Educational Foundations (EFN) - Courses

+ next to a course number indicates a general education course

Courses

EFN 200 Cr.1

Cooperatives

A study of the history and development of cooperatives, a form of business organization voluntarily owned and controlled by member patrons on a nonprofit or cost basis. The social, political and economic aspects of cooperatives constitute the basis for the course. Note: This course is a statutory requirement for all social studies majors and minors (except psychology minors) in the 1-9 or 6-12 teacher certification programs. May not count in major or minor. Offered Spring, Summer.

EFN 205 Cr.3

Understanding Human Differences

The course will focus on human differences and the factors which influence these differences, specifically group identifications. It will explore the interaction between misperceptions and ethnocentric perspectives which foster the development of prejudicial attitudes. It will explain the effect of prejudicial attitudes on expectations for "different" others (stereotyping) and on behavior toward those others (discrimination). It will examine diverse groups in our society and how membership in one or more of these groups affects one's sense of identity and one's opportunities. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring.

EFN 207 Cr.1

Resolving Diversity Issues Through Experiential Drama

An interactive experience involving drama and dialogue to address cultural conflict, racial ethnic and other diversity issues. Students research topics to gain background information. Short scenarios are developed and presented to UW-L classes and on-campus organizations as requested, as well as off-campus social agencies, school groups, businesses, etc. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Offered Fall, Spring.

EFN 222 Cr.2

Introduction to Choice Theory: Problem Solving Strategies

Examines major concepts from William Glasser’s Choice Theory focusing on how they can be applied to promote responsible behavior and create successful living and learning experiences. Emphasis is on understanding basic needs, developing strategies for working with diverse students, learning a variety of approaches for problem solving, and developing specific skills for applying Choice Theory in interpersonal and small group interactions and in conducting group meetings. Prerequisite: sophomore standing; open to resident assistants and desk managers only. Consent of instructor. Offered Occasionally.

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; junior standing. 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; junior standing. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

EFN 486/586 Cr.1-3

Multicultural Education

The course will examine multicultural education as a reform effort for pre K-12 schools and the rationale for advocating it. Alternative approaches for implementing multicultural education will be discussed with emphasis on curriculum. Classroom activities to assist students in understanding and appreciating human differences will be presented and evaluated. Prerequisite: EFN 205; junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

CI/EFN 499 Cr.1-6

Individual Study

Reading and research in an area of student interest in education under the direction of an education instructor. Open to elementary and secondary education students with excellent records. Not open to students concurrently enrolled in EFN 499. Prerequisite: junior standing. (Cross-listed with CI/EFN; may earn six credits total in CI and EFN 499.) Consent of instructor. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.