

Selected Questions & Issues in Education

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30-10:20
WMX 2202

D01.00

PREREQUISITE:

None.

This course introduces students to a small but representative sample of basic questions and issues in education. Students will examine questions relating to: the concept or idea of education; learning and the learner; teaching and the teacher; and more generally, the broader contexts of education. This course also introduces students to different ways of exploring educational questions and issues - from philosophical and critical analysis, to historical and cross-cultural studies, to empirical research. Students with credit for 300 and 400 level education courses cannot take this course for credit.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Written responses to questions arising in class.
2. Written responses to selected course readings.
3. Written discussions of issues and questions arising in the media during the term.

REQUIRED READING:

Allan C. Ornstein. (2003). Pushing the Envelope: Critical Issues in Education.