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Courses
EDUC 101 | INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING AND LEARNING
Units: 3
This course has been developed to help USD undergraduates explore and confirm career interests in education, with a focus on teaching. It is a required course for the Undergraduate Minor in Education. Presenting both historical and current views of teaching and education, this course encourages students to think more deeply, more broadly, and more systematically about what teaching is, what teachers do, and whether teaching is an appropriate career choice for them. In the course students will learn about research and theory-based views of educational history. They will develop an understanding of themselves as learners, explore how children learn, examine teaching practices and various contexts that support teaching and learning and learn to think critically about the contemporary issues related to teacher education. Participating together in learning activities in class will facilitate students’ learning. The expectation is that by the end of the course, students will begin to understand teaching as a profession that is a complex endeavor embedded in a larger organizational and social context.

EDUC 124 | SPORT AND HIGHER EDUCATION: THE STUDENT ATHLETE EXPERIENCE
Units: 3
This course is designed to assist freshmen student-athletes in their quest to achieve a holistic education. Course content is based on the five commitment areas set forth by the NCAA Lifeskills Program. The NCAA Lifeskills Program strives to promote part of the student-athlete experience: personal development, career development, academic planning, athletic development, and community service-learning. This course will foster development in these specific areas and, in turn, will promote integration of the student athlete into the university community.

EDUC 201 | STUDENT MOVEMENTS IN EDUCATION
Units: 3
From Birmingham to Tianenman Square, college and high school students have formed the foundation of almost every struggle for social and civil rights. In this interactive, rigorous research seminar, students will examine the role and impact of Student Movements on historical and contemporary struggles for educational access. Issues of fair employment, community resources, and suffrage will also be examined. In addition to engaging in readings, viewing films and documentaries, and preparing written responses, students enrolled in the course will conduct and present their own project entitled, “Provoking the Crowd,” centered on a contemporary struggle for educational equity and access. All students will be challenged, along with their classmates, to consider their role and responsibility in the modern day civil rights movement.

EDUC 301 | CHANGEMAKERS IN EDUCATION: BUILDING BRIDGES TO COLLEGE ACCESS
Units: 3
This course is designed to support students in developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions appropriate to mentoring children in PK-12 settings. Through readings, class discussions, and practical experiences, students will learn about issues affecting student learning. There will be an emphasis on mentoring a diverse population of students. Each USD student enrolled in the course will concurrently be placed at a mentoring site and assigned to work with an individual child or small group of children. The course will be adapted each semester to meet the specific demands of the mentoring sites and partner with educational programs such as AVID, Summerbridge, Balboa Elementary, and Kearny High School. Readings, placements, and, where appropriate, program-specific trainings will support students in their mentoring assignment.

EDUC 304 | ST. CLARE'S COMPARATIVE EDUCATION
Units: 3
The course is broadly organized into four sections. The first part provides an overview of the UK education system, the second a comparison of key themes in UK education, the third introduces relevant international comparisons and benchmarks, and the fourth is based around student contributions based on their US and UK experiences. Throughout the course, the students will be asked to draw on their experience gained in UK classrooms. They will also be provoked to take an active and critical position on the various reading tasks requested of them as these relate to their classroom experience.

EDUC 307 | SPANISH FOR EDUCATORS
Units: 3
This course targets the skills needed to provide students with the Spanish language such as vocabulary and phrases needed to communicate with Spanish speaking students, school personnel, families, and visitors. Students will be able to speak, read, and write using Spanish for classroom instruction, health care, educational administration, special needs and extracurricular activities, among other areas. The class emphasizes practice through authentic activities such as games and role-playing.

EDUC 332P | CURRICULUM AND METHODS OF TEACHING IN TODAY'S GLOBAL SECONDARY CLASSROOMS
Units: 3 Repeatability: Yes (Can be repeated for Credit)
Prerequisites: EDUC 381C (Can be taken Concurrently) and EDUC 382 (Can be taken Concurrently)
Formal admission to the credential program. A general curriculum and methods course emphasizing best practices in curriculum design, assessment, and instructional methodologies. Candidates practice various teaching techniques, writing objectives, lesson and unit planning, close examination of student work, classroom management, and subject matter applications. A 50-hour practicum is required in a secondary school.

EDUC 334P | METHODS OF TEACHING LITERACY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY
Units: 3
Prerequisites: EDUC 381C (Can be taken Concurrently) and EDUC 382 (Can be taken Concurrently)
The focus will be on teaching literacy in the content areas. Students will develop a cultural lens. During the course of this semester, we will examine current issues, theories, and practices in secondary literacy from local, national, and global perspectives. Students will also design and deliver learning activities for diverse student populations, participating in a community of practice by supportively critiquing each other’s efforts. A 50-hour practicum is required in a secondary school. Grade level and site are appropriate to the student’s credential and must involve the teaching of reading and/or other language arts and communication skills. Prerequisites: Prior or concurrent enrollment in EDUC 381C and EDUC 382. Additional Prerequisite: Formal admission to the credential program.

