



# **2012-2013 Graduate Catalog**

This catalog was prepared in Fall 2012. The material presented is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as the basis of a contract between a student and this institution.

While the provisions of this catalog will ordinarily be applied as stated, Kennesaw State University reserves the right to change any provision listed in this catalog, including but not limited to academic requirements for graduation, without actual notice to individual students. Every effort will be made to keep students advised of any new information and/or changes in provisions listed in this catalog. The Schedule of Credit Courses is considered an extension of this catalog. Both the online catalog and the Schedule of Credit Courses (<http://www.kennesaw.edu/registrar>) are always the most current.

It is incumbent on students to keep apprised of the graduation requirements for the degree they are pursuing.

Students have the responsibility to read this catalog, official announcements, notices posted on bulletin boards and otherwise to be informed completely in regard to the programs of studies, credits, degree requirements, quality points and other facts relating to life at this university. KSU has established a free student account email system and will periodically email students with important messages. The university will use this email system exclusively to communicate with students.

In the event that an administrative hearing officer or a court of record determines that “publications” issued by the university create a contractual or quasi-contractual relationship with any person, the amount of damages recoverable by the parties shall be limited to the amount of consideration paid by the person for the privilege of admission, enrollment, continued enrollment or other service rendered by the institution to such person.

As used herein, the term “publications” (without limiting the generality of the normal meaning of the term) shall be deemed to include any and all written forms or other documents issued by the institution concerning applications for admission, enrollment or continued enrollment, waivers of liability, consents to medical treatment and any and all other written forms, documents, letters or other materials issued by the university in furtherance of its educational mission.

## **Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action**

Kennesaw State University is an affirmative action/equal educational and employment opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.

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# *Welcome from the President*

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Dear Students:

Welcome to Kennesaw State University! You are attending a fine university, and during the course of this and upcoming years, it will become even better. KSU's faculty, staff, and administration are committed to excellence in everything we do, and I am sure that you, as a student, are also committed to excellence.

Over the years, Kennesaw State has grown from a small two-year institution to what it is today—a comprehensive university with more than 20,000 students offering bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees, and a host of programs centered on students, student life, and student learning. KSU is now a destination campus, and an exciting place to be.

At both the undergraduate and graduate levels, KSU is first and foremost a learning community, a diverse body of people of all ages, each of whom is striving to learn and to understand more about himself or herself, the world, and the many activities and endeavors that humans pursue. During your time here at Kennesaw State, you will discover many things about yourself and your world, and you will grow in ways you never imagined as you improve your capabilities and skills. I wish you well in your journey of discovery and growth.

KSU has also long prided itself, and rightfully so, on being an engaged learning community. Kennesaw State's students, faculty, staff, and administration are engaged with each other, learn from each other, and help each other learn. Members of the KSU family are also engaged with the world beyond the campus, playing a large and growing role in business and industry, government and public affairs, and the service and support sectors, both as leaders and as active participants.

Again, welcome to Kennesaw State! I am pleased that you have chosen KSU as your university, and we all look forward to helping you learn, and to learning from you.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Papp  
President



# About Kennesaw State

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## KSU Today

Kennesaw State University, one of the fastest-growing members of the University System of Georgia, offers high-quality education to students throughout metro-Atlanta and northwest Georgia.

To meet the needs of today's students, Kennesaw State offers day, evening and weekend classes on its spacious suburban campus. Both traditional and nontraditional students will find programs of study to fit their lifestyles and interests.

Kennesaw State's mission of education and service will grow with northwest Georgia. Providing the leadership in this mission is President Daniel S. Papp, former senior vice chancellor for the University System of Georgia.

## Accreditation

Kennesaw State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral degrees. Inquiries related to the university's accreditation by the Commission may be directed to COC/SACS, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, telephone 404-679-4500, website: <http://www.sacscoc.org>. Questions related to admissions and the policies, programs, and practices of KSU should be directed to the university's offices, catalogs, publications, or websites. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS/COC) is the recognized regional accrediting body in eleven U.S. Southern states and in Latin America for institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees.

