Educational Studies (EDST)

Courses

EDST 2003. Introduction to Educational Studies. 3 Hours.
The course explores the field of education through the lens of educational studies, a unique interdisciplinary association of looking at education as a function of society, psychology, politics, religion, and economic interests. This course introduces non-education field students to the difference between the various fields of study within education, including, but not limited to: instruction, curriculum, comparative education, multicultural education, informal education, content education, pedagogy, education policy, support services, and community education. No field observation hours are required for this course.

EDST 3003. Formative Readings for Cultural Education. 3 Hours.
This course examines some of the historically important readings stemming from identification of the America Reads project produced by the Library of Congress (2014-2016). Special attention will be devoted to the understanding of the relevance of these historical documents and texts to the American identity. The course will focus on the role education plays in the creation of the current society through cultural transmission. The role of education through public schooling in the formations of citizens has been historically documented and deemed necessary under American political thought. This course is constructed to establish linkages of educational trends in the promotion of literacy and the popularization of popular cultural literature of the 18th, 19th, and 20th century that has shaped the social, economic, environmental, and political landscape that a citizen may navigate over their lifetime.

EDST 3023. Internship in Educational Studies. 3 Hours.
The internship is a prearranged onsite work experience serving in an educationally related field. Internships may be served at a variety of public or private based educational services or agencies. The internship experience must include a minimum number of practical work hours (120), reflective journaling, mid-semester evaluation, and final report. All arrangements for internships should be coordinated through the COEHP Office of Field Placement must be approved prior to the start of the semester by the Educational Studies program coordinator and Director of Field Placement. State of Arkansas background checks may be required for individuals completing internships at locations serving populations of minors. Prerequisite: Junior standing and EDSTBS majors only. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

EDST 3113. Legal & Historical Developments in Education. 3 Hours.
This lecture provides an overview of issues in the field of education coming out of political and legal developments in the United States over the last two centuries. Special interest is paid to educational legislation, case law, and global comparative education.

EDST 3203. Multicultural Education Issues. 3 Hours.
The purpose of this course is to give pre-service educators an opportunity to explore various facets of multiculturalism and their implications for future practice. We will examine the impact of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and other aspects of social group identities on teaching and learning as they relate to contexts in multiple learning environments. While this course is broad in scope, the primary aim is to assist future educators in exploring what it means to be an educator in a society that is multicultural, within a vast educational system (public and private) which is stratified according to multiple factors. Students should not be in enrolled in EDST 3203 & CIED 4403 during the same semester.

EDST 3223. American Educational History. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to offer a comprehensive study of the history of the American education system. Students completing this course will be able to document the diverse and often competing influences into what has become the public school structure, as well as, the second system of American schools, parochial schools, arising out of the schooling conflict of the 1880’s. Starting with the development of literacy skills and the formation of township or colony schools, the lineage of schooling will be investigated from the late 1600’s to the present time.

EDST 3333. Children’s & Young Adult Literature in Educational Settings. 3 Hours.
This course provides a comprehensive overview of children’s, adolescent, and young adult literature across educational settings, both formal and informal. Picture books, novels, informational texts, and the novelization of movies and vice versa for children and adolescent audiences will be explored. This course is not part of the K-6 license program.

EDST 399V. Special Topics in Educational Studies. 1-3 Hour.
Discussion and advanced studies on selected topics in educational studies. Special focus on recent and emerging topics in education. Junior (3000) level course offerings. Course may be repeated only for unique topic enrollments. May be repeated for up to 15 hours of degree credit.

EDST 399VH. Honors Special Topics in Educational Studies. 1-3 Hour.
Discussion and advanced studies on selected topics in educational studies. Special focus on recent and emerging topics in education. Junior (3000) level course offerings. Each offering of EDST 399VH must be unique. Student may not repeat the same topic for degree credit multiple times. May be repeated for up to 15 hours of degree credit.

EDST 4003. Philosophy & Inquiry in Education. 3 Hours.
This course provides a review of philosophical ideas in education and an introduction to research, methodologies, foundation theories in education. Students explore historical ideas in philosophy pertaining to education and how those ideas contribute to current educational practices. Students in the course learn about the nature of research, both theoretical and applied, and the process of developing future research based agendas. Prerequisite: (EDST 3113 and EDST 4113) OR (PHIL 2003, PHIL 2103, PHIL 2203 and HIST 2003, HIST 2013).

EDST 4003H. Honors Philosophy & Inquiry in Education. 3 Hours.
This course provides a review of philosophical ideas in education and an introduction to research, methodologies, foundation theories in education. Students explore historical ideas in philosophy pertaining to education and how those ideas contribute to current educational practices. Students in the course learn about the nature of research, both theoretical and applied, and the process of developing future research based agendas. Prerequisite: (EDST 3113 and EDST 4113) OR (HIST 2003, HIST 2013 and PHIL 2003, PHIL 2103, PHIL 2203).

EDST 4013. Capstone Seminar and Final Internship in Education. 3 Hours.
The capstone course provides students with a culminating experience for Educational Studies. The course provides an opportunity for students to develop a portfolio of their learning and to evaluate their overall program performance in preparation for completion of their degrees. This course contains 100 hours of internship experience and will serve as the final internship experience for EDSTBS majors. This course includes 20 hours of coursework along with the required internship experience. This course should only be enrolled in after the completion of two EDST 3023 internship and during the students final year or coursework. Prerequisite: EDSTBS major, senior standing in EDSTBS program, and completion of 6 hours of EDST 3023.
EDST 4113. Teaching and Funding Outdoor & Informal Education. 3 Hours.
In-depth exploration of natural/outdoors education and informal education and grant
writing for education will be covered. Methods and techniques in the preparation
and delivery of teaching in nontraditional instructional settings (informal education)
will be developed. Course participants will be required to teach an outdoor and/or
informal education class and participate in a collaborative grant application process.
Prerequisite: EDST 3113.

EDST 4213. Religion, Education, & Religious Education. 3 Hours.
This course provides a comprehensive introduction on the influences of religion
in education, particularly in relation to the dynamic of religion in public education
in the United States. Students in the course learn about the nature of the study of
religion, religious studies, and religious education, as well as the teaching of religion.
Prerequisite: (EDST 3113 and EDST 3223) or Religious Studies minor, or instructor
consent.