Educational Foundations (EFN) - Graduate Courses

Courses

**EFN 424/524 Cr.3**
**Theory and Practice of Cooperative Learning**
Based on theories of cooperative learning, the course examines practices and strategies which promote student learning and create positive classroom environments. Focus will be on the teacher’s role in academic and social interactions. Total class involvement and small groups will be explored as the primary delivery systems for integrating a cooperative learning model. Prerequisite: EDS 351 or EDS 402 or teacher certification. Offered Occasionally.

**EFN 475/575 Cr.1-3**
**Special Topics Seminar in Education**
Special topics in education not covered by current education courses taught in the department. The particular topic selected to be determined by the department according to the current need and interest. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: admission to teacher education, or certifiability as a teacher, or consent of the department chair. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

**EFN 705 Cr.3**
**Human Relations in School and Society**
This course explores human differences with special attention to diverse cultural, ethnic, and other group identifications and maintains a concerted emphasis on the intersectionalities between these differences. It examines the interplay between misperceptions and ethnocentric perspectives that foster prejudicial attitudes, actions, and inactions. The course asks students to critically examine aspects of their own identities, including how membership in various social groups affects their sense of being as well as how they interact with others. It highlights the importance of developing a nuanced vocabulary to discuss race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and disabilities through a critical sociocultural lens in order to contribute to a more inclusive and democratic society. Finally, the course considers the important role of education and other public organizations in promoting social justice and diversity in communities. Offered Fall, Spring.

**CI/EFN 750 Cr.1-3**
**Guided Learning**
Study of a significant problem, development of a professionally related competency, or acquisition of job-related knowledge through independent study on or off campus under the direction of a faculty member. On occasion, individuals may be formed into classes. Repeatable for credit - maximum 15. (Cross-listed with CI/EFN; may only earn 15 credits total in CI and EFN.) Consent of instructor. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

**EFN 760 Cr.3**
**Theory and Practice in Educational Research**
Study of concepts and processes associated with reading and/or conducting scholarly qualitative, descriptive and experimental research. Identification and examination of retrieval and statistical treatment systems. Practice in reading/reviewing and critiquing published research. Development of a research or grant proposal. Prerequisite: minimum of 12 graduate credits. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

**CI/EFN 761 Cr.2**
**Seminar Paper**
Completion of an acceptable seminar paper under the direction of an assigned staff member. Prerequisite: EFN 760 or concurrent enrollment. (Cross-listed with CI/EFN; may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

**CI/EDM/EFN/RDG 796 Cr.1-2**
**Independent Study**
Directed readings or presentation of material not available in formal departmental courses under the supervision of an assigned staff member. Repeatable for credit - maximum four. (Cross-listed with CI/EDM/EFN/RDG; may only earn four credits total in CI, EFN, EDM, and RDG.) Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

**CI/EFN 799 Cr.1-6**
**Research: Master's Thesis**
Completion of an acceptable thesis under the direction of an assigned staff member. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: EFN 760 or concurrent enrollment. (Cross-listed with CI/EFN; may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.