching and learning are on-going processes that require an examination of our practice and purpose through self-reflection, self-evaluation, collegial and student/teacher interaction, and personal and professional growth. This course is the second half of a content-specific secondary methods sequence that is geared toward teaching middle and high school English, math, science and social studies in an urban setting. Special focus will be on content, pedagogical strategies as well as specific skills and Pennsylvania and national standards. We will work together as teacher-researchers to combine theory with practice to increase our understanding and utilization of an inquiry based, multiple perspective, constructivist approach to teaching. Offered within the Urban Teaching Apprenticeship Program.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6101 Curriculum Development and Enactment
The purpose of this course is to advance students' understanding of curriculum as a phenomenon and artifact of educational practice. Students will explore curriculum as a social and cultural phenomenon, be introduced to an approach to developing curriculum, and examine factors that influence how curriculum is enacted.

Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6108 MaKer Studio
In this seminar, we will discuss and design projects related to the "maker movement" in education using various materials and technologies as we consider issues of access and diversity around making.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6111 Educational Assessment of and for Learning
This course introduces the essential theories and practices of cognition based educational assessment and the focus will be on exploring the implications of recent developments in cognitive psychology and learning theories for educational assessment by reviewing available assessment examples and research assessment prototypes. It includes topics like, what is the purpose of assessment, how can we design fair and valid assessments to elicit student cognition, how technologies can support the measurement of student cognition and learning processes, and assessment and social justice and accessibility issues.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6116 Master's Foundations of Teaching and Learning
The course explores theoretical and empirical perspectives on the questions: What is knowledge and knowing? What is learning? What is teaching? How do contexts influence teaching, knowing, and learning? A central goal of the course is to encourage students to consider these questions and their interconnections for themselves, to examine ways scholars and practitioners have answered them, and to develop an analytical framework to use in examining contemporary practices in settings that include formal and informal, urban and international. Prerequisite: Permission needed from department.

Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6118 Leadership in Educational Institutions
In this course class members will simultaneously engage in an academic study of educational leadership focusing on Pre-K-12 schools and school districts, and in a continuing leadership development laboratory experience designed to increase one's personal efficacy as leader. A basic assumption for the course is that leadership is a central component of schooling; teaching is considered as foremost a leadership activity, whether with five year olds or high school seniors, and successful schools and districts are assumed to have capable leaders. The course will give particular attention to the recent shift in role expectations for school leaders - from competent manager to accountable instructional leader - and what this shift means in relation to the day-to-day work of educational leaders.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6123 Big Data, Education, and Society
This class discusses the potential and risks of big data-based learning analytics. We will discuss the uses, applications, and benefits of analytics, the relationship between validity and risk, and potential ways to mitigate and reduce risks. We will discuss these issues in the context of existing and emerging educational systems.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6130 Introduction to Mixed-Methods Research
This course introduces students to the theory, history, and practice of mixed methods research. Students will build skills in design and implementation of studies that incorporate both qualitative and quantitative methods. Theoretical framing, research questions, design and selection of methods, sampling, instrumentation and data collection, and analysis are addressed.

Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6137 Contemporary Issues in Science and Technology Education Research
This course focuses on topics that represent some of the most salient and contemporary issues in science education research today. The syllabus moves through four sections that address: 1) Curriculum and Content (What and Why); 2) Learning Processes (How); 3) Contexts (When and Where); and 4) Teaching and Teacher Education (Who). Not Offered Every Year

1 Course Unit
EDUC 6139 Design of Learning Environments
This course is a survey of the kinds of theories, methods, design considerations, and applications through which educational researchers understand and design environments to improve learning. The course features the most recent trends in learning primarily through educational technologies. It includes perspectives that consider, who is learning, how it is being learned, what design characteristics are needed to ensure learning takes place in different learning environments, and societal and technological influences on learning. Four main learning goals underpin the course content: 1) Understanding learning needs of youth and adults as they interact in school and in society; 2) Investigating the main learning theories and methods influencing the field and how they are instantiated in practice; 3) Examining and reflecting on how technologically designed learning environments address important learning challenges; and 4) Evaluating how these learning environments and applications have helped learning, how they have not, and how they can be improved. Prerequisite: EDUC 616 or learning theories is preferred and will be reviewed at registration.
Fall or Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 6116
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6144 Learning Sciences: Past, Present, Future
This course is a survey of the kinds of theories, methods, and applications through which educational researchers understand learning and how to improve it. The course is designed to provide information about how the field of the learning sciences emerged, has evolved, and is growing to address current and future learning needs. The learning sciences is a relatively new field of research in education that began in the late 80s. It is an interdisciplinary field consisting of researchers who study among other things, cognition, science and math education, language literacy, anthropological and sociological perspectives, computer science, and educational psychology. Learning scientists study learning as it happens in real world contexts and design resources and environments to improve learning in those contexts. This can happen in school, in informal places, at work, and online. Although the learning sciences is continually evolving, what remains true of the tenets of this educational field is that learning happens through mediated processes that most often require collaboration with others whereby learning is inextricably linked to context and culture. Prerequisite: EDUC 616 or learning theories course is preferred and will be reviewed at registration.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6150 Technologies for Language Learning and Teaching
In the last decade, the landscape of second language learning and teaching has moved online. Numerous edtech ventures have funneled hundreds of million dollars into online tutoring in English for young students by companies like VIPKid, mobile apps like DuoLingo have used gamification to keep millions of learners of second languages motivated, and social robots are being developed to support young children's language development. In this course we address critical questions: How can technology applications be supportive of second language learning and teaching for young and adult learners? What works and what doesn't work? What evidence do we have? To answer these questions, we bring together research and design two academic fields: (1) Theories and instructional approaches for teaching and learning a second language; and (2) Theories and designs using technologies for learning and teaching. Our goal is to examine how the integration of these two efforts can result in more supportive and effective learning and teaching in a time, in which technologies provide new opportunities and challenges for second language learning and teaching.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6159 How Innovations Flourish
A common misconception is that innovations are self-contained ideas, but in fact they arise from the more complex interplay between the ideas and the surrounding environment. This course is a survey of contemporary innovative developments, topics, and trends taking place in education across the world. It focuses on the education innovations themselves, the conditions under which they succeed or not, their interactions with context, and their underlying processes and mechanisms for change. Close analysis will be directed at the core methods people use to bring these current innovations to the field in a variety of new ways to improve learning and the multiple frameworks by which they can be assessed and applied to real-world examples. The course examines new pedagogies and approaches to teaching and learning, learning sciences research and its growing influence on solution development, technologies that continually respond to and lead change, and an emerging culture where learning takes place anytime, anywhere. The course will explore how these innovations can transform education systems to offer equitable access, experiences and outcomes for all.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6160 Museum Education
Since the nineteenth century, museums have played a key role in the collection and dissemination of knowledge, and today their educational programs play a vital role for an array of communities. This seminar provides an introduction into museum education, the fields that influence it, pedagogical approaches used, and contemporary challenges.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6165 Research on Teaching
This course is designed to explore the research literature on classroom teaching processes as well as the contrasting conceptual and methodological approaches upon which this literature is based. The course introduces students to the major substantive areas in the field, develops a critical perspective on contrasting paradigms, and raises questions about the implication of research on teaching for curriculum, instruction, evaluation, and teacher education.
Spring, even numbered years only
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6168 Master's Seminar in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
This seminar explores key foundational questions for graduate-level work: How is academic knowledge formed and reproduced? How do we engage with and interrogate the scholarly research? And, how do we participate in the academic conversation around a topic? The Master’s Paper Seminar introduces students to academic discourse, disciplinary writing conventions, and research practices. As part of this course, students are guided through preparing a Capstone Project on a topic of their choice (TLL MSEd and LST MSEd students) or a literature review of a topic of their choice (ECS MSEd students). This review, in turn, forms the foundation of their Capstone Proposal and Capstone Project (TLL and LST students) or 30-40 page paper (ECS students) that are required for the completion of the M.S.Ed degree.
0.5-1 Course Unit

