Minor in Education

The Minor in Education is a way for students interested in education to explore various theoretical aspects of education and to gain experience working with students in a variety of settings. While completion of the minor does not lead to a teaching license or certificate, students who pursue the minor will gain a strong knowledge base in the area of education and be well-prepared to enter a teacher licensure program, graduate program, or career in the field of education. UMass Amherst undergraduates from any department are welcome to complete the minor, and students interested in early childhood or elementary education should seek additional advising regarding prerequisites needed to prepare for pursuing licensure in these areas.

To complete the Minor in Education, students must take at least 18 credits of coursework from the courses listed below. Students must take at least three credits in each of the four sections, and six of the 18 total credits must be at the 300+ level. Students interested in completing an independent study or enrolling in education credits while studying abroad must seek prior approval through the Educator Information Office before these credits can count toward the Minor in Education.

1. Foundations
   - Educ 167  Education and Film (4 credits, as of Fall 2017)
   - Educ 229  International Education (4 credits)
   - Educ 276  How We Form and Maintain Erroneous Beliefs
   - Educ 300  Current Issues in Higher Education
   - Psych/Educ 305  Educational Psychology
   - Educ 393M  Introduction to Early Childhood Education
   - Educ 282A  Early Childhood Pre-practicum (must be taken concurrently for 1 credit with EDUC 393M)
   - Educ 351  Social Foundations of Education
   - Educ 290C  Controversial Issues in Education (4 credits) (290CH for Honors students also available)
   - Educ 524  Work of the Middle and High School Teacher

2. Social Justice
   - Educ 115  Embracing Diversity (4 credits)
   - Educ 202  Social Issues in Intergroup Relations (4 credits)
   - Educ 210  Social Diversity in Education (4 credits)
   - Educ 325  Introduction to Special Education
   - Educ 377  Introduction to Multicultural Education (4 credits)
   - Educ 392  Social Justice Workshops (minimum 3 credits)
   - Educ 491A  Introduction to Inclusion

3. Human Development
   - Educ 293A  Love and Work
   - HumDev 270  Child Development (4 credits)
   - HumDev 300  Human Development in Infancy
   - Psych 350  Child Behavior and Development
   - Psych 355  Psychology of Adolescence
   - Educ 594M  Child and Adolescent Development for the Helping Professional

4. Pedagogy
   - Educ 197A  Exploring Math and Science Teaching
   - Educ 218  Hip Hop Nation Language and Literacy Practice (4 credits)
   - Educ 378  Survey of Children’s Literature
   - Educ 461  Reading and Language Arts Methods
   - Educ 482E  School Based Field Experience (1-2 credits)
   - Educ 462  Teaching Science in the Elementary School
   - Educ 463  Principles and Methods of Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School
   - Educ 494R  Educational Issues in the Real World Context
   - Educ 497D  Creative Arts for the Young Child
   - Educ 497I  Tutoring in Schools
   - Educ 497TM  Principle and Methods of Mathematics 4th-12th Grade
   - Educ 425  Classroom Assessment
   - Educ 591SM  Introduction to Secondary Mathematics Education
   - Educ 593A  Technology in the Curriculum
   - Educ 595V  Understanding Math Anxiety
   - Educ 571  Psychology in the Classroom

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