I. Purpose

This course is a broad-based overview of the foundations of education in the United States and offers a comprehensive body of information on the various foundations of education and significant educational issues. Topics addressed in the course will examine important ideas and issues as well as influential thinkers and theories that have had, or will have, an impact on education.

II. Required Text and Materials


III. Objectives

Students will examine the historical influences, present conditions, and future implications of the following:

- The Teaching Profession
- Philosophies of Education
- Educational Theories
- Historical Development of Educational Practices
- Classroom Management
- School Diversity
- At-Risk Students
- Legal Issues and the Schools
- Governance and Financing of Public Education
- The Curriculum
- Current Trends and Practices

IV. Course Requirements

Each assignment in the text should be read in preparation for the following and subsequent classes.
Grades:

3 exams
1 paper (from topics list) and a 5 minute class presentation

Two exams count 20%
Final exam counts 25%
The paper and presentation 25%
Class participation 10%

Each exam will cover only that material for the assignments included. With the exception of the final exam, there will be no cumulative exams. The final exam will include essay questions which will require cumulative knowledge.

V. Calendar

1/13 Syllabus/Course Requirements
Chapter 1

1/18 Preparing to Teach

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1/20 Teaching as a Profession

1/25 Philosophy of Education

1/27 Philosophy of Education

2/1 Educational Theories

2/3 Educational Theories

2/8 TEST (Chapters 1-4)

2/10 European Education

2/15 Colonial Education

2/17 Education in Revolutionary American

2/22 Education in Revolutionary American

2/24 Modern American Education
2/29  School & Society
3/2   Ethnic & Gender Issues   9
3/7   Spring Break
3/9   Spring Break
3/14  Diversity
3/16  Disabilities & Inclusion 10
3/21  At-Risk Students
      PAPER DUE
3/23  At-Risk Students
3/28  TEST (Chapters 5-10) 11
3/30  Legal Issues in Education 12
4/4   Teachers Rights & Responsibilities
4/6   Students Rights & Responsibilities 13
4/11  Governance & Financing of Education 14
4/13  School Curriculum 15
4/18  Best Practices
4/20  Easter Break
4/25  Presentations of Topics
4/27  Presentations of Topics
      FINAL EXAM