EDUC 6178 Gender and Sexuality in Education
This seminar gives an overview of the intersections and interplay among gender, sexuality, and education through theory, practice, current discussions, and analysis of varied contexts in English speaking countries (e.g. the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Australia). After examining the theoretical foundations of genders and sexualities, we will look at their histories and effects in K-12 schools and colleges and universities as well as explore special topics.
Fall
Also Offered As: GSWS 6780
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6186 In/formal Learning Experience Internship
The In/formal Learning Experiences Internship is a two-semester course that meets throughout the academic year to cover theory, research, and practice of informal learning. The internship is undertaken each academic year in one of our partnership institutions and includes field work. The course is designed to provide background readings, a discussion forum of central issues in informal learning, and a place to share and exchange internship experiences. This course will be required for all LST MSEd and TLL MSEd students as part of the required Internship Program.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6188 Politics of School Reform
In this seminar we’ll explore the political causes and consequences of school reform in the post-Brown era. Coverage will be eclectic so as to give participants a broad, interdisciplinary background in the field. We’ll draw primarily from politics of education scholarship, but we’ll reach beyond and examine work from political science, sociology, and history. We’ll structure our exploration by considering five fundamental approaches to school reform: (1) equal opportunity, (2) standards and accountability, (3) professionalization and teacher effectiveness, (4) marketization and private sector initiatives, and (5) community control.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6189 Contemporary Issues in Mathematics Curriculum
Educational leaders and policy makers in the U.S. have long used curriculum reform to drive change in K-12 teaching and schooling practices. This course examines the assumptions underlying this approach and examines the related research evidence.
Spring, even numbered years only
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6191 Core Methods in Educational Data Mining
Students will learn how to execute core educational data mining methods in standard software packages, the limitations of existing implementations of these methods, and when and why to use these methods. The course will also cover how EDM differs from more traditional statistical and psychometric approaches. Prerequisite: Prior experience with either statistics or computer science recommended.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 7468
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6200 Critical Issues in Applied Linguistics
This course introduces first-semester TESOL and ICC students to critical issues and practices within the field of Applied Linguistics. Participants will engage with scholarly readings across contemporary areas of inquiry, explore the relationship between research and educational practice, and refine their analytic skills. Through a series of focused writing assignments and classroom activities, participants will strengthen their existing expertise in the following areas: locating, reading, and critiquing academic articles from practitioner-scholar perspective; developing strong and effective arguments, and communicating with intention and purpose across a variety of genres, modalities, and professional contexts.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6205 Educational Linguistics
For students with little or no linguistics background. An introduction to the basic levels of language (phonetics and phonology, morphology and semantics, syntax, pragmatics) with special emphasis on the relevance of linguistic concepts to education. Other topics may include bi/multilingualism, language variation, and language acquisition.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6210 Sociolinguistics in Education
The educational consequences of linguistic and cultural diversity. A broad overview of sociolinguistics, introducing both early foundational work and current issues in the field. Topics include language contact and language prestige, multilingualism and language ecology, regional and stylistic variation, verbal repertoire and communicative competence, language and social identity, codeswitching and diglossia, language socialization and language ideology, as they relate to educational policy and practice in the United States and around the world.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6215 Approaches to Teaching English and Other Modern Languages
This course provides students with an introduction to theory and practice in second and foreign language teaching. Students will (a) develop an understanding of the history of language teaching practice and how such a perspective informs current day approaches, (b) explore the relationship between the context in which the language is learned and taught and classroom practice, and (c) develop an awareness of teaching principles central to a personal pedagogical approach and teaching philosophy. Students should have a field site where they can observe, participate, and collect classroom data.
Fall
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6216 Approaches to Teaching Chinese
This course provides an overview of the theory and practice of Chinese language teaching. Students will explore current issues pertaining to Chinese teaching pedagogy and curricular. There will be opportunities for students to lead discussions, observe classes, create lesson plans, and teach Chinese classes at local Chinese schools.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6220 Discursive Approaches in Intercultural Communication
This course offers a discourse-based approach and hands-on introduction to the field of intercultural communication, from the micro-level of interpersonal interaction to the macro-level of institutional practice. Through a series of readings and service learning projects in multicultural settings, students will hone their observational and analytic abilities, while gaining an appreciation of and facility for participating in the communicative diversity around them. Topics will include a repertoire approach to examining language in use, interpretation and metacommentary, and the possibility of intervention to facilitate new communicative patterns.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6299 Ethnography for Intercultural Communication
This course is for practitioners and researchers engaging in and thinking about mentoring, supervision, and fieldwork in teacher education and counseling as well as in social work and other applied development fields.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6306 Literacy Research, Theory, and Practice
This graduate seminar is a capstone course in the Reading, Writing, and Literacy master’s program, designed to help students develop understandings about key theoretical underpinnings of literacy research. As a foundational course, the seminar will explore how literacy has been conceptualized over time and across disciplines, examining how literacy has functioned as a touchstone issue in policy and practice as people debate what ‘counts’ as literacy. While we explore these debates, we focus particularly on contemporary literacy theories that understand literacy to be multiple, ideological, and socially situated - practices grounded in specific contexts that are fundamentally linked to broader social, cultural, and political power structures. Inquiry sits at the heart of the course, with students developing an online learning portfolio centered around their individual research, course readings, and prior experiences. Students will reflect on their RWL program of study, write about conceptual territories at the heart of the program, and curate materials from the semester and their program of study to demonstrate their learning and development over time. Students will work with coaches as well as engage in a workshop learning environment, culminating in an online learning portfolio and presentation to RWL faculty.
Prerequisite: EDUC 5333
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6326 Literacy, Discourse, and Interaction
This course draws on varying pedagogical and personal perspectives to explore conceptions of reading comprehension and how it can be taught to children and adolescents. Focus will be given to how certain ways of structuring dialogue about a text profoundly change how readers think about and do reading.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6329 Teaching English/Language and Literacy in Middle and Secondary Schools
This course is a collaborative inquiry into the dynamic concept of adolescent literacy and its potential as an organizing construct for improving teaching and learning. It provides opportunities to investigate a variety of resources including our own histories as well as a range of print, digital and visual texts and to conduct fieldwork in various middle and secondary school classrooms where youth are being positioned (and positioning themselves) as literacy learners and literacy is being defined, performed, practiced, interrogated, and interpreted, within and beyond the school curricula. By engaging with youth, in various texts and contexts and for a range of purposes, participants will try to make sense of how adolescents negotiate their worlds, in school and out. The approach to literacy is interdisciplinary, drawing from the domains of literature, composition, linguistics, curriculum theory, anthropology and psychology and from theory, research and practice of both university-based and school-based teachers, writers and researchers. The intent is to pose and refine questions about what it means to teach literacy in ways that take seriously what youth bring to school as their own knowledge and passions, cultural and linguistic resources.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6333 Selected Topics in RWL: Literacy and Learning Differences
Examines a topic of current interest to theory, research, and practice in writing.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6334 Selected Topics in RWL: Critical Literacies
Examines a topic of current interest to theory, research, and practice in writing.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6335 Assessing Language and Learning Differences
This course exposes students to a wide variety of assessments used to look closely at growth in reading/writing/literacy. Students critique both formal and informal approaches to assessment as well as complete structured observations of learners within diverse instructional contexts. Emphases include contextual and affective components of reading/language difficulties, innovative assessment procedures, observational strategies and collaborative inquiry. Auditors not permitted.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 5333
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6336 Young Adult Literature, Media & Culture
This course acquaints students with the ever-expanding body of literature written for young adults, considering the theoretical and pedagogical issues it raises. Readings include many young adult novels; empirical research on adolescent response to literature; and literary theory.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6345 Issues in Education and Health: Disparities and Prevention in Schools and Communities
Drawing upon research and scholarship in health and education, this course aims to deepen our knowledge, understanding, and ability to effect positive change in the health and health practices of students and families in urban settings, using schools and community agencies as sites of engagement.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6362 Picturebooks and the Practice of Literacy
This course examines the formal properties of picture books and their use in enabling literacy development. The course uses aesthetic theory, theories of text-picture relationships, theories of literacy and theories of literacy understanding, and also exposes students to empirical research on children’s responses to this literary form.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6369 Seminar in Practitioner Inquiry
This course is designed as a collaborative investigation into practitioner inquiry and the work of inquiry communities in K-16 and graduate/professional school settings, professional networks and community-based organizations. The focus is on conceptual and methodological frameworks and methods of practitioner inquiry and the contexts, purposes and practices of differently situated inquiry communities. Participants will explore a range of practitioner inquiry traditions and texts that go by terms such as action, collaborative, critical, community-based, participatory, autobiographical, emancipatory, narrative and pedagogical. They will also conduct an inquiry based on their particular interests and contexts. The course will emphasize practitioner inquiry that intentionally engages issues of equity, access and culture in educational settings.
Spring, odd numbered years only
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6371 Adult Literacy
Teaching reading/writing/literacy to adults for whom English is a first or second language. Topics include contrasting conceptions of literacy and learning; participatory literacy programs; instruction and curriculum for adults with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and nationalities; alternative/performance-based assessment; and practitioner research in adult literacy education.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6381 Literacy and Illustrated Texts: Picturebooks, Comics and Graphic Novels
Students develop familiarity with illustrated materials - including picture books, comics, and graphic novels - while cultivating understanding of how illustrated texts like these can be used in 21st century elementary/middle/secondary literacy curricula. Students complete individualized and group course projects that focus on illustrated texts in specific classroom, research, critical, theoretical, home, community, and/or professional contexts.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6402 Curriculum & Pedagogy in International Contexts
This course explores the problems, issues, and approaches to teacher preparation and the development of curricula and instructional materials, particularly (though not exclusively) in developing country contexts through a seminar styled class and a hands-on semester long project.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6410 Global Perspectives on School Climate
This course provides an international and comparative perspective on school climate using available case studies, examples and relevant articles from developed as well as developing countries. Topics include definitions and models of school climate, trends in the field, assessment mechanisms, policy discussions, challenges in the field, etc.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6460 Qualitative Methods: Principles and Techniques
This course surveys the field of qualitative research and focuses on foundational philosophies of and approaches to qualitative research. The course focuses on the stages of qualitative research including the development of researchable questions, research designs, conceptual frameworks, methodological stances, data collection and analysis and instrument design and implementation.
Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6462 Principles of Monitoring & Evaluation in International Education Development
This course covers theories, methods, and applications of monitoring and evaluation for educational and social programs, with special emphasis on international education development. Topics include basic statistical concepts, program theory, process and outcome assessment, concepts in survey methods, introduction to causal inference, introductory regression analysis, and an overview of impact assessments and cost-benefit/cost-effectiveness analysis.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6480 International Educational Development in Practice: Tools, Techniques and Ethics
This course covers the broad arena of international educational development practice by introducing students to a variety of tools used in international educational development work. It is a required course for IEDP Masters students and is offered in the Fall semester only. Coursework is built around the project cycle and will acquaint you with current approaches to development and accompanying tools employed by a variety of international development organizations. Specifically, you will gain skills to determine how to gather adequate information, interpret information and put this information into clear and helpful frameworks for formulating recommendations for action. To learn these skills, you will work in small groups on a technical proposal throughout the semester. Throughout the semester, we will seek a more nuanced understanding of the general context and the role of institutions in global development work, while being aware of local realities and ethical issues that make development as contested locally as it is at national and global levels. Development from this perspective is not primarily a technical enterprise, although it does require skill with “techniques.” Rather it involves a process of heralding the best available information to facilitate the mobilization of resources and people to engender development - a development process whose focus is broadening people’s capacities, opportunities, choices, and access to social justice.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6482 Masters Proseminar in International Educational Development
This course covers the broad professional arena of international educational development. It is designed to provide an analytical perspective on applied research and policy as undertaken by UN, donor and non-profit agencies, with a focus on developing countries. Such work will require analyzing intellectual and technical challenges of working in international education and human development, especially around issues of social and public policy as developed through writing policy briefs. Several specialists and speakers will be invited as guests throughout the semester.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6490 Master’s Seminar in Education, Culture, and Society
This seminar explores key foundational questions for graduate-level work: How is academic knowledge formed and reproduced? How do we engage with and interrogate the scholarly research? And, how do we participate in the academic conversation around a topic? The Master’s Paper Seminar introduces students to academic discourse, disciplinary writing conventions, and research practices. As part of this course, students are guided through preparing a Capstone Project on a topic of their choice (TLL MSEd and LST MSEd students) or a literature review of a topic of their choice (ECS MSEd students). This review, in turn, forms the foundation of their Capstone Proposal and Capstone Project (TLL and LST students) or 30-40 page paper (ECS students) that are required for the completion of the M.S.Ed degree.
0.5-1 Course Unit

