

Minor in Education Studies

The minor in Education Studies provides a solid grasp of essential theory and research in education, along with an opportunity to focus on particular aspects of the process of the educational system. The minor in Education Studies does not lead to teacher licensure, nor does it prepare students to teach. Rather, it offers a broad introduction to education as a field of study and as a fundamental human activity.

Benefits of the minor in Education Studies:

The Education Studies minor will provide a foundation for students interested in roles or careers that intersect with the schools, policy related to education and human development, and participation in a democratic society that is based on universal access to education. The goal is to provide undergraduates of any major the opportunity to develop an understanding of the legal, social, political, and economic forces that influence and shape educational policies by choosing from lower and upper division elective courses in three areas:

- 1) Diversity Perspectives in Education,
- 2) Educational Psychology and
- 3) Human Development, and Ethical, Legal, and International Perspectives in Education.

Any student desiring to complete the minor in Education Studies should develop a program plan with their academic advisor from their major department. However, the School of Education can provide advising information specific to the Education Studies minor, if desired. Contact your academic advisor today to see if a minor in Education Studies aligns with your career goals and academic program.

The Education Studies minor requires 18 hours of coursework, which includes Education & Society (ELPS 250), required of all students, and at least one course in each of the following three areas:

Required Course: ELPS 250: Education and Society (3)

This course provides students with an introduction to key ideas and socio-historical forces that have shaped the contemporary educational system in the United States, drawing upon the disciplines of the historical, philosophical, and social foundations of education. The development of school and community relations will be a point of emphasis.

1. Diversity Perspectives in Education: (At least one Course from Area One required)
 - a. Multicultural Education (C & T 235)—(3)
 - b. Diversity in Disability (SPED 450)— (3)
2. Educational Psychology and Human Development: (At least one Course from Area Two required)
 - a. Development and Learning of the Young Child (EPSY 305)— (3)
 - b. Development and Learning of the Adolescent (EPSY 306)— (3)

3. Ethical, Legal, and International Perspectives in Education: (At least one Course from Area Three required)

- a. Ethics and Education (ELPS 540)— (3)
- b. Governance and Organization of Schools (ELPS 537)— (3)
- c. International Perspectives in K-12 Education (C & T 503)— (3)

The additional 6 hours of coursework to complete the 18 hours required for the minor in Education Studies can be chosen from three theme areas or from the list of electives—See attached. At this time, no classes for the minor are offered online.