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)
   - Educ 225 Controversial Issues in Education (4 credits) (225H for Honors students also available)
   - Educ 229 International Education (4 credits)
   - Educ 276 How We Form and Maintain Erroneous Beliefs
   - 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 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
   - 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 Development Psychology
   - Psych 355 Adolescent Psychology
   - Educ 594M Child and Adolescent Development for the Helping Professional

4. Pedagogy
   - 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 Principles and Methods of Teaching Science in the Elementary School
   - Educ 463 Principles and Methods of Mathematics – PreK-6th Grades
   - Educ 494RI 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 Teaching and Learning in Technology
   - Educ 595V Understanding Math Anxiety
   - Educ 571 Psychology in the Classroom

Updated 6/7/18