EDUC 6503 Wellness and Addictions Counseling
This course will provide an overview of addictions and addiction counseling from research, theory, and applied perspectives. It will also explore contemporary conceptions of “wellness” and wellness-promotion strategies, particularly for people struggling with addictions. Applied skills for addressing wellness and addiction will be framed within current evidence-based research. Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in the M. Phil. ED in Professional Counseling Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6510 Cultural Perspectives on Human Development
This course focuses on children’s and adolescents’ development from cultural and cross-cultural perspectives. Topics include traditional and recent theories of cultural influence on development, research strategies, socialization values and practices, and socioemotional and cognitive functions such as aggression and conflict, shyness, and academic achievement in cultural context. Issues involving ethnicity and social and cultural changes are also discussed.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6512 LGBT Counseling & Development
In the past quarter century, the awareness of the unique issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals has expanded and become essential knowledge in our work as educators, providers of psychological services, and other service provision fields. This course provides a contextual and applied understanding of the interactional processes facing LGBT individuals.
Not Offered Every Year
Also Offered As: GSWS 6120
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6513 Group Counseling
Through didactic and experimental learning activities, students will explore various theoretical approaches to groups, learn and apply principles of group dynamics, develop familiarity with ethical, legal and professional standards relative to group leadership, learn member roles and functions in group, examine group counseling in a multicultural context, and relate these issues to the leader’s interpersonal style and behavior. Applications to specific developmental stages and contexts will be explored.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6515 Parenting and Children’s Educational Development
Theory and research on family influences on achievement development, models of the home-learning environment; parental involvement in schools.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6517 Counseling for School to Career Transitions
This psychology course will focus on the developmental and emotional changes that coincide with adolescents’ conceptions of work and work-related activities. As a course in career psychology, students will be exposed to readings from multiple disciplinary perspectives and will be expected to learn how to work with youth as they struggle through decisions on career and moving beyond the safety of childhood and adolescence. In addition, students will learn about the family-youth and school-student relational dynamics and that occur simultaneous to the adolescent’s development of a work ethic.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6558 Diagnosis and Psychopathology
In this course, students will explore the etiology, course, and prevalence of psychological disorders of childhood and adolescence. Particular focus is on the role of these issues in the developing person within the context of family, school, and culture. Major clinical and empirical classification systems (DSMIV and the new DSM5) are examined, as well as some of the diagnostic and assessment strategies used to aid the conceptualization and treatment of these disorders.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6563 Sociocultural Foundations in Counseling
The course provides an understanding of sociocultural concepts essential to the work of counselors and providers of psychological services. This course provides a contextual and applied understanding of working with socioculturally diverse clients. The purpose of this course is to expand one’s understanding of the impact of sociocultural and contextual factors, social-psychological influences, the role of values, and the interaction of identities in counseling and psychological services. Both intervention and prevention strategies will be addressed. The student will be required to demonstrate a working knowledge of key concepts in sociocultural psychology and the topical areas addressed in the course.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6577 Information and Communications Technologies for Education and Development in Global Perspective
The importance of the relationship between education, technology, and social-economic development is increasing in the U.S. and around the world. What are new information and communications technologies (ICTs), how are they being deployed, and for what reasons? Are new ICTs a means for delivering skill-based or distance education information, and in what ways are they becoming a part of societies today? What constitute, then, ICTs for Development (ICT4D), and what role do they play in societies that are ‘industrialized’ and ‘developing’.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6585 Career Counseling and Development
Career development is studied as an aspect of general development theories of educational and vocational choice and adjustment; psychological aspects of occupations. Prerequisite: Permission needed from instructor.
Summer Term
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6586 Counseling Interventions
This course will provide an overview of the approaches to various psychological interventions with a focus on theory, key concepts, and therapeutic processes. The purpose of this course is to develop a knowledge base of the underlying principles and approaches of psychological interventions. Students will be required to demonstrate a working knowledge of the key concepts of the psychotherapeutic approaches presented, distinguish between different approaches, and make a preliminary rationale for the use of a particular approach. Students also are expected to develop a critical perspective and demonstrate the ability to analyze theories and interventions. Prerequisite: Admission to Counseling and Mental Health Services. Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6587 Counseling Ethics & Professional Principles
This course will provide the student with an opportunity to learn and incorporate the multifaceted roles of the professional counselor and assist the student in developing a sense of their professional identity. In this process, the course will focus on the professional role of the counselor; ethics and their application across situations and professional settings; and gaining strong professional communication abilities. The primary goals of the course are to develop the student's awareness of their roles and responsibilities as a professional, incorporating ethical standards as a counselor, increasing professional communication skills, and understanding the roles of counselor across professional settings. Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6588 Counseling Practicum
Seminar and lab to accompany supervised practicum or apprenticeship experiences in schools, colleges, or community agencies. Placement to be arranged by instructor. Two Term Class, Student must enter first term; credit given after both terms are complete
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6625 Data Processing and Analysis
Use of Statistical Software including Statistical Analysis (SAS) to effectively build a wide variety of datasets for use to address a range of empirical research questions. Evaluate conventional methods for dealing with missing data and apply contemporary methods using SAS. Fall
Prerequisite: EDUC 6667
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6667 Introductory Statistics for Educational Research
Scales of measurement; indices of central tendency and variability; product-movement correlation; introduction to the chi-squared; Z, T, and F distributions.
Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6680 Evaluation of Policies, Programs and Projects
Basic evaluation policy and methods for determining nature and severity of problems, implementation of programs relative effects and cost-effectiveness of interventions to reduce problems, design and conduct of evaluation studies in education, social services, crime and delinquency, in the U.S. and other countries. Fall
Prerequisite: EDUC 6667
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6683 Survey Methods & Design
This course covers the methods and design of field surveys in the U.S. and other countries in education, the social sciences, criminal justice research, and other areas. It covers methods of eliciting information through household, mail, telephone surveys, methods of assuring privacy, enhancing cooperation rates and related matters. Finally, the fundamentals of statistical sampling and sample design are handled. Much of the course is based on contemporary surveys sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and other federal, state and local agencies. Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 6667
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6684 Measurement & Assessment
Analysis of primary assessment concepts including basic theoretical principles, types and purposes of assessment devices, levels of measurement, standardization and norming, and methods to support reliability and validity; special focus on appropriate test interpretation, fairness, measurement of change, and incremental validity; application of standards for test development, usage, and critique in education, health care, public policy, and scientific inquiry.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6720 Methods of Economic Evaluation in Education
Methods of economic evaluation are a critical component of evidence for policymaking. Economic evaluations, mainly cost-effectiveness and benefit-cost analysis, contribute information about costs relative to impacts. Rigorous evidence on effects, and the resources used to produce them, aids in selecting between policy alternatives. This course is designed to provide a strong foundation to prepare researchers to apply the "ingredients method", a rigorous method of evaluating the costs of educational programs. The course is structured to build understanding of the concepts and methods of economic evaluation, the consumption and critique of economic evaluations, and the application of the ingredients method to conduct economic evaluations. More specifically, the goals of the course are: 1) development of a clear and strong understanding of economic evaluation in education; 2) ability to discuss and write about concepts of economic evaluation; 3) assess work for strengths and weaknesses of rigor; 4) design research on cost-effectiveness; 5) conduct research applying methods covered in class to contribute to the field. To achieve these goals, the course will focus on reading and discussion of the textbook and methodological papers on concepts and methods; reading, presenting, discussing, and critiquing published research articles and reports; applying methods and concepts in exercises, group projects, and independent research proposals. Prerequisites: Prior coursework in regression, causal analysis, and program evaluation are helpful but not required. Experience in economics or calculus is not required for this course.
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6734 Child Development and Social Policy
The purpose of this course is to focus on major US social policies impacting our most vulnerable subpopulations of children living in poverty. The class will explore how developmental science can provide a broad conceptual framework to inform the construction of social policies for children and evaluate their effectiveness. Since much of the social policy issues for children in the US public square are currently hotly debated, the class format will incorporate debate and require students to actively research and defend positions on existing policies. Class size will be set at a level to maximize interaction and involvement.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6736 Education Finance Policy
This course examines the legal, political and economic issues surrounding how public schools are funded, including equity, productivity and the interaction of finance and school reform. Through readings, discussion and written assignments, students will develop and apply policy analysis skills to the area of education finance.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6738 Education Policy Issues
This course is an introduction to the process of conducting educational research. Its purpose is to help students learn to approach problems like researchers by examining and critiquing existing research and developing coherent "researchable" questions. Students will carry out a substantial independent project where they will develop elements of a research proposal.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6739 Applied Policy Analysis
This course emphasizes meaningful and practical learning experiences that will prepare students to be informed about and reflective of empirical policy analyses. In addition, this course provides the foundations to develop/improve the ability to interpret and objectively evaluate studies and research in the field of education; know the fundamentals of policy analysis; demonstrate an understanding of the appropriate use of which method to select; and cultivate the skills to critically assess educational research. These aims are achieved through lecture, textbook and journal readings, powerpoint presentation, and grant proposal writing.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6784 Economic Aspects of Educational Policy
This course has two main goals. One is to teach students to apply economic principals to analyze a wide range of educational policy issues. The other is to provide students with a foundation in contemporary education policy issues. The course is designed to address analytic issues relevant to a wide range of educational professionals, including managers, policy makers, and evaluators. The course will be divided into five units: (1) principles of economic analysis in the context of education policy; (2) the economics of early care and education; (3) cost-effectiveness analysis; (4) human capital investment; and (5) education finance.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6804 Ethics and Leadership in Higher Education
This course looks critically at the various theories of leadership with a special emphasis on the ethical dimensions of leadership. Leadership theory and practice reveal that there is no one approach that is best or that works in all situations. Aspiring leaders must have a variety of lenses through which they can analyze and understand the elements involved in ethical leadership. At the end of the course students will be able to apply essential concepts of ethical decision making and leadership - the role of trust and the ability to build trust, the uses of power, the importance of good decision-making, the conflicting priorities that arise from living out your core values in the workplace.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6807 Faculty and Academic Governance
Introduction to selected issues pertaining to faculty and academic governance, such as: Who governs American colleges and universities? What are the respective roles of the president, the board of trustees, the faculty, and students in institutional decision making? The course will also explore key contemporary governance issues.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6808 Organizational Change in Higher Education
Colleges and universities today face tremendous challenges--calls by external constituents for greater accountability, scarcity of resources, greater competition, and pedagogical innovations. The need for change, and for change agents, in our institutions of higher learning has never been greater. This course examines organizational change both theoretically and practically in college and university settings. Students will be introduced to many of the most current, influential, and promising theories about how change occurs at the departmental, institutional and system level. Using case studies, we will apply these frameworks in order to diagnose and develop constructive strategies for meaningful change.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6819 College Student Health
