EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (EDPSY)

EDPSY 10: Individual Differences and Education

3 Credits

Relationships between learner differences and physical, cognitive, language, social, and cultural development; emphasis on ethnicity, gender, special needs; schooling implications. EDPSY 010 Individual Differences in Education (3) (GS)(BA) This course meets the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements. This course is an overview of the major theories and significant research on the development and explanation of individual differences and how those differences affect the education of school-age children. Specific topics include physical, cognitive, language, social-emotional, and cultural development in children and youth ages 3-20. By its very nature, the course will include a diversity focus, with special attention to ethnic, cultural, and gender issues as well as the needs of special populations. Within each topic area, the course will pay special attention to theoretical and empirical work on how and why variations occur, how they are to be interpreted and measured, and the implications those variations have for society, especially for schooling. Traditional and alternative practices in schools will be examined to see which approaches best meet the needs of an increasingly diverse American society. While the course will focus on individual differences in education it will not be exclusively oriented toward future teachers. The course will also help parents (or future parents) understand the nature of development and individual differences of students as they progress through the educational system.

Bachelor of Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences
General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences

EDPSY 10: Individual Differences and Education

3 Credits

Psychology of human learning applied toward the achievement of educational goals; evaluation of learning outcomes.

EDPSY 101: Analysis and Interpretation of Statistical Data in Education

3 Credits

An introduction to quantitative methods in educational research emphasizing the interpretation of frequently encountered statistical procedures.

Bachelor of Arts: Quantification
General Education: Quantification (GQ)

EDPSY 99: Foreign Studies

1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12

Courses offered in foreign countries by individual or group instruction.

International Cultures (IL)

EDPSY 101: Analysis and Interpretation of Statistical Data in Education

3 Credits

An introduction to quantitative methods in educational research emphasizing the interpretation of frequently encountered statistical procedures.

Bachelor of Arts: Quantification
General Education: Quantification (GQ)

EDPSY 101H: Learning and Instruction

3 Credits

Honors

EDPSY 14: Learning and Instruction

3 Credits

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EDPSY 14H: Learning and Instruction

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EDPSY 010H: Individual Differences in Education

3 Credits

Honors
EDPSY 296: Independent Studies
1-18 Credits/Maximum of 18
Creative projects, including research and design, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.

EDPSY 297: Special Topics
1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9
Formal courses given infrequently to explore, in depth, a comparatively narrow subject which may be topical or of special interest.

EDPSY 299: Foreign Studies
1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12
Courses offered in foreign countries by individual or group instruction.
International Cultures (IL)

EDPSY 399: Foreign Studies
1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12
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International Cultures (IL)

EDPSY 400: Introduction to Statistics in Educational Research
3 Credits
The foundations of statistical techniques used in educational research; distributions, central tendency, variability, correlation, regression, probability, sampling, hypothesis testing.

EDPSY 406: Applied Statistical Inference for the Behavioral Sciences
3 Credits
Common techniques (parametric) covered through two-factor analysis of variance (independent samples); hypothesis testing, confidence interval, power, robustness; MINITAB frequently used.
Prerequisite: EDPSY400 or STAT 200

EDPSY 408: Meeting Instructional Needs of English Language Learners with Special Needs
3 Credits
The course content and activities focus on instruction and assessment for English Language Learners with special needs. EDPSY (SPLED) 408 Meeting Instructional Needs of English Language Learners with Special Needs (3) The purpose of this course is to bring together two bodies of research to prepare future teachers of learners with special needs who are also English language learners to be effective teachers. The course has been developed to fulfill requirements of Pennsylvania Department of Education and in recognition of the growing number of English Language Learners (ELL) in the general population and thus in special education settings. The course presents (1) theory and research on the instructional needs of English Language Learners (ELLs) and (2) the knowledge base on effective instruction for students with special needs and assists students to integrate the two. Major topic areas include principles and issues in second language acquisition; ELL characteristics including linguistic and cultural factors that affect second language acquisition; techniques and methods of research-based instruction for English Language Learners with special needs; lesson planning and instructional modifications for ELLs with special needs; and appropriate assessment practices for ELLs with special needs. A major objective of this course is for students to be able to develop or modify instructional plans that reflect evidence based practices for adapting for the needs of ELL learners with special needs. Evaluation will be based on a combination of methods including, tests and quizzes, analyses of videos and case studies and reports of observations and interviews.
Prerequisite: EDPSY010, EDPSY014, Prerequisite or concurrent: SPLED395W, SPLED425
Cross-listed with: SPLED 408

EDPSY 421: Learning Processes in Relation to Educational Practices
3 Credits
An introduction to the empirical study of variables and conditions that influence school learning.
Prerequisite: EDPSY014 or PSYCH212

EDPSY 450: Principles of Measurement
3 Credits
Scale transformation, norms, standardization, validation procedures, estimation of reliability.
Prerequisite: EDPSY400, PSYCH100, or PSYCH200; STAT 200
Cross-listed with: PSYCH 404

Bachelor of Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences

EDPSY 475: Introduction to Educational Research
3 Credits
Scientific method; classes of variables in educational research; the measurement of classroom behavior; survey, predictive, and experimental studies.
Prerequisite: EDPSY400

EDPSY 493: Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies: Capstone Experience
1-3 Credits/Maximum of 3
This course serves as the capstone experience for students enrolled in the Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies minor.
Enforced Prerequisite at Enrollment: CMAS 258 or HDFS 258 or SOC 258 Enforced Concurrent at Enrollment: (CMAS 465 or HDFS 465) and (CMAS 466 or NURS 466)
Cross-listed with: CMAS 493

EDPSY 496: Independent Studies
1-18 Credits/Maximum of 18
Creative projects, including research and design, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.
EDPSY 497: Special Topics

1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9

Formal courses given infrequently to explore, in depth, a comparatively narrow subject which may be topical or of special interest.