

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS



EFFECTIVE FALL 2023 SEMESTER

The Master of Arts degree in Educational Foundations is an interdisciplinary academic program, which draws on conceptual frameworks and methodologies from the humanities, social sciences, and behavioral science. This degree program, is designed to prepare teachers and other educational professionals (e.g. counselors, higher education professionals, administrators, and other educators working in schools, government, business, or civic agencies) to understand and respond to the social contexts that give meaning to education both in and out of schools. Coursework is offered in history of education, educational sociology, policy studies in education, queer studies in education, anthropology of education, educational psychology and human development. This coursework provides students with opportunities to acquire interpretive, normative, and critical perspectives on education through rigorous study and research experience.

REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEGREE (33 UNITS)

A minimum of 17 of the 33 units must be in 5000-level courses and at least 17 units must consist of education courses. Refer to course description of variable unit course for restrictions on credit limit.

A. REQUIRED CORE COURSES (12 units)

EDFN 5050	Qualitative Research in Education	3
EDFN 5070	History of Education	3
EDFN 5500	Contemporary Social Theory and Issues in Urban Education	3
EDFN 5520	Policy Studies in Education	3

B. ELECTIVE COURSES (9 – 21 units)

Select courses from this list to satisfy the degree requirement*

EDFN 5000	Research Methods in Education	3
EDFN 5060	Comparative and International Education	3
EDFN 5090	Queer Studies in Education (also listed as WGSS 5090)	3
EDFN 5111	Anthropology of Education	3
EDFN 5250	Sociology of Education	3
EDFN 5970	Graduate Research	1-3
EDFN 5980	Graduate Directed Study	1-3

C. OTHER ELECTIVES (0 – 12 units)

Select courses with advisor approval (may include 4000-level EDFN courses:)

EDFN 4131	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDFN 4400	Schooling in a Diverse Society	3

D. CULMINATING EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT (0, 4 units)

EDFN 5960	Comprehensive Examination	OR	0		
EDFN 5990A	Thesis Planning and	EDFN 5990B	Thesis	OR	2, 2
EDFN 5995A	Project Planning and	EDFN 5995B	Project		2, 2

TOTAL UNITS 33

*culminating experience option selected will determine certain courses from this list

Admission Requirements

In addition to University requirements for admission to graduate study, applicants must have

- A 2.75 grade point average in the last 60 semester units attempted.
- Optional letters of recommendations that speak to the applicant's academic readiness for graduate level study.
- A personal statement.
- An interview with program faculty.

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