College Student Health explores postsecondary student health issues from historical and research perspectives, including stress, sleep, sexual health and safety, alcohol and other drugs, and mental health and wellness, among other topics. This course surveys the roles, responsibilities, and best practices of campus health professionals.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6820 Enrollment Management
Enrollment management is an organizational concept of strategies for achieving institutional goals. The course provides an overview of multiple enrollment management models, the evolution and maturation of these models, the related implications of these organizational structures and strategies, and the benefits and drawbacks on institutions and their markets.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6824 Gender in College
Examined in this course are theories and interdisciplinary perspectives pertaining to gender on college and university campuses. Emphasis is placed on the social construction of gender, gendered institutional norms and practices, gender disparities on college campuses, and the unique experiential realities of women, men, and transgender persons in a variety of roles and postsecondary educational contexts.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit
EDUC 6831 Research Topics
This seminar offers students a collaborative setting in which to explore a topical area, craft a literature review and refine their research questions. The course will be of special interest to doctoral candidates who are drawn to an area of inquiry (e.g., presidential leadership, diversity, access, organizational change) but now wish to elicit from it a discrete "researchable" question. Prerequisite: Permission needed from department.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6840 History of American Higher Education
This interactive course focuses on the history of American higher education from the Colonial period through the current day. An emphasis is placed on underrepresented institutions and individuals. Students will have the opportunity to make connections between historical trends and movements and current issues.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6856 College and University Teaching
In this class, students will learn how to systematically plan for a university course, develop a teaching philosophy, create a course syllabus relevant to their discipline and expertise, design and implement evaluation instruments to assess teaching and learning, experiment with a range of technologies to advance teaching, and participate in a teaching simulation. This course also incorporates issues of diversity with regard to teaching.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6893 Student Development in College Environments
An overview of college student development theory is offered in this course. Specifically, three families of theory are explored: 1) Psychosocial and identity, 2) cognitive-structural, and 3) environmental. The theories are discussed in terms of their foundations, constructs, and applicability to work in various functional areas of higher education.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 6894 Organization and Administration of Intercollegiate Athletics
Athletics play a critical role at colleges and universities. This course examines the role of intercollegiate athletics, how they are structured, what educational purposes they serve and how such programs influence the social and academic development of students.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7102 Conceptual Models of School Leadership & Organization
We will explore conceptual models of organization and leadership in order to develop our knowledge of how classrooms, schools, and education systems function. Our approach will be to consider foundational theoretical works alongside their recent empirical applications. Throughout the semester we will use case studies to help illuminate our understanding.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7119 Research on Teacher Education and Learning to Teach
This course focuses on issues of research, practice, and policy related to teacher education at the preservice, induction, and continuing education levels in the United States and internationally. The course is designed as a seminar to engage participants in the study of teacher education through interaction with researchers and policy-makers, through in-depth study of critical issues in the field, and through engagement with teacher education programs. It is anticipated that each course participant will develop a literature review focusing on one or more topics related to critical issues in teacher education.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7122 Reforming Philadelphia Schools: A Research Practicum on Community Engagement
This Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) course offers a unique opportunity for students to directly contribute to school improvement efforts in Philadelphia. Teams of students will consult with a local public school with the goal of conducting actionable research with broad policy relevance to the community engagement in education sector. Teams will submit a final report and present their findings at a public venue. The course is designed as a research practicum because understanding community engagement in education as it occurs in practice will provide insights that are unlikely to surface if we merely considered it in the abstract. The experience will provide students a set of skills appropriate to the design, interpretation, and presentation of research on community engagement in education. But we are much more ambitious in our aims. Our consultancies are also meant to help a local community solve an immediate problem of educational relevance. The course is suitable for graduate and undergraduate students with an interest in education, policy, and civil society.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7132 Doctoral Proseminar on Education Research
This seminar is designed to enable first-year doctoral students at Penn GSE to understand the broad and diverse field of educational research and the driving debates within the broader field and sub-fields. A primary goal of the course is to support students’ developing identities as educational scholars and to help them develop the intellectual skills and stances they will draw upon in doctoral work. We will pay particular attention to the multidisciplinary nature of education research, how individual disciplines and theoretical traditions approach education problems in complementary or contrasting ways, and how educational research functions at the intersection of policy and practice. The seminar seeks to encourage an intellectual community among doctoral students across Penn GSE divisions and programs and to build familiarity with professional norms and expectations. This seminar is intended to build on and complement related courses and activities that are offered by individual Penn GSE divisions.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7201 Methods of Discourse Analysis
This course introduces several methodological approaches that have been developed to do discourse analysis. The course intends primarily to provide students with various methodological tools for studying naturally occurring speech. Assignments include both reading and weekly data analysis exercises. Prerequisite: This course is designed to follow after Qualitative Modes of Inquiry (EDUC 682) and as such it is suggested that students have some background in qualitative methods before enrolling.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit
EDUC 7220 Seminar in Microethnography
This course provides an introduction to theory and method in the unified analysis of verbal and nonverbal behavior as it is culturally patterned, socially organized, and socially organizing in face-to-face interaction, in an approach that integrates participant observation with the detailed analysis of audiovisual records. Students read relevant literature in linguistic anthropology, interactional sociolinguistics, conversation analysis, and embodiment in social interaction. Class requirements include in-class reading presentations, a small microethnographic research project, and several short data analysis reports drawing on differing levels of analysis and differing theoretical orientations. Students review and apply methods of audiovisual data collection, transcription, processing, archiving, and presentation.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7225 Second Language Development
This course provides an introduction to theory and research on second/multilingual language development. Linguistic, cognitive, social, political, and educational perspectives are considered through readings, lectures, activities, and assignments. Students gain an understanding of research design, methodology, and documentation through guided analysis of published studies and an opportunity to design research projects.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7230 Experiential Learning Design for Intercultural Communication
Provides new and experienced educators the opportunity to learn and practice training design and facilitation using the principles of experiential and adult learning. Prerequisite: If course requirement not met, permission of instructor required.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 6220
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7313 Responding to Literature: An Interdisciplinary Perspective
This course deals with the ways in which readers respond to and transact with literary texts, and aims at helping students understand the nature of the variety of ways in which literature interfaces with our lives. Three different types of discourse are read: literary criticism; empirical research on response to literature; and literary texts themselves. Various types of literary criticism are considered, including (but certainly not limited to) what is commonly called "reader response criticism"; text-based criticism; and criticism that contextualizes literature socially and historically. The empirical research on response deals with ways in which readers of various ages interact with literature, mostly in school settings; some attention is given to instructional design and critique of methodology. The literary texts range from picturebooks to literature for young adults.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7320 Multicultural Issues in Education
This course examines critical issues, problems, and perspectives in multicultural education. Intended to focus on access to literacy and educational opportunity, the course will engage class members in discussions around a variety of topics in educational practice, research, and policy. Specifically, the course will (1) review theoretical frameworks in multicultural education, (2) analyze the issues of race, racism, and culture in historical and contemporary perspective, and (3) identify obstacles to participation in the educational process by diverse cultural and ethnic groups. Students will be required to complete field experiences and classroom activities that enable them to reflect on their own belief systems, practices, and educational experiences.
Fall
Also Offered As: AFRC 7230
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7324 Literacy: Social and Historical Perspectives
A review of the cross-cultural and historical literature on writing and reading with emphasis on the identification of norms and practices which affect the teaching and learning of reading and literacy today. Special attention to the social functions of literacy in work, home, and school settings and to myths regarding the consequences of literacy for cognition, socio-economic mobility, and predictability, and the predictability of citizen behaviors.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7335 Tutorial Work in Reading/Writing/Literacy
Tutorial in Reading Writing and Literacy, is designed for participants to gain knowledge and insight into the major challenges facing learners in their quest for proficiency in literacy. The course participants investigate and develop instructional plans for the literacy needs of learners in pre-K to 12th grade settings. Course participants will investigate the roles and responsibilities of the literacy specialist as related to identifying the needs of learners and planning appropriate instruction to meet those needs. Prerequisite: Permission needed from instructor.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7337 Research in Teaching Writing
This doctoral seminar explores theories and research on writing, investigating current and traditional areas of inquiry in the field of writing studies. As class participants review and analyze theoretical and empirical literature on writing and teaching writing, the seminar will offer students opportunities to compose texts and reflect on their roles as writers in the academy through collaborative inquiry. Participants will think together about the purposes, functions, and consequences of writing in diverse communities and across school and out-of-school settings. The course will pay particular attention to how writing is shifting in a mobile, networked, global age, and how multimodality, interactivity, and hybridity characterize our composing lives.
Spring, even numbered years only
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7460 Qualitative Research: Concepts, Methods and Design
This course surveys the field of qualitative research and focuses on foundational philosophies of and approaches to qualitative research. The course focuses on the stages of qualitative research including the development of researchable questions, research designs, conceptual frameworks, methodological stances, data collection and analysis and instrument design and implementation.
Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms
1 Course Unit
EDUC 7462 Advanced Topics in Monitoring & Evaluation in IED
This is a sequel to the Principles of M&E course offered in the fall. The course will review both theories as well as methods of program evaluation in a deeper way using papers and technical reports as case studies, with special emphasis on international education development.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7464 Advanced Qualitative and Case Study Research
This course explores epistemological and methodological choices and stances in qualitative research as well as advanced research methods including qualitative research design and concept mapping, sampling/participant selection, interviewing, coding and data analysis, instrument development and triangulation techniques.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 6460 OR EDUC 7460
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7468 Ethnographic Research Methods
A course in ethnographic participant observational research; its substantive orientation, literature, and methods. Emphasis is on the interpretive study of social organization and culture in educational settings, formal and informal. Methods of data collection and analysis, critical review of examples of ethnographic research reports, and research design and proposal preparation are among the topics and activities included in this course. Prerequisite: This course is designed to follow after Qualitative Modes of Inquiry (EDUC 682) and as such it is suggested that students have some background in qualitative methods before enrolling.
Not Offered Every Year
Also Offered As: SOCI 7468
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7509 Peer Relationships in Childhood and Adolescence
This course focuses on various aspects of children's peer relationships, especially with regard to their significance for human development. The roles of family, community, and socio-cultural contexts in the development of interpersonal competence and relationships are discussed. The course explores possible intervention strategies to help children with peer relationship difficulties.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7517 Professional Internship in Counseling I
The course will consist of experiential and small group learning, with a focus on practicing and refining skills related to advanced work in psychological services, including the application of various techniques of counseling, ethical considerations, and critiques of live and simulated counseling sessions through role-playing, audio and visual taping.
Prerequisite: Formal admission into Professional Counseling and Psychology M. Phil. Program.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7518 Professional Internship in Counseling II
