STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION Courses

STEM 101. Step 1 – Inquiry Approaches to Teaching STEM, 1 Credit. A study of the production processes used with metallic and forest product materials. Industrial resources, their location, extraction, and processing into standard stocks are also covered. Students learn properties, uses and processing of metal and wood materials.

STEM 241. Energy Systems: Basic Electricity, 3 Credits. A study of direct and alternating current and its use in contemporary technology. Activities include experiments and projects to supplement the theory of electricity.

STEM 242. Technological Systems Control, 3 Credits. Calibration of electronic and mechanical equipment to perform specific functions. Students will develop an understanding of systems control technology for application to energy, power, manufacturing, processing and transportation systems. Emphasis will be placed on research and development, creativity and experimentation, and trouble shooting in designing control systems.

STEM 251G. Computer Literacy: Communication and Information, 3 Credits. A guided review of communication technology and information sources to help students discern between reliable and unreliable sources and techniques. Students develop skills in computer applications, information retrieval, filtering and analyzing data, and formatting and presenting information.

STEM 252. Manufacturing and Construction Technology, 3 Credits. Study of the production processes used in manufacturing and construction systems. Students will research and design manufactured products for mass production and constructed products for building. The social, cultural, environmental and economic impacts of manufacturing and constructed products on society are discussed. Prerequisites: STEM 221, STEM 231 or permission of instructor.

STEM 253. Manufacturing Technology, 3 Credits. A study of the production processes used in manufacturing systems. Emphasis is placed upon planning, organizing and principles of manufacturing. Students research and design enterprise systems for mass production. Emphasis is on manufacturing design requirements and the social, cultural, and economic impacts of manufactured products on society and the environment. Prerequisites: STEM 221, STEM 231 or permission of instructor.

STEM 330. Medical, Agricultural, and Biological Technologies, 3 Credits. A course for technology education majors that studies technological systems related to medical and food processing technologies. Students learn the basis of these technologies and complete activities that integrate the content with processes and products found in our technological world. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of department.

STEM 350. Communication Technology Processes, 3 Credits. The study of communication design principles and techniques for technology education. Emphasis is placed on the skills and equipment used in design, production, and distribution of communications. Print and electronic media are explored through technical illustration, video, audio, and other specialty processes of communications. Prerequisite: STEM 251G.

STEM 351. Communication Technology, 3 Credits. A study of the development and impact of communication technology. Emphasis is placed on the integration of technical skills to produce information-based products such as print and telecommunications media. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of the instructor.

STEM 360. Energy, Power, and Transportation Technologies, 3 Credits. Study of the development of energy, power, and transportation systems and the movement of energy, power, people, and cargo. Areas of concern include vehicle systems design and support systems. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of the instructor.
STEM 367. Cooperative Education, 1-3 Credits. Available for pass/fail grading only. Student participation for credit based on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and the Cooperative Education program prior to the semester in which the work experience is to take place. Prerequisites: approval by the department and Career Development Services, in accordance with the policy for granting credit for Cooperative Education programs.

STEM 370T. Technology and Society, 3 Credits. A multidisciplinary course designed to provide insight into the fundamental, historical, and contemporary nature of technology as an area of human knowledge. Attention is given to the positive and negative aspects of technology and how they affect society. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGLISH 231C; junior standing or permission of the instructor.

STEM 382. Industrial Design, 3 Credits. Students will analyze and design products representative of today's industrial technological society. Emphasis will be placed upon design methodology, aesthetic value, and design thinking. Prerequisites: junior standing.

STEM 401. Project Based Instruction in STEM Education, 3 Credits. Through a dynamic process of investigation and collaboration, students aim to master techniques for project-based investigations in STEM classrooms, and teach project-based lessons in the secondary classroom. Students work in teams to formulate questions, make predictions, design investigations, collect and analyze data, make products and share ideas. The use of assessments to improve student learning is emphasized in the course. This course includes a field component that consists of two observation days and three teaching days in a secondary classroom. Prerequisites: STEM 201 and STEM 202.

STEM 402. Perspectives on STEM, 3 Credits. This course explores the historical, social, and philosophical implications of mathematics and science through investigations of significant episodes in their history. Students are brought to understand that science and mathematics are not merely body of facts, theories, and techniques but involve diverse processes by which they are continually generated and reformulated. Prerequisites: Junior standing, admission to the MonarchTeach program plus 12 credit hours of science or math courses, and STEM 401. Pre- or corequisite: STEM 485.

STEM 433/533. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Mathematics, 3 Credits. Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in mathematics in grades PreK-6 in support of NCTM national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: MATH 102M, MATH 302, TLED 326, and Junior standing.

STEM 434/534. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Science, 3 Credits. Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in science in grades PreK-6 in support of AAAS national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: TLED 326 and Junior standing.

