HIED - Higher Education

HIGHER EDUCATION Courses

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An examination of the development of the three primary systems of higher education in the world today: the U.S., British and European (Continental) systems. The course will also examine, as appropriate, other systems of higher education from around the world. A study abroad component is required, for which additional costs will apply.

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A survey of college student experiences, with an emphasis on growth and development. Coursework will encourage students to apply theory to practice.

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HIED 761. Higher Education Capstone. 3 Credits.
The culminating experience for the master's degree, intended to integrate and apply the knowledge gained in the degree program to complex issues regarding policy and practice in higher education. Groups of students address a real world problem currently faced by a department or unit on campus and work on comprehensive portfolios.

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Independent study of special topics in higher education for master's students. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

HIED 805. Contemporary Issues in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
Explores issues of contemporary concern among practitioner-scholars in American higher education. The course utilizes a historical perspective to establish the background for the discussion of the issues influencing higher education today. Coursework and readings provide a nuanced understanding of differing perspectives on complex issues. Research and professional practice are examined through an issues based format that challenges students to develop and support their perspectives on the issues discussed. Doctoral-level writing is emphasized.

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HIED 809. Proseminar in Doctoral Studies. 1-3 Credits.
This course is designed to be taken in three parts throughout the program. It provides information on the doctoral process to help students successfully navigate their programs. It helps doctoral students enhance their abilities to search the scholarly literature; narrow their research topics; and improve their critical reading and inquiry, critical thinking and analysis, and writing. It focuses on approaches to scholarly writing in the field, strategies for inviting and providing peer review and feedback, and skills useful in analytical reading of scholarly work.

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HIED 999. Doctoral Graduate Credit. 1 Credit.
This course is a pass/fail course doctoral students may take to maintain active status after advancement to candidacy. All doctoral students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour every semester until their graduation.