Lab seminar group with a seminar group leader is the second component of the Professional Counseling Internship course. Lab will provide students with exposure to others' experiences in different types of internships, working with a variety of different client populations.
Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in the M. Phil. Ed. in Professional Counseling Program. A primary goal of this course is to help each student refine his/her evolving knowledge of self as a provider of psychological services to others. Students will also evaluate contexts of practice and the professional skills, ethics and practices inherent in effective provision of counseling and psychological services. This course consists of two components: CLASS MEETINGS, during which the full group will meet to address issues related to work in various internships, as well as discuss the development of advanced counseling skills and issues; and, LAB SEMINAR GROUP which consists of 7-8 masters students with a seminar group lab leader. Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in the M. Phil. Ed. in Professional Counseling Program.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7525 Advanced Professional Practice in Communities, Agencies and Organizations
The purpose of this course is to expand the student’s awareness of the multifaceted responsibilities and roles of school counselors in primary and secondary school settings. Through readings, class discussions and guest lectures, it is intended that students will acquire additional competencies and a broader appreciation for professional issues confronted by school counselors and varied responsibilities they have in helping students focus on academic, personal, social and career development in an effort to achieve success in school and lead fulfilling lives. An important emphasis of this course will be on school counseling from an ecological and multicultural perspective. Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in the M. Phil. Ed. in Professional Counseling Program.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7531 Risk, Resilience, and Prevention Science
Examines the definition and measurement of risk and resilience from the perspectives of developmental psychology and ecological theories of development; introduces students to the conceptual and practical integration of intervention and prevention sciences to address social, emotional, educational, and health problems across childhood.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7539 Poverty and Child Development
The goal of this course is to help students develop a coherent understanding of the ways in which poverty affects families and children, the different needs of families and children across different developmental stages of childhood, and the intersection between poverty and education.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 7548 Neuroscience, Brain Development, and Learning
Neuroscience has made tremendous progress toward understanding the neural bases of cognition. The development of the human brain in response to maturation and learning is of particular interest to educators. This course provides an overview of brain development and methods used in cognitive neuroscience and how research in the brain sciences can inform educational practices and policies. Topics include brain development, methods of cognitive neuroscience, neural development in audition, vision, and motor skills, neural processing of language, neuroscience of learning differences, and changes in the brain associated with environment, such as socioeconomic status.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7550 Trauma & Counseling
Due to the overwhelming incidence of trauma, adversity, and toxic stress among consumers of mental health services and the potential profound and pervasive impact of trauma on development, it is essential that mental health professionals gain the necessary knowledge, competencies, and skills to foster resilience and healing. This course explores how trauma impacts not only one’s cognitive and emotional processing, but also dysregulates one’s neurophysiology, and discusses evidence—based assessments and interventions that counselors can use to help alleviate the negative impact of trauma with their clients. This course is designed to provide foundational trauma education for students who aspire to work within school and/or mental health settings and to promote their ability to recognize trauma responses, to create trauma-sensitive educational and clinical environments to foster learning, growth and health and to develop trauma responsive counseling skills.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7564 Cognitive Processes
Basic concepts, theory, and research in cognitive science, problem-solving, psycholinguistics, memory, perception and social cognition. Special topics may include reading, bilingualism, computer modeling, and cognitive theory applied to education and non-education settings. Prerequisite: EDUC 5568
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7566 Advanced Professional Counseling Interventions
This course will focus on advanced issues in the clinical practice of professional psychology with children, adolescents and adults where students will practice clinical skills in role-played therapeutic situations. Students will be using this class as preparation for the formal clinical examination required by all Master of Philosophy in Education students prior to graduation from the Professional Psychology and Counseling program. Prerequisite: Admission into Professional Counseling M. Phil. Ed. Program
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7562 Assessment for Counselors I
A critical analysis of tests and clinical methods in assessment as related to theories of intelligence, and includes: 1) factors influencing assessments; 2) assessment theory; 3) assessment practices; 4) interpretations of assessments. Prerequisite: Admission to Professional Counseling M. Phil. Ed. Program.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7585 Selected Topics in Professional Psychology
Consideration of research and theory, on selected advanced topics. Prerequisite: Admission to Counseling & Mental Health Services or Professional Counseling M. Phil. Program
1 Course Unit
EDUC 7708 Schools as Organizations
In this graduate-level seminar, we will explore educational and sociological concepts of organization, leadership, and the professions in order to develop our knowledge of how classrooms, schools, and school systems function. Our approach will be to consider foundational theoretical works alongside their recent empirical applications. Our goal is to understand and assess how different conceptual perspectives on the organization of schools inform educational research, policy, and practice.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7742 Teachers and Teaching Policy
Explores research, policies, and practices that promote a high-quality teacher workforce, and effective instruction. Topics include recruitment, retention, mentoring, induction, professional development, certification, value-added, merit pay, etc. Appropriate for students from different programs, including education, social/public policy, psychology, political science, sociology, business, and current and future teachers and school leaders.
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7762 Introduction to Applied Quantitative Methods for Education Research: Pre-K to 20
An introduction to the interpretation and use of data about education policy issues through the use of computer-assisted methods of statistical analysis. Emphasis is on the implications for educational policy and research design.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7770 Education Policy Research Practicum
This course will partner students with educational leaders to conduct client-based, applied education research projects. Students will engage in original empirical analysis, learning how to use empirical evidence to support the work of policymakers and practitioners, and will complete written policy reports and present their findings to clients.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 5760 AND (EDUC 6667 OR EDUC 7762)
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7804 Economics of Higher Education
Covers selected topics in the economics of higher education, including investment and consumption theories, cost functions, university investment practices and principles, and academic labor markets.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7805 Proseminar in Research & Analysis
This course is designed to provide students with the skills, information, and resources that are necessary to develop a research proposal. This course will also examine strategies for completing proposals and dissertations. A variety of research designs and approaches to educational research will be explored. Through this course, students will become both informed consumers of research and effective designers of research. Prerequisite: Permission needed from department.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7814 Law and Higher Education
An examination of the most important state and federal laws governing U.S. colleges and universities, with an emphasis on current legal problems.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7815 Case Studies in Higher Education Administration
This course is designed to enhance understanding of decision making in higher education administration. Based on case studies, students will analyze, propose policies, generate action plans and implementation procedures, and assess the potential consequences of their administrative decisions.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7816 Public Policy Issues in Higher Education
A study of the most influential federal and state policies, legislation and practices affecting colleges and universities.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7828 Advanced Public Policy Seminar in Higher Education
Students explore higher education in one state and collaboratively develop a case study to understand the relationship between state policies and higher education performance. Through readings, interviews and student presentations, students learn about the context, the performance, and the public policies influencing higher education performance.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 7833 Students' Transitions from High School to College and to the Job Market
Scope and Audience: This course is appropriate for both masters level and doctoral level students in fields relevant to education, policy, or social science. Special emphasis will be given to develop research proposal that address gaps detected in the literature pertaining to issues and factors affecting students’ transitions from high school to college and to the job market. The ultimate goal of the coursework is to critically analyze and have informed opinions of the state of knowledge regarding factors affecting students’ college choice, access, and success, as well as how these choices impact their job market prospects. Course Description and Objectives: This course examines existing research on the analysis of college access and success, the transition from high school to college, community colleges, labor market opportunities, and the policies, interventions, and initiatives that have been developed to address inequities and inequities in students’ college plans, academic preparation, and financial access. Particular attention will be paid to issues of poverty, race, and ethnicity. The topics studied are informed by sociological, economic, and anthropological theories. Given that community colleges enroll close to 50% of total undergraduate students, and serve as the primary provider of college education for underrepresented, first-generation, low-income, and minoritized students, their role as a potential equalizing engine in the American higher education system will be studied. Specifically, we will study the diverse set of theoretical frameworks and methods that researchers have been using to understand these institutions and will assess the extensive evidence we have to date regarding their effects on education and labor market outcomes. Expectations: Students are expected to be engaged intellectual thinkers and active participants in the pursuit of knowledge, not just passive recipients of information. This course is reading intensive and the majority of class time will be spent in a seminar format discussing the assigned readings. There will be opportunities for students to take turns leading discussion sessions using a set of guiding questions generated by the students own creative and original thinking with the help of the instructor. These student-professor led discussion sessions will occupy about half of our class time while the other half will be lecture and presentation by the instructor along with presentation of work in progress of final papers to gain collective feedback.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7836 Quasi-Experimental Design
Quasi-experimental design is the set of statistical procedures designed to reduce bias inherent to the analysis of observational data. This course covers the most pressing quasi-experimental techniques employed in the social sciences, with an especial emphasis on education issues. The class combines lecture and lab exercises complemented with real-life examples.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7844 Building Inclusive Communities in Higher Education
This course provides students an opportunity to apply their knowledge related to the practice of higher education administration. The goal of the course is to advance students’ understanding of climate on today’s campuses and to utilize diverse methods to create inclusive spaces on campus for all institutional stakeholders.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7847 Social and Statistical Network Analysis
Network analysis aims to find structure among a variety of connections/settings. This course highlights the inferential/statistical aspect of network analysis which overcomes its main limitation of being depicted as a descriptive tool. Since applications of network analysis to education research are emerging, course participants will gain a competitive job-market advantage.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 7848 Spatial Socio-Econometric Modeling
Despite the vast availability of data that can be linked to earth’s surface (AKA geo-referenced or geo-located), most research continue to ignore or omit the influence of location on the outcomes of interest. For example, assume one is interested in measuring the impact of an intervention taking place in some school districts across a given state. Assume further that a variety of school-level administrative indicators are readily available for model inclusion, whereas other place-based indicators require extra data gathering, management, and methods before they can be statistically accounted for. In scenarios like this, researchers typically proceed to model the intervention effects without considering other place-based variables that surely impact students’ performance over and above their within school experiences. That is, given that where individuals experiences life transcends school boundaries, the omission of out-of-school localized factors such as neighborhood-level poverty, crime, or unemployment levels, equates to ignoring and/or assuming that those factors bear no effect on such individuals’ prospects of success. The overarching purpose of this course is threefold. First, it discusses the most recent theories on neighborhood effects, equality of opportunity and environmental determinism as the foundations for the applications and methods covered in the course. Second, the course moves to introduce a survey of geolocated data sources that can be incorporated in traditional socio-econometric research. Third, the course provides participants with tools and methods to visualize and model datasets with spatial elements in order to reach conclusions and offer recommendations that consider the relevance of place and space. It is hoped that the incorporation of these place-based indicators may provide more robust and precise evidence, (as) compared to evidence reached with methods that ignore such a structure contained in places where units of analyses are spatially situated.
Fall
1 Course Unit
EDUC 7849 Modeling Leadership Resilience through Chaos, Crisis, Calamity, Calumny, and Catastrophe