STEM 453/553. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Mathematics, 3 Credits. Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in mathematics, grades 6-12, in support of national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Corequisite: TLED 483. Prerequisites: TLED 301, TLED 430W, SPED 313, passing scores on the Praxis Core examination or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, grade requirement in the specific content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

STEM 454/554. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Science, 3 Credits. Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in science, grades 6-12, informed by national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Corequisite: TLED 483. Prerequisites: TLED 301, TLED 430W, SPED 313, passing scores on the Praxis Core examination or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, grade requirement in the specific content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

STEM 485. Apprentice Teaching, 9 Credits. Internship in school. Available for pass/fail grading only. Offers prospective teacher candidates a culminating experience that provides them with the tools needed for their first teaching jobs. Students are immersed in a local secondary school for 10 consecutive weeks and experience the expectations, processes, and rewards of teaching. As part of their Apprentice Teaching experience, candidates will be required to attend a one hour weekly seminar that will bring them together with master teachers to share experiences and to explore issues, problems, concerns, and processes related to their teaching experiences and to entering the profession of teaching. Corequisite: STEM 402. Prerequisites: Completion of all course work in the MonarchTeach professional development sequence program and BIOL 468W or CHEM 468 or OES 468W or PHYS 468W or SCI 468, passing scores on PRAXIS I or equivalent SAT or ACT scores as established by VA Board of Education, passing scores on the appropriate PRAXIS II content examination and the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment, departmental approval, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75 and a criminal background check.

STEM 495/595. Topics, 1-3 Credits. The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

STEM 533. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Mathematics, 3 Credits. Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in mathematics in grades PreK-6 in support of NCTM national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: TLED 617.

STEM 534. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Science, 3 Credits. Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in science in grades PreK-6 in support of AAAS national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning.

STEM 553. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Mathematics, 3 Credits. Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in mathematics, grades 6-12, in support of national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Corequisite: TLED 583. Prerequisites: TLED 617 or TLED 677, passing scores on the Praxis Core examination or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, grade requirement in the specific content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75; additional prerequisite for MCTP students is TLED 608.
STEM 554. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Science, 3 Credits.
Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in science, grades 6-12, informed by national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Prerequisites: TLED 617, or TLED 677, passing scores on the Praxis Core examination or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, grade requirement in the specific content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75; additional prerequisite for MCTP students is TLED 608.

STEM 595. Topics. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule.

STEM 654. Science in the Elementary/Middle School. 3 Credits.
Current developments and educational research are applied to instructional methodology with an emphasis on hands-on activities in the school science curriculum.

STEM 655. Culturally Responsive Classroom. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on the following elements of effective teaching practice: understanding discipline specific content and methods, employing best-practice strategies to teach discipline specific skills and concepts, assessing student learning, legal and safety issues, use of technology, issues of diversity, engagement with the community, and strategies for continuing to grow as a teacher and learner.

STEM 720. STEM Educational Foundations. 3 Credits.
A multidisciplinary course designed to provide insights about the fundamental concepts and basis for STEM education programs. Standards for the school subjects of science, technology, engineering education and mathematics literacy will be reviewed. Connections between these subjects will be explored.

STEM 721. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Connection and Integration. 3 Credits.
A course designed to teach how to plan integrated STEM curriculum and instructional materials. A review of projects that have undertaken STEM integration will be made. Students will learn how to map STEM content and then design STEM integrated curriculum and instructional materials. Prerequisite: STEM 720 or STEM 820.

STEM 730. Introduction to Technology. 3 Credits.
Order and structure the discipline of technology by identifying and analyzing the component parts and examining technical means as critical variables in the affairs of humankind. Based on the Standards for Technological Literacy.

STEM 731. Technical Systems. 3 Credits.
Analyze the technical concepts common and unique to the technical systems of technology.

STEM 732. Program Development for Technology Education. 3 Credits.
Plan and develop effective program in technology related activities. Focus is on identification and development of resources, activities, and materials for classroom programs.

STEM 795. Topics. 3 Credits.

STEM 820. STEM Educational Foundations. 3 Credits.
A multidisciplinary course designed to provide insights about the fundamental concepts and basis for STEM education programs. Standards for the school subjects of science, technology, engineering education and mathematics literacy will be reviewed. Connections between these subjects will be explored.

STEM 821. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Connection and Integration. 3 Credits.
A course designed to teach how to plan integrated STEM curriculum and instructional materials. A review of projects that have undertaken STEM integration will be made. Students will learn how to map STEM content and then design STEM integrated curriculum and instructional materials. Prerequisite: STEM 720 or STEM 820.

STEM 830. Introduction to Technology. 3 Credits.
Order and structure the discipline of technology by identifying and analyzing the component parts and examining technical means as critical variables in the affairs of humankind. Based on the Standards for Technological Literacy.

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