The bachelor's and master's degree programs in business are fully accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). <http://www.aacsb.edu>. The undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting also have separate AACSB accreditation.

The undergraduate and graduate professional education programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission for state certification, are nationally recognized by specialized professional associations (SPA's), and are fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The undergraduate music programs are fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). The bachelor's program in theatre is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). The undergraduate programs in visual arts are fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

The baccalaureate program in nursing is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing, and both the baccalaureate and master's nursing programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the accrediting body of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) at One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-8476. [www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu).

The undergraduate computer science and information systems programs are fully accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology (ABET). The undergraduate chemistry and biochemistry programs are nationally approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS).

## Institutional Mission

### Kennesaw State University Vision

Kennesaw State University is among the best learning-centered comprehensive universities in the country and is expanding its programs of distinction to meet state and national needs. KSU provides excellent and accessible education, promotes research and scholarship, fosters community engagement, supports intellectual inquiry, and contributes to economic development. KSU alumni are well educated in the liberal arts, leaders in their chosen professions, and engaged citizens whose global awareness and lifelong learning make them visionary leaders for Georgia, the nation, and the world.

### Kennesaw State University Mission

Kennesaw State University is a comprehensive public university that serves primarily north-west Georgia and Atlanta. With nationally recognized liberal arts, professional, and continuing education programs, KSU offers exemplary disciplinary and interdisciplinary education at the baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and professional doctoral levels. KSU's students prosper in a supportive environment with faculty, staff, and administrators who are vitally engaged in student life. KSU's academic programs are collaborative and creative, emphasizing both the development and application of knowledge. The KSU community values and promotes integrity, global awareness, technological literacy, diversity, and lifelong learning.

## Kennesaw State University Goals

KSU's 2007-2012 Strategic Plan identifies the following as the University's five leading goals:

Goal 1: To enhance and expand academic programs and delivery.

Goal 2: To improve retention, progression, and graduation rates while maintaining high quality.

Goal 3: To expand campus resources and enhance campus infrastructure.

Goal 4: To enhance student life activities and prepare students to be leaders.

Goal 5: To improve service, strengthen accountability, and establish a stronger sense of community.

Goal 6: To promote an inclusive campus environment through the adoption of policies, procedures, and curricula that are guided by the principles of diversity, equity, transparency, and shared governance.

## University-Wide Competencies

### Academic and Professional Expertise

Graduates will demonstrate knowledge, skills and dispositions at an appropriate and effective level of expertise within their field of study as defined by their degree program.

### Effective Communication Skills

Graduates will communicate appropriately and effectively in written, oral, graphic, visual or interpersonal forms as defined by their degree program.

## The Campus

Kennesaw State University is convenient to the greater Atlanta area and Northwest Georgia. To visit the main campus, take I-75 to Chastain Road, Exit 271, and go west on Chastain Road, about one-quarter mile. See a campus map at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/campusmaps.shtml>.



# *Academic Calendar*

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## **FALL SEMESTER 2012**

### **JANUARY 2012**

January 13 Admissions and Document Deadline for JEHP

### **APRIL 2012**

April 2 - May 25 Early Registration

### **JUNE 2012**

June 1 Application and Document Deadline for Freshmen and Transfer/Freshmen students

June 22 Application and Document Deadline for all other classifications

### **JULY 2012**

July 2 Last Day to Petition to Graduate for Fall Semester 2012

July 16 - August 6 Early Registration Continued

### **AUGUST 2012**

August 6 Early Registration Payment Deadline

August 14 - 15 Final Registration

August 16 Departmental Planning Day – No Registration

August 17 First Day of Classes

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August 17 - 23 Drop/Add

August 28 Final Payment Deadline

### **SEPTEMBER 2012**

September 1 - 3 Labor Day Break - NO CLASSES (Saturday – Monday)

### **OCTOBER 2012**

October 12 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

### **NOVEMBER 2012**

November 21 - 25 Fall Break - NO CLASSES (Wednesday – Sunday)

November 22 - 25 University Closed

### **DECEMBER 2012**

December 5 Last Day of Classes

December 6 - 12 Final Exams

December 13 - 14 Graduation

December 15 Final Grades Due: 5:00 p.m.