Institutions of higher education are vulnerable to disruptions that can escalate rapidly to truly catastrophic conditions. Local, national, and global incidents – including those caused by natural disasters, human behavior, infrastructure failures, and acts of terror – can effect serious threats to the health and wellness of individual and groups of community members and to the normative functioning of the institution. These conditions, also, within the heightened immediacy of globally interconnected digital communications modalities, often must be optimally ameliorated under compressed time pressures amidst highly volatile circumstances that can be peopled with disaffected and/or seditious stakeholders. In response to these potential threats, colleges and universities have developed strategic risk-remediation and crisis response frameworks that they attempt to implement consistently, effectively, and efficiently to maintain mission-critical functions and to restore institutional stasis after a disruption. Under these contemporary campus environmental conditions, leaders who are strategically nimble, decisive, purposeful, and optimistic most adeptly meet the vagaries of institutional crises, particularly those leaders who understand and use the strengths of their individual and team’s leadership styles and who most consistently demonstrate resilience. The purpose of the Modeling Resilient Institutional Leadership course is to acquaint students with categories of crises endemic to institutions of higher education; to help them understand the importance of crisis mitigation advance planning including the elements of a crisis management plan and the value of "tabletop" practice; to increase their knowledge of how leadership styles and characteristics contribute to leadership resilience through institutional crises, and to survey institutional crisis variables including: threat and vulnerability analysis, crisis communications, stakeholders, and audiences. This course will introduce the following topics through directed readings, case studies, individual research, the development of annotated bibliographies, group work, and presentations: A. Disaster Planning: Institutional Threat, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessment B. Emergency Preparedness: Crisis Management Plans and Business Continuity C. Incident Response Management D. Protest Protocols: Open Expression, Voice, Agency, and Audience in a Diverse Campus Community E. Crisis Communications F. Leadership Styles and Characteristics G. Theories of Conflict Management H. Fomenting and Sustaining Leadership Resilience

