EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

EDFN 511: 3 s.h.  
Comparative Education  
Analyze crucial educational questions and issues using the comparative method. Cross-cultural studies pursued in a multiple-disciplinary format will help participants discover how education serves economic, sociopolitical, ideological and other purposes, and how it reflects the historically derived tensions within national development. Factors underlying similarities and differences in various cultures, nations and contexts are studied. Includes appraisal of educational issues from a global perspective. Offered annually.

EDFN 513: 3 s.h.  
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Schooling  
Students will study the history of sexual orientation and gender identity, the research on school climate related to sexual orientation and gender identity of students and professionals, knowledge of current laws and policies, and recommended practices for supporting LGBTQ+ youth and educators.

EDFN 520: 3 s.h.  
Instructional Technology in Elem Ed  
Students use case studies to explore the uses of technology and its application in elementary education. Topics include computer basics, applications software, curriculum integration, evaluation of educational software, telecommunication and multimedia presentation systems. Students are provided a series of hands-on experiences with hardware and software to develop the skills and competencies required of the elementary education teacher. Offered regularly. Students may not receive credit for both EDFN 520 and any of the following courses: EDFN 130, 320, 330, 333, 530, 533 and EDAR 330.

EDFN 530: 3 s.h.  
Instructional Technology, Design and Assessment  
Instructional design and assessment will be used as a basis for planning and evaluating the use of technology for student-center teaching and learning within specific disciplines. Must be taken as a block with EDSE 321 (or graduate equivalent) and the Teaching of Methods class required in each secondary certification program. Students may not receive credit for both EDFN 530 and any of the following courses: EDFN 130, 320, 330, 333, 520, 533 and EDAR 330.

EDFN 545: 3 s.h.  
Advanced Educational Psychology  
A review of psychological principles as they relate to human learning in the urban and non-urban setting. Special consideration is given to motivational and developmental factors in the school that influence students' learning. Additional topics include examination of assessment and evaluation practices, classroom management and accommodating individual differences.

EDFN 586: 1-3 s.h.  
Topics in Education  
Investigation and development of educational topics of current interest not normally covered in regular courses. Special topics and methods will vary according to the needs of students involved. Offered periodically.

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