DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (EDD)

College of Education and Social Work

Courses

EDD 700. Doctoral Seminar in Educational Studies. 3 Credits.
The doctoral seminar explores the elements and purpose of the doctorate in Education Policy, Planning and Administration and provides students with an introductory survey of philosophical and historical foundations of education. The seminar serves as an introduction to applied doctoral studies and doctoral-level scholarship in Education, with a specific emphasis on each student’s development as a critically reflective scholar.

EDD 701. Social and Ethical Foundations of Education Policy Research. 3 Credits.
This course is intended to help students think critically about debates, research, and frameworks in contemporary education policy in the United States, with an emphasis on the interplay between local, state and federal policy contexts. Throughout the semester, we will explore the tensions between key policy goals such as access and equality, accountability, the purposes of public vs. private education, and funding of public education, as well as the consequences (intended and unintended) of those tensions.

EDD 702. Innovation in Curriculum Development and Evaluation. 3 Credits.
An investigation of curriculum development, implementation and evaluation through historical, theoretical, political and cultural lenses, with examination of contemporary curriculum frameworks, the use of large and small scale data for evaluation and an examination of curriculum planning, processes and management of resources toward improved teaching and learning.

EDD 703. Educating All Students in a Diverse Society. 3 Credits.
This course examines the unique role Education leaders play in the formation and implementation of school policy, planning and administration relating to educating students from a variety of backgrounds and environments. The course supports candidates as they advance their knowledge and skills as decision-makers who understand and embrace the complexities of social and cultural diversity, and can help maximize positive outcomes for all students.

EDD 704. Political and Legal Trends in Educational Policy. 3 Credits.
Schools are impacted by diverse factors, not the least of which is law and political interests. This course provides an introduction to school law and the complex and often contested field of politics and education. The purpose of the course is to provide students with an understanding of the forces that have shaped, and continue to shape, educational policy, with an emphasis on governance structures, stakeholders, public engagement, and current policy issues and political contexts. Within this context, this course seeks to examine the legal and governmental aspects, which increasingly influence public school policy, planning and administration.

EDD 705. Critical Issues in Special Education. 3 Credits.
Special Education is the intersection of policy and evidenced-based practice. This course provides students the opportunity for in-depth analysis of current problems and issues in the field of Special Education. Topics to be included (but not limited to): over- and under-representation; response to intervention; high-stakes testing; teacher shortages; adult outcomes/transitions; trends in recreation and leisure; gifted education; co-morbidity; teaming; funding; policy and law; positive behavior supports; and addressing fads/fallacies. Each issue will be addressed from several perspectives including historical, legal, and theoretical.

EDD 720. Educational Research Design and Measurement. 3 Credits.
This course provides individuals the opportunity to master basic competencies in understanding and evaluating educational research as well as planning and conducting original research. The course provides a framework for evaluating existing research including quantitative and qualitative research methods, research designs, sample selection, data collection, experimental research, and data analysis. Typically offered in Spring.

EDD 721. Educational Statistics. 3 Credits.
This course introduces statistical theories and techniques commonly used by Education professionals in data analysis and program evaluation. Topics include major statistical techniques and the fundamentals of quantitative analysis. Included will be an introduction to frequently used Nonparametrics.