1 Course Unit

EDUC 7870 New Models for Postsecondary Education

Not Offered Every Year

1 Course Unit

EDUC 8215 TESOL Practice Teaching

Fieldwork course for TESOL students. This course focuses on reflective teaching practice, providing a space for students to combine theory and practice as they apply the theoretical constructs of TESOL coursework to their own language teaching. Students will become accurate and systematic observers of and thinkers about their own teaching methodology, in order to continue to develop into increasingly effective language teachers. The theme of a student-centered language classroom will be explored through scholarly literature, pedagogical techniques, and students’ own classroom teaching. To participate in this course, a student must be teaching a language class for the majority of the semester. Prerequisite: Permission needed from the department.

Fall

Prerequisite: EDUC 6215 AND EDUC 6205

1 Course Unit

EDUC 8225 TESOL Seminar

A weekly seminar that seeks to consolidate, broaden, and deepen knowledge of the main themes, trends, issues, and practices in the field of TESOL. Students will demonstrate their ability to observe, analyze, and reflect upon their teaching as they make connections between theory and practice, all critical skills for ongoing professional development which relate to the students’ final project, a reflective-analytical or action research paper. The project is based on a thirty-hour teaching internship completed during the semester in which the students are enrolled in EDUC 563. The project is individually designed and subject to the instructor’s approval. All students in the M.S.Ed./TESOL and Language & Literacy must submit a proposal for the internship in the semester before they take the Seminar. Prerequisite: Permission needed from the department.

Fall or Spring

Prerequisite: EDUC 8215

1 Course Unit

EDUC 8230 ICC Seminar

Prior to enrolling in this course, all students in the MS.Ed ICC program must conduct ethnographic (participant-observation) fieldwork in the context of a supervised internship of at least 160 hours, usually during the summer between the first and second year. The supervised internship, involving placement of the student in an approved field site, is individually designed and is subject to approval; students must submit a Proposal describing their ethnographic project in the semester prior to undertaking fieldwork. This course offers guidance as students complete the portfolio or reflective paper, which is based on their experience and the ethnographic data they collected during their fieldwork placement. Through this course, students in the M.S.Ed./ICC program will discuss ways to conceptualize their fieldwork experience, situate it meaningfully within the field of intercultural communication, locate and analyze relevant research literature, and prepare the portfolio or reflective paper, with an overall goal of developing the ability to communicate clearly and effectively for an academic and/or professional audience. Prerequisite: Eight or more courses toward M. S. Ed. degree in Intercultural Communication. Prerequisite: Eight or more courses toward M. S. Ed. degree in Intercultural Communication. Permission needed from department.

Spring

1 Course Unit

EDUC 8334 Theories of Reading

This course is designed as a collaborative inquiry toward constructing and elaborating theories of practice as teachers and/or researchers of reading. Using a seminar or working group format, participants explore the relationships among theory, reading, practice, pedagogy and research. The course’s conceptualization is informed primarily by (1) frameworks from critical, feminist and culturally-centered literatures which foreground issues of equity, representation, and ethics; and (2) current conversations in the field of literacy where the definitions, purposes, and practices of reading have been made problematic. It also invites participants to engage the notion that knowledge for teaching and research comes from inquiry into the questions, issues, and contradictions that arise from everyday life. The course provides historical lenses for comparative analyses of theoretical frameworks and research paradigms as well as opportunities to investigate participants’ individual histories as well as teaching and research interests.