EDUC 353 | CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS IN CHARACTER EDUCATION
Units: 3
The purpose of this course is to enable candidates to examine the historical development of character education programs in the U.S., to investigate research findings about selected programs, to examine character education programs in state and local school districts, to assess commercial curricula and programs and to examine best practices using a specific set of standards. Another purpose is to assist candidates in planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating character education curricula and programs in a school and community.
EDUC 354 | CHARACTER BASED CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
Units: 3
This course will enhance candidates’ knowledge and skills in fostering the social-emotional growth of students. It will examine effective school and classroom disciplinary policies and practices based on the school’s core values and investigate ways to promote civility and citizenship (community service learning) in schools and in homes. It will also introduce candidates to several effective character-based discipline plans such as the “Raising Responsibility Plan,” “Win-Win Discipline,” “Second Chance,” and “Discipline With Dignity.”.

EDUC 356 | INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES IN CHARACTER EDUCATION
Units: 3
This course examines several instructional strategies that have been found effective for teaching character development. Among the strategies to be studied are those that relate to literature-based programs, the importance of language, cooperative learning, teaching for thinking, conflict resolution and parental involvement. The course also offers candidates the opportunity to examine the research on each of these strategies and to evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies for meeting their school and program expectations.

EDUC 360 | TEACHING PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Units: 3
This course provides a foundation for teaching health and physical education in elementary schools. It integrates the six broad goals of physical education (activity, fitness and wellness, movement, social interactions, self-realization, individual excellence) with health education principles and practices. The focus includes physical education theory, research and activities from a global perspective.

EDUC 368 | CHARACTER AND ATHLETICS
Units: 3
This course examines the interplay between character and athletics. Students will investigate and critique programs that are designed to enhance the character of athletes. Students will examine specific programs in the sports industry that claim that their programs contribute to one’s character development. Students will interact with USD athletic department leaders, and discuss/debate current issues that promote or negate character development.

EDUC 375P | INCLUSIVE CURRICULA FOR LEARNERS 5-22
Units: 3
This course is designed to provide education specialist candidates with subject-specific pedagogical knowledge and skills across the CA state-adopted academic K-12 content standards. Candidates will explore and implement inclusive best practices in curriculum design, assessment and instructional methodology. An emphasis is placed on co-teaching, response-to-intervention, differentiated instruction and alignment of IEP learning outcomes within grade/age appropriate California k-12 content standards expectations. Candidates practice instructional strategies, design of learning outcomes, inclusive focused lesson and unit lesson planning, close examination of individual and class-wide student work, and classroom, individual and curriculum management. Focus centers around research grounded methods that address the learning needs of at-risk students, students with special needs, students with English Language Learning needs, students with concurrent special education & ELL needs and students whose ability to keep pace with age appropriate curriculum requires differential instruction. Candidates will learn to design and provide ongoing assessment of the principles of transference and generalization to facilitate learners’ readiness at key transition points between 5 to 22 years of age educational opportunities. This course meets part of the CTC requirements for a Preliminary Education Specialist Credential with Mild/Moderate Authorization. Field Experience: The course requires 20-hours of structured practicum experience. Field experience is evenly divided in an elementary and a secondary setting. The practicum sites must be in an inclusive classroom setting that includes students with IEPs and English Language Learners. The field sites provide the settings for designing, delivery and assessment of the mandatory course embedded signature assignments. Candidates complete both an elementary and secondary subject matter focused PACT aligned project. An intern candidate may complete all or some of the components of this field experience in his or her contract classroom, providing the setting allow the intern to complete all components of the centerpiece assignment.

EDUC 379 | SOLES EXPERIMENTAL TOPICS COURSE
Units: 1-3 Repeatability: Yes (Can be repeated for Credit)
This course number is used by SOLES for experimental topics courses. The title and content of each 379 course will vary by topic and program/department. If more than one 379 course is offered during a single semester, section numbers will allow for identification of the course.

EDUC 381C | MULTICULTURAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY
Units: 3
This course examines philosophical, sociological, and historical foundations of multicultural education. Issues related to the education of diverse learners in a global society will also be explored. The research on multicultural and multilingual education will be evaluated in light of current school reform movements. Community service-learning is required.

EDUC 382 | PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY
Units: 3
The psycho-physical development of children through adolescence is studied, with emphasis on the developmental aspects of the psychology of learning. Includes observations of children and adolescents in school settings.

EDUC 383P | METHODS OF TEACHING READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS IN ELEMENTARY
Units: 3
This course assists in the development of a personal theory of the reading process and a repertoire of strategies consistent with that theory. Students explore relationships among reading, writing, and the language arts. The course stresses the use of children’s literature including an international children’s literature and global perspective to promote reading and ways to create environments that support literacy development throughout the world. This course prepares students for the RICA exam.
EDUC 384C | METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CROSSCULTURAL CONTEXTS
Units: 3
This course aims to provide candidates with socio-cultural knowledge, pedagogical skills and dispositions to support English language learners from diverse cultures and languages. This course examines the theoretical perspectives of second language (L2) acquisition and effective practices and programs for the development of oral, reading, writing and academic language proficiency of learners in the cross-cultural classroom. Candidates implement literacy assessments and use strategies and develop lesson plans for English language development as a second language and for Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English. Course Content includes acquiring awareness about the education of minority students globally. The course includes 20 hours of community service learning.

