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Education 486-4 Special Topic: Self-Education: Theory and Practice
Summer Session, 1980 (Tuesday and Friday, 12:30 - 4:30)
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During this course participants will follow two inter-related themes: studies in the theory of self-education, and the application of the theory to a program of personal-professional development.

The studies will begin with an examination of the wide-ranging literature that deals with self-direction in learning and life management. This literature will be analyzed, and from it, guidelines for successful self-direction will be derived. At least one possible theory of self-education will be developed and critically examined.

Participants will also create, implement and manage a self-education program, not only to reach an important personal goal, but also to master a process for continuing self-direction. In the program, participants will attempt to expert in a field of their own choice. Personal learning styles will be assessed and applied to the task, along with learning networks, challenges, collegial teamwork and other self-directional strategies.

Readings will be mimeographed. Class-size will be limited. Participants should consult with the professor.