Fall, even numbered years only

1 Course Unit
EDUC 8336 Issues in Instructional Leadership in Reading and Writing
Participants will consider current critical issues in Reading, Writing, and Literacy, such as: improving accountability and assessment; approaches to professional development and curriculum development; and the use of scientifically "valid" research to advance literacy learning.
Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8405 Culture/Power/Subjectivities
This doctoral level course will introduce students to a conceptual language and theoretical tools for analyzing and explaining the complex intersection of racialized, ethnic, gendered, sexual, and classed differences and asymmetrical social relations. The students will examine critically the interrelationships between culture, power, and subjectivity through a close reading of classical and contemporary social theory. Emphasis will be given to assessing the power of various theories for conceptualizing and explaining mechanisms of social stratification as well as the basis of social order and processes of social change.
Not Offered Every Year  
Also Offered As: ANTH 7040, URBS 7060  
Prerequisite: EDUC 5495  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8436 Narrating the Self
This seminar explores, in some linguistic detail, how narrators can partly construct their selves while telling autobiographical stories. The seminar addresses three questions: What is the structure of narrative discourse? How might we construct ourselves by telling stories about ourselves? If narrative is central to self-constructions, what is "the self"?
Not Offered Every Year  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8466 Craft of Ethnography
This course is designed to follow after Ethnographic Research Methods (EDUC 7468). In the introductory course, students learned how to use qualitative methods in conducting a brief field study. This advanced level course focuses on research design and specifically the craft of ethnographic research. Students will apply what they learn in the course in writing a proposal for a dissertation research project. Prerequisite: Must have completed EDUC 7468 or equivalent introductory qualitative methods course.
Not Offered Every Year  
Also Offered As: ANTH 7070  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8480 International Educational Development Doctoral Proseminar
The IEDP Doctoral Proseminar covers the broad arena of international educational development. Drawing on the research experiences of the faculty and of the enrolled doctoral students, the course allows for the analysis of intellectual and technical challenges of working in international education and development, especially around issues of social and public policy.
Fall or Spring  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8490 Education, Culture and Society
This course surveys basic issues in the philosophical and social foundations of education, addressing basic questions about the purpose of education, mostly through reading primary texts. Intended for incoming doctoral students.
Fall  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8560 ISHD Proseminar
This course gives students the opportunity to better understand their own psychological development and how this interacts with their scholarship and professional development. Required course for ISHD students.
Fall  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8629 Policy Research
Study of the roles of scientific inquiry in development and assessment of contemporary educational and social policy. Analysis and application of foundational research, statistical and psychometric methods to inform a variety of policy topics and related issues and problems encountered in policy formation and evaluation.
Spring  
Prerequisite: EDUC 6667  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8671 Randomized Trials and Experiments
This course will cover three alternatives to conventional modeling in the social sciences: (1) design and execution of field trials in education and other social sectors including criminology, (2) quasi-experiments especially contemporary research comparing results of randomized and non-randomized trials, and (3) analysis for descriptive and exploratory purposes. The course themes include causal inference, vulnerability of models applied to observational data, recent developments in intensive inductive approaches to data, and related matters. Although some methodological background papers will be discussed, the seminar is case study oriented with readings from contemporary research on the topics from peer reviewed journals and well-vetted reports issued by governmental and nongovernment agencies. Cases will include work supported by IES on effects of Odyssey Math, for example, and work in the crime and justice arena. We will study the work of scholars affiliated with Penn who are actively involved in randomized and non-randomized trials, for instance, and the work of colleagues at other universities (Berkeley, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Princeton, others) and colleagues in non-profit and for profit research organizations such as Analytica, AIR, Mathematica and others that contribute to learning in this arena.
Fall  
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8680 Complex, Multilevel, and Longitudinal Research Models
Strategy, application, interpretation, and reporting for simple and complex factorial, repeated measures, time series, higher-order growth, unbalanced, and multiple constant and inconstant covariates designs; error covariance structure modeling, hierarchical linear modeling, multilevel cross-classification modeling, multilevel individual growth-curve modeling, multiple-group multilevel modeling, multilevel generalized linear modeling for discrete outcomes (multilevel multiple logistic regression); Receiver Operating Characteristic curve analysis; latent growth mixture modeling.
Fall  
Prerequisite: EDUC 7667  
1 Course Unit
EDUC 8681 Applied Multivariate Statistics
Multivariate strategies for hypothesis testing, prediction, and classification including multiple regression, multivariate multiple regression, canonical regression, multiple logistic regression, multiple discriminant functions, factor analysis of scaled variables, hierarchical cluster analysis, and multivariate classification analysis; computer processing, interpretation, and reporting. Prerequisite: Permission needed from instructor.
Spring
Prerequisite: EDUC 7767
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8710 Advanced Analysis in the Economics of Education
This course will review current papers in the economics of education, with a focus on policy research related to the provision and regulation of publicly provided education. The course pays special attention to: i) the use of causal research designs in answering questions relevant for policy, and ii) the application of economic principles to issues in education. The course is designed as a seminar for Ph.D. students to build skills in critiquing studies that employ experimental and quasi-experimental methods, such as randomized control trials, regression discontinuity, instrumental variables, etc. The papers covered in the course will examine questions in education policy through the perspective of economics and issues related to trade-offs, incentives, the analytic process, and the distribution of costs and benefits. Students will also be asked to consider applications of these methods and their related assumptions, in their own work. The course is intended for students who have a solid understanding of methods typically used in econometrics or statistics to estimate causal effects. Prerequisite: This course is primarily intended for Ph.D. students who have taken or who are currently taking a course on experimental and quasi-experimental methods of causal inference and who have had an introductory course in economic perspectives in education research.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 8762 Applied Research & Reporting
Hands-on experience presenting applied research. Students will be guided through a research project of relevance to education or social policy chosen by the student, with assistance from the instructor. The course entails presenting findings from the analysis of one or more data sets of the students’ choosing. The students will present work based on journal-length paper expectations based on their research and respond to the reviews of classmates and the instructor. Prerequisite: Competence in basic statistics and computer literacy.
Fall
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9125 Doctoral Foundations of Teaching and Learning
The course explores theoretical and empirical perspectives on the questions: What is knowledge and knowing? What is learning? What is teaching? How do contexts influence teaching, knowing and learning? A central goal of the course is to encourage students to consider these questions and their interconnections for themselves, to examine ways scholars and practitioners have answered them, and to develop an analytical framework to use in examining contemporary practices in settings that include formal and informal, urban and international.
Spring
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9205 Research Seminar: Language Policy and Education
Seminar participants are introduced to concepts, theories, and methods in the field of language planning and policy, which they then apply in developing their own library-based research on specific language planning cases from around the world. Cases may include: official language decisions, instructional medium choices, literacy initiatives, gender-neutral language reforms, foreign/heritage/second language pedagogy and policy, indigenous language revitalization efforts, or other language-related decisions and policies at international, national or local levels. Prerequisite: Permission needed from instructor.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9210 Issues in Second Language Acquisition
This course is designed for students to be able to analyze, synthesize and discuss second language acquisition theory and research on the basis of intensive reading of work that reflects perennial and current issues in the field. Comparisons and connections are drawn from theoretical and empirical literature on second language acquisition processes, constraints, and interventions. Relevant research methods are also addressed. Topics, issues, and readings are updated each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: Permission needed from instructor.
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: EDUC 7225
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9215 Genealogies of Race and Language in Educational Research
This course explores the historical and contemporary co-construction of race and language in educational research. As opposed to treating race and language as self-evident and universal concepts, the course adopts a genealogical perspective that examines their historical development within the context of European colonialism and critically analyzes the legacy of these colonial ideologies in contemporary educational research, policy and practice. Students engage with a range of foundational theoretical and methodological texts to develop a robust understanding of the historical and contemporary relationship between race and language. Students also read, analyze and critique educational research that has sought to apply these theoretical and methodological insights. The course will culminate in students undertaking genealogical research projects on questions of race and language connected to their own educational research interests.
Fall
Also Offered As: LALS 9215
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9217 Research Seminar: Language and Power
This course explores the historical and contemporary co-construction of race and language in educational research. As opposed to treating race and language as self-evident and universal concepts, the course adopts a genealogical perspective that examines their historical development within the context of European colonialism and critically analyzes the legacy of these colonial ideologies in contemporary educational research, policy and practice. Students engage with a range of foundational theoretical and methodological texts to develop a robust understanding of the historical and contemporary relationship between race and language. Students also read, analyze and critique educational research that has sought to apply these theoretical and methodological insights. The course will culminate in students undertaking genealogical research projects on questions of race and language connected to their own educational research interests.
Fall
Also Offered As: LALS 9215
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9219 Issues in Second Language Acquisition
This course is designed for students to be able to analyze, synthesize and discuss second language acquisition theory and research on the basis of intensive reading of work that reflects perennial and current issues in the field. Comparisons and connections are drawn from theoretical and empirical literature on second language acquisition processes, constraints, and interventions. Relevant research methods are also addressed. Topics, issues, and readings are updated each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: Permission needed from instructor.
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: EDUC 7225
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9230 Research Seminar in Reading and Writing
For doctoral candidates and others engaged in research and advanced professional study in the field of literacy.
Spring
1 Course Unit
EDUC 9560 Advanced Research in Human Learning and Development
Selected topics from human learning, human development, cognitive processes, social psychology, and personality.
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9580 Mixed Methods Research: Counseling & Development
This course is designed to position students to acquire a more sophisticated understanding of research methods in order to conduct and critically evaluate empirical research in applied and clinical settings.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

EDUC 9764 Research Seminar in Applied Research Synthesis Methods
Issues in research design, development of a literature review, and dissertation proposal.
Fall
1 Course Unit