### **AUGUST MINIMESTER 2012**

August 3 Registration and Drop/Add  
(In person in Registrar's Office for New Students)

August 4 First Day of Classes

August 8 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

August 10 Last Day of Classes and Final Exams

August 17 Final Grades Due: 5:00 p.m.

## SPRING SEMESTER 2013

### NOVEMBER 2012

November 1 Last Day to Petition to Graduate for Spring 2013

November 5 - Early Registration

November 9 Application and Document Deadline for New and Transfer Freshmen, Undergraduates, Graduates and Readmission for Spring Semester 2013

### DECEMBER 2012

December 3 Early Registration Payment Deadline

December 24-31 University Closed

### JANUARY 2013

January 1-6 University Closed

January 7-8 Final Registration

January 9-15 Drop/ Add

January 9 First Day of Classes

January 17 Final Payment Deadline (Tentative)

January 21 HOLIDAY - No classes

### MARCH 2013

March 2-8 Spring Break - NO CLASSES (Saturday - Friday)

March 13 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

### MAY 2013

May 1 Last Day of Classes

May 2-8 Final Exams

May 11 Final Grades Due, 5:00 p.m.

May 14-16 Graduation (Tentative)

## DECEMBER MINIMESTER 2012

December 14 Registration and Drop/Add  
(In person in Registrar's Office for New Students)

December 15 First Day of Classes

December 18 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

December 21 Last Day of Classes and Final Exams

January 11, 2013 Final Grades Due: 5:00 p.m.

## SUMMER SEMESTER 2013

### MARCH 2013

March 18 – May 1 Early Registration (Tentative)

### APRIL 2013

April 5 Last Day to Petition to Graduate for Summer Semester 2013

Admissions and Document Deadline for Summer Semester 2013

### MAY 2013

May 1 Early Registration Payment Deadline (Tentative)

May 9-24 Final Registration (Tentative)

May 13 First Day of Classes: May Session

Last Day to Register and Drop/Add for May Session

May 17 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty - May Session

May 24 Last Day of Classes and Exams - May Session

May 27 Holiday – NO CLASSES

May 28 Departmental Planning Day – No Registration

May 29 – June 4 Drop/Add (Tentative)

May 29 First Day of Classes: Four Week Session I and Eight Week Session

**JUNE 2013**

- June 3 Final Grades Due: 5:00 p.m., May Session
- June 6 Final Payment Deadline (Tentative)
- June 10 First Day of classes: Six - Week Session
- June 12 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty - Four Week Session I
- June 24 Last Day of Classes: Four Week Session I
- June 25 Final Exams: Four Week Session I
- June 26 First Day of Classes: Four Week Session II
- June 28 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty - Eight Week

**JULY 2013**

- July 1 Last Day to Petition to Graduate Fall 2013
- July 3 Final Grades Due: 5:00 p.m., Four Week Session I
- Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty - Six Week
- July 4 Holiday - NO CLASSES
- July 11 Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty – Four Week Session II
- July 19 Last Day of Classes: Six Week Session
- July 22-23 Final Exams: Six Week Session
- July 23 Last Day of Classes: Four Week Session II, Eight Week Session
- July 24-28 Final Exams: Four Week Session II, Eight Week Session
- July 30-31 Graduation (Tentative)
- July 31 Final Grades Due: 5:00 p.m., Four Week Session II, Six Week Session, Eight Week Session

Students seeking Admission must submit all Official Documents by the published deadlines to the Office of Admissions.

This policy applies to all classifications. Former KSU students not enrolled for two calendar years must submit a readmit

application for each desired term until he/she enrolls. Transients must follow guidelines as stated in the catalog.

Academically dismissed students must reapply according to posted deadlines.



# Graduate Admission

Graduates holding a baccalaureate degree from colleges or universities accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University may apply for admission to the Graduate College. Applicants must submit the credentials deemed necessary by the chosen degree program. Individual programs may have additional requirements or higher standards than those listed for general admission. Applicants are accepted to one graduate program specifically and must reapply in order to change programs.

Requirements for admission to individual graduate programs are listed within each program section of this catalog.

## How to Apply

Applicants for the MBA for Experienced Professionals should contact the program office prior to applying. Applicants for the Doctor of Business Administration Program should view the 4-step admission process on the Coles DBA web site a <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/graduate/dba/admission-process.htm>. All other candidates should follow these guidelines:

- Complete the online application for graduate admission: Go to <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/forms.shtml> and select Online Graduate Application. There is a non-refundable \$60.00 application fee. The applicant will receive a confirmation message indicating that the application has been submitted.
- Schedule the graduate entrance exam required for the program (consult program information). To insure adequate time for processing, the Office of Graduate Admissions recommends applicants take the exam six weeks prior to the application deadline. The scores are reported directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions when Kennesaw State University is selected on the exam registration menu. Official test results must be received before your file is considered complete; however, a photocopy of the personal test report may be submitted to verify that the exam has been taken. Some departments may use this unofficial report for review purposes and may admit applicants contingent upon receipt of official scores.
- Request that official transcripts from each institution attended be sent to you in a sealed envelope for inclusion in your admission packet. Do not open any envelopes or the transcript will not be considered official.
- Prepare any additional supplemental documents that may be required by the academic department as indicated in the program information (i.e., recommendation letters, résumé, writing samples, etc.). Many of these documents can be uploaded into the online application.

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- International applicants should consult the “International Applicants” section below for additional documents that must be submitted.
- All required documents and official transcripts, should be compiled in one large envelope and mailed directly to:

Office of Graduate Admissions  
Kennesaw State University  
1000 Chastain Road  
Box #9109  
Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591

All documents become the property of Kennesaw State University and cannot be forwarded or returned. Incomplete files and files of accepted applicants who never enroll in classes are destroyed after one year. Applicants wishing to apply again must file a new application and resubmit all documents, and meet current admissions criteria for the desired program.

Once an applicant’s file is complete, the respective department will review the file. Then the department will notify the applicant of the admission decision. Admission to Graduate College does not imply that the student is a candidate for a degree. No commitment is made on this matter until the student is admitted to candidacy. Refer to the Academic Policies section in this catalog for more information about candidacy.

### Additional Graduate Admission Policies

Applicants may appeal an admissions decision by contacting, in writing, the Dean of the Graduate College. Applicants may appeal denial of admission only if additional relevant information is provided for review.

### Transient Student Status

Applicants who are currently enrolled in a recognized graduate program at another institution may seek temporary admission to graduate study at Kennesaw State University. Applicants must submit the following to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Application form: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/forms.shtml> and select “Graduate Transient Application”
- A transient letter from the applicant’s home institution stating the following:
  1. The applicant is in good academic standing
  2. The specific KSU course(s) in which the applicant wishes to enroll; and
  3. The home institution will accept the credit from KSU as transfer credit toward the applicant’s degree.

Mail the letter to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, #9109, Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591, or email to [ksugrad@kennesaw.edu](mailto:ksugrad@kennesaw.edu) or fax to 770-423-6885.

Kennesaw State graduate students may attend another institution as a transient student. KSU students must seek written approval from their program director prior to applying to or enrolling in classes at another institution. Students must be in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 Individual programs may have additional criteria. Transient work shall be considered as transfer credit.

Transient work is not permissible for any part of the last 27 hours of credit toward any KSU MBA degree or 24 hours of MAcc degree, except under unusual circumstances and then only with written permission of the MBA program director prior to enrollment in transient work. (Student must not be on probation and must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.)

## International Applicants

In addition to meeting specific requirements for each degree program, international students must meet the following additional requirements:

### English Proficiency Tests:

International students must have earned the following score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Paper Based – 550; Internet Based (IBT) – 80; or a score of 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test. The TOEFL or IELTS will be waived for any applicant who has graduated from a college or university in the United States accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University or is from one of the following countries: Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Sierre Leone, South Africa, Tobago, Trinidad, United Kingdom, United States or Zimbabwe.

### Immigration Documents:

International applicants who are requesting an I-20 for an F-1 visa must submit an affidavit of support from the sponsor and a certified financial statement from the sponsor's bank showing that funds are available for one year of study. Students must have a valid passport and must be in current, valid immigration status in order to enroll at Kennesaw State University.

### Evaluation of Foreign Credentials:

Graduates of foreign schools of higher learning must be able to document the fact that their degree is the equivalent of a four-year bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited United States college or university. International applicants, regardless of their country of origin or their native language, must have their foreign credentials evaluated by an independent evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc (<http://www.naces.org/members.htm>). Each evaluation must include the following: course-by-course description, equivalence to an accredited four-year U.S. undergraduate degree (or number of years toward completion), and grade point average.

Include the following in the application packet: a copy of TOEFL scores, immigration documents, and an original official evaluation of foreign credentials (in a sealed envelope).

See [http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/international\\_admissions.shtml](http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/international_admissions.shtml) for additional information for international students.

## Readmission to Graduate Study

Any graduate student who has a break in attendance of six consecutive semesters or more must apply for readmission to the graduate program by completing the Online Graduate Application and submitting it to the Office of Graduate Admissions. The application and a \$60.00 nonrefundable application processing fee must be received by the established deadline for the semester of re-enrollment. Complete the online application at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/forms.shtml> or in the Office of Graduate Admissions. If the student has taken

course work at another institution during the period of non-enrollment at KSU, the course work may be considered as transfer credit and, upon receipt of an official transcript, reviewed accordingly. All students requesting readmission must meet the admissions criteria in place at the time of readmission. The six-year time limit for degree completion applies.

## **KSU Masters Students Applying for Doctorate or Specialist Degrees**

KSU students that are currently completing or have already completed a Masters at KSU and wish to be considered for a Doctorate or Specialist Degree at KSU, must complete a new application through the Online Graduate Application. You may need updated supporting documents or test scores may be needed. Please refer to the appropriate program's section of the catalog for admission requirements.

### **Six-Year Time Limit**

Any student who exceeds the six-year time limit for completing a degree must apply for admission to the degree program as a new student and begin a new planned program of study. Course credit over six years old will not be accepted in the new program. Other previous course work will be evaluated on the basis of its applicability to the new program of study. Individual degree programs or departments may add additional requirements regarding readmission.

### **Immunization Requirement**

All students are required to satisfy immunization requirements for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) before registering for courses. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has instituted this policy in order to minimize potential outbreaks of measles, mumps, and rubella on college campuses. This requirement applies to all admissions classifications (i.e. Freshmen, Transfer, Joint Enrollment, Adult Non-traditional, Graduate, Transient, and Non-degree). Exemption categories are available for circumstances regarding medical conditions or religious convictions. Proof of immunization must be submitted to:

KSU Health Clinic  
1000 Chastain Road House #52  
Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591  
Mailstop #5200  
[http://www.kennesaw.edu/col\\_hhs/hc](http://www.kennesaw.edu/col_hhs/hc)

# *Tuition, Expenses, & Financial Aid*

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## **Tuition and Fee Payment**

Expenses include in-state tuition, out-of-state tuition, student services fees and other special fees. All fees are due and payable at the time of registration, and registration is not complete until all fees have been paid.

Cash, checks, and money orders drawn on U.S. banks and payable in U.S. dollars are accepted. Electronic checks and credit cards will only be accepted on the web. Payment by credit card will incur an additional convenience fee charged by a third party credit card processor.

The University reserves and intends to exercise the right to withhold copies of transcripts and other student education records and/or to withdraw students who have unpaid or past due fee balances.

Students are required to pay in-state tuition and, when applicable, out-of-state tuition, for enrollment in all courses even if no credit is earned.

All tuition charges or other charges are subject to change at the end of any academic term.

## **Collection of outstanding balances**

Kennesaw State University reserves the right to use a collection agency and to pursue legal action in order to collect the balance of any debt. Once an account is placed in collection or legal action is pursued by the collection agency, the student will be liable for all collection fees, which will be in addition to the amount of the original debt. At this point, the student will no longer be able to pay the University directly, and any communication or correspondence with the University about such debt must be directed through the collection agency.

## **Tuition Rates**

Published tuition and fees are estimates and subject to change. These amounts should be used only as a planning guide for future payments. Tuition charges can vary based on state residency status and degree program. Residency status is determined by the Office of Admission at the time of acceptance. Students are either classified as a resident or non-resident of Georgia for tuition purposes in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. See <https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/bursar/tuition> for the latest information on tuition and fees.

## Motor Vehicle Parking Fee

A \$70.00 parking permit fee is assessed separately and is optional if you are a student who does not drive to campus and has no need for a parking space. To opt-out of the parking permit fee, bring the hangtag or decal to Card Services. All vehicles used on campus must display a valid KSU parking decal. Vehicles without a valid decal will be ticketed and/or booted.

Each student is issued one parking decal that is transferable from car to car.

New decals are issued annually to campus residential students. All other parking decals are valid for the duration of your official status with KSU. The Card Center will notify campus via the KSU furnished e-mail when decals are available to new students and employees for in-person pickup. The parking decal is registered to a student who is responsible for any use of this decal until it has been reported lost and/or stolen.

Replacement parking decals are available and are usually subject to fees. One day passes are available as appropriate at the Card Services Center in the Carmichael Student Center, Suite 207.

It is the responsibility of all KSU students to review and abide by Kennesaw State University Parking Policies and Procedures available online at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/police/frames.html>. Questions concerning parking regulations should be directed to the Parking and Security Division of Public Safety, located in the Office Annex, Building #14, Room #111 or phone (770) 423-6206. Questions related to your parking decal can be answered by the Card Services Center. Students may report lost/stolen decal information to either office.

## Student Health Fees

A mandatory insurance plan is in effect for the following student categories:

- All graduate students receiving a tuition waiver as a result of a GRA, GTA, or GSA assistantship award.
- All undergraduate, graduate, and ESL international students holding F or J visas.
- All undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in programs that require proof of health insurance.
- All graduate students receiving fellowships that fully fund their tuition.

A waiver of the health insurance fee may be applied for directly with the insurer. For insurance plan and waiver information, go to: [https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/bursar/mandatory\\_health](https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/bursar/mandatory_health). This plan is optional for all other students.

## Housing Fees

Housing at Kennesaw State University is privately owned and managed, and all leasing and financial matters are handled by the KSU Foundation Housing Management, LLC. Housing fees for 2011-2012 range from \$410-\$630 per month depending on the community and housing unit selected, paid in twelve monthly installments. For more specific information, please go to <http://www.ksuhousing.com> or call (770) 426-0668.

## Coles Doctor of Business Administration Program Fees

The cost for the 3-year program is \$89,500. This fee includes a nonrefundable deposit of \$2,500 which is due upon acceptance to the program to reserve a seat in the class. The remaining \$87,000 is prorated over each semester. Meals, textbooks, and course software (for Windows Operating Systems only) are included. This does not include travel and lodging to KSU for the residencies/weekend sessions or to meet with faculty.

In addition, there is a non-refundable \$100 application fee, a non-refundable \$100 workshop fee (if invited to attend), and any institutional fees outside the program tuition and fees. Finally, students provide a laptop computer, with regular access to the Internet, to aid in their participation in the on-line and virtual components of the program, to support their research, and to use in class.

### **KSU MBA Fees**

**Program Fees:** Students pay a fee of \$41 per credit hours in-state; \$151 per credit hours out-of-state for any MBA course, in addition to the regular graduate in-state or out-of-state tuition rate.

**Course Fees:** Some courses are subject to additional fees for materials and services relevant to a particular course.

**Off Campus Course Fees:** Students taking courses at the Cobb Galleria are charged an additional fee per course to cover facility rental.

**NOTE:** These fees will be listed in the Schedule of Credit Courses and are subject to change without notice.

### **Coles Executive MBA Program Fees**

The cost for the 18-month program is \$55,500. This fee includes a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 which is due upon acceptance to the program. The remaining \$55,000 is prorated over the length of the program. Included in the cost of the EMBA Program are: textbooks and course materials, meals on class weekends and meals and lodging for Opening Residency and International Residency.

### **Georgia WebMBA**

The cost of the Georgia WebMBA is \$21,700, which includes tuition for ten courses and a one-credit hour mandatory two-day orientation. This does not include books or travel and lodging for the orientation. All costs are subject to change without notice.

### **The Master of Science in Conflict Management Program Fees**

The cost of the program is \$28,072, which includes tuition, fees, books and class materials, meals on class weekends, travel to an international conference, membership in a professional organization and a subscription to an ADR journal. The cost includes a non-refundable reservation fee of \$500 which is due upon official notification of acceptance in order to reserve a place in the program.

**NOTE:** Insurance premiums associated with insurance required by the University for all international students are not included in the cost of the program.

All MSCM applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid in the event of an emergency that could prevent fulfilling their commitment to the program.

See the Master of Science in Conflict Management section of this catalog for further details on deadlines and fees.

## WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program Fees

The premium price tuition for the 2012/2013 cohort of students in the WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program is \$3,480.00 per semester for in-state students and \$10,220.00 per semester for out-of-state students. Premium price tuition for the program is \$13,560 for in-state students and \$39,680 for out-of state students.

In addition to the premium price tuition, Board of Regents mandated fees for the 2012/2013 academic year equal \$844.00 per semester. These fees may be less in the summer. Fees may increase for the 2012/13 academic year (4th semester of the program).

Program enhancements in the premium price includes an iPad and appropriate software, an otoscope/ophthalmoscope kit, certification exam review course, one year student membership in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and customized program advisement and clinical placement.

*NOTE: Books, clinical lab fees, and mandatory graduate student health insurance are not included in the tuition and fee costs listed above. All costs are subject to change without notice, and additional fees may apply.*

## Special Fees and Expenses

**Diploma Fee:** A diploma fee of \$35.00 is required of all degree candidates and is payable at the time a petition to graduate is presented to the registrar. The fee is nontransferable and nonrefundable. It entitles the student to one diploma.

**Diploma Replacement Fee:** When a request is received to reorder a diploma (lost in fire, move, etc., a fee of \$30.00 will be assessed.

**Fax Fee:** Priority fee for electronic transmission (fax) of unofficial transcripts or certifications forms/letters of \$10.00 per document.

**Late Payment Fee:** A \$50 late payment fee will be assessed for tuition and fee payments received after the end of late registration and drop/add. This fee may apply at other times as well. For specifics, contact the Bursar's Office.

**Late Registration Fee:** Students requesting a late registration or drop/add after all official registration periods have ended will pay a late hand-registration fee of \$30.00 per transaction.

**Penalty Fee for Returned Check:** A penalty fee of \$25 will be assessed for each check returned by the bank.

## Registration Fee Waiver for Senior Citizens

Pursuant to the provisions of an amendment to the Georgia Constitution, legal residents of Georgia who are 62 years of age or older at the time of registration for courses may have their standard tuition and fees waived (with the exception of supplies, laboratory fees, special course or major fees, premium program fees and online tuition). A driver's license or birth certificate must be presented to the Office of Graduate Admissions at the time of application for admission or to the Registrar's Office once the individual turns 62 to qualify for this waiver of registration fees.

Individuals 62 and over wishing to enroll in one of Kennesaw State's Executive Programs (the Coles Doctor of Business Administration, the Coles Executive MBA, the Master of Science in Conflict Management, the Master of Science in Applied Computer Science or the Georgia WebMBA) will be required to pay all costs of these programs in excess of standard graduate program tuition and fees.