EDUC 385P | ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM AND METHODS FOR GLOBAL CLASSROOMS
Units: 6
This course is designed to provide candidates with subject-specific pedagogical knowledge and skills in the following areas: mathematics, science, history-social science, the visual and performing arts, and physical education. In each major subject area candidates learn to use appropriate instructional strategies and materials, plan and implement instruction that fosters student achievement of state-adopted academic content standards, and interrelate ideas and information within and across the major subject areas. Candidates learn to assist students to develop as globally competent citizens who possess knowledge of other world regions, cultures, and global issues. 50-hour practicum.

EDUC 394 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHARACTER EDUCATION
Units: 1-3
The main purpose of this course (academy) is two-fold: to offer candidates the opportunity to interact with leaders in character education; and to examine the leadership roles of teachers, administrators, counselors and others in implementing, maintaining and evaluating character education at the school-site and in school districts.

EDUC 399 | INDEPENDENT STUDY
Units: 1-3 Repeatability: Yes (Can be repeated for Credit)
Independent study designed for individual student needs. Students must complete the Application for Independent Study or Research form and obtain the signature of the faculty independent study supervisor, Department Chair, and the Associate Dean prior to registration for the course.

EDUC 451P | EXTENDED PRACTICUM
Units: 2
Prerequisites: EDUC 467S
During Extend Practicum, credential candidates will spend a minimum of two periods observing in a secondary classroom. In one of those periods the candidate will take increasing responsibility and will teach at least one unit independently.

EDUC 467S | EXTENDED PRACTICUM SEMINAR
Units: 3
Prerequisites: EDUC 451P (Can be taken Concurrently)
Credential Candidates share, discuss and evaluate their current practice in creating positive classroom environments. Through readings, observations, reflections and sharing personal experiences, students will address current educational issues affecting school children with an emphasis on diverse populations.

EDUC 490P | STUDENT TEACHING FOR THE MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL
Units: 9
Prerequisites: EDUC 490S (Can be taken Concurrently)
Supervised student teaching assignments are in selected classrooms of participating school districts throughout San Diego County. Students work full time for 16 weeks, with their level of responsibility increasing as the semester progresses. Candidates for student teaching must file a Student Teaching Application, with evidence of fingerprint clearance, passing CBEST score, and passing CSET scores (if applicable) by October for a spring semester student teaching placement, and by March for a fall semester student teaching placement (contact the Field Experience Office for the exact date each semester). In order to be admitted into student teaching, all other credential program requirements must be completed by the end of the prior semester. Go to https://www.sandiego.edu/soles/gateways/current-students/handbooks-forms-policies/#dlt_credential for the complete list of requirements. Fieldwork fee: $200. Students must register for EDUC 490S – Student Teaching Seminar for Multiple Subject Credential concurrent with this course.

EDUC 490S | STUDENT TEACHING SEMINAR FOR MULTIPLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL
Units: 3
Prerequisites: EDUC 490P (Can be taken Concurrently)
Students are required to take this 3 unit seminar concurrent with EDUC 490P – Student Teaching for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Seminar meetings are mandatory and include reviews of instructional strategies and pedagogical competencies designed to support students with their student teaching experience. Specific time and date of the seminar is announced each semester by the Director of Field Experience.

EDUC 491P | STUDENT TEACHING FOR THE SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL
Units: 9
Prerequisites: EDUC 491S (Can be taken Concurrently)
Supervised student teaching assignments are in selected classrooms of participating school districts throughout San Diego County. Students work full time for 20 weeks, with their level of responsibility increasing as the semester progresses. Candidates for student teaching must file a Student Teaching Application, with evidence of fingerprint clearance, passing CBEST score, and passing CSET scores (if applicable) by October for a spring semester student teaching placement, and by March for a fall semester student teaching placement (contact the Director of Field Experiences for the exact date each semester). In order to be admitted into student teaching, all other credential program requirements must be completed by the end of the prior semester. Go to www.sandiego.edu/soles/students/policies.php for the complete list of requirements. Fieldwork fee: $200. Students must register for EDUC 491S – Student Teaching Seminar for Single Subject Credential concurrent with this course.

EDUC 491S | STUDENT TEACHING SEMINAR FOR THE SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIAL
Units: 3
Prerequisites: EDUC 491P (Can be taken Concurrently)
Students are required to take this 3 unit seminar concurrent with EDUC 491P – Student Teaching for the Single Subject Teaching Credential. Seminar meetings are mandatory and include reviews of instructional strategies and pedagogical competencies designed to support students with their student teaching experience. Specific time and date of the seminar is announced each semester by the Director of Field Experience.
EDUC 499 | INDEPENDENT STUDY
Units: 1-3
Independent study designed for individual student needs. Students must complete the Application for Independent Study or Research form and obtain the signature of the faculty independent study supervisor, Department Chair, and the Associate Dean prior to registration for the course.