

## DESIGNATED EMPHASIS IN EDUCATION

The Designated Emphasis in Education enables doctoral students in other departments to pursue interests in education and obtain a formal certification of a “minor” level of competence in the field of education. The requirements for obtaining a Designated Emphasis in Education are the following:

1. **Have a designated graduate advisor from among the faculty in Education.**  
This advisor will be in addition to the graduate advisor from the student's home department. The education advisor must serve on the student's qualifying examination committee and, as appropriate, may also serve on the student's dissertation committee.
2. **Complete at least two of the following three core courses in Education:**
  - EDUC 261, Thinking, Learning, and Teaching
  - EDUC 262, Social and Cultural Context of Education
  - EDUC 263, Foundations of Educational Reform
3. **Complete additional courses as needed to total five graduate courses in Education.**  
No more than one of which may be a directed readings course (Independent Study).  
Courses must be approved by the student's graduate advisor in education. Courses in other departments focused on education may be approved by petition to the Education Department's Doctoral Programs Committee.
4. **Prepare a significant piece of writing in some area of Education.**  
This writing may take the form of a substantial position paper (seminar paper, QE paper, dissertation chapter, master's thesis, publication, etc) grounded in the literature of educational research, as determined by the graduate advisor in education.

Education is an institutional field in which scholars from a wide variety of disciplines – including sociology, psychology, politics, economics, mathematics and science – have scholarly interests. A Designated Emphasis in Education enables graduate students from other departments to ground their work in theory and research on important issues in education.

The Education Department's core courses, Education 261 and 262 are offered every year; and Education 263 is offered biennially. The Department typically offers 6 doctoral courses during each year across five concentrations: Language, Literacy, and Culture; Teachers and Teacher Development; Mathematics and Science Education; Learning and Teaching, and Social and Cultural Contexts of Education. The Education Department annually admits 7-10 Ph.D. students, leaving adequate room for doctoral students from other departments to take courses in Education.

# Education Department Designated Emphasis Plan

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form to enroll in the Education Designated Emphasis. Return completed form to the Education Department Graduate Coordinator - edphd@ucsc.edu**

- 1. Home Department:** Discuss with your primary faculty advisor and the graduate program coordinator/advisor your intention to enroll in the Education Designated Emphasis (DE). Your home department will be notified of your enrollment in the Education DE. Only registered students in good academic standing will be approved.
- 2. Education Department:** An Education faculty member is required to act as your DE faculty advisor. They will review your Education DE Plan below, and serve on both your qualifying examination and dissertation reading committee.

Education Faculty Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Coursework & Writing Requirements:** You must complete the following coursework and paper in order to satisfy the requirements for the Education DE.

**A. Complete at least two (2) of the following courses in education:**

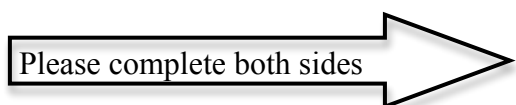
- EDUC 261, Thinking, Learning, and Teaching
- EDUC 262, Social and Cultural Context of Education
- EDUC 263, Foundations of Educational Reform

- B. Complete additional courses as need to total five (5) graduate courses in education, no more than one of which may be a directed reading course (Independent Studies). Courses must be approved by the student's graduate advisor in education. Courses in other departments focused on education may be submitted for approval by petition to the Education Department's Doctoral Programs Committee (see the graduate coordinator for more details).**

**C. Please Complete the Education DE Plan:**

Course Number & Title	Qtr /Yr to be taken

- D. Prepare a significant piece of writing in some area of education. This writing may take the form of a substantial position paper (seminar paper, QE paper, dissertation chapter, master's thesis) grounded in the literature of educational research, as determined by the faculty advisor in education.**



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Upon completion of the Designated Emphasis requirements, please notify the Education Department Graduate Coordinator at [edphd@ucsc.edu](mailto:edphd@ucsc.edu)

## Signatures:

By signing this form, you agree to participate in the Designated Emphasis in Education, and ensure your catalog rights by the date signed.

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Student Signature

Date

**Education DE Advisor's Signature:** by signing below, the faculty member has agreed to act as your DE Advisor, to participate in your committees, and has reviewed and approved your Education DE Plan.

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Education Department DE Advisor Signature

Date

## This section to be completed by the Education Department

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- Notified student's home department, requested student's academic standing report \_\_\_\_\_
- Home dept. confirmed student is enrolled and in good academic standing \_\_\_\_\_
- Home dept. confirmed student is NOT enrolled and/or NOT in good academic standing \_\_\_\_\_
- Entered DE information into AIS Student Academic Record \_\_\_\_\_

Once the student notifies the education department of their completion of requirements for the DE, the graduate coordinator will confirm the course requirements have been satisfied by signing below. The Education DE advisor will confirm the written requirement has been satisfied by signing below. Once all requirements have been confirmed, the home department and Graduate Division will be notified of the student's completion of the Designated Emphasis in Education.

Signatures below signify that the student has completed the Education DE requirements.

1. Education DE Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

2. Education Graduate Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

- Sent completion notification to the home department \_\_\_\_\_
- Sent completion notification to the Graduate Division \_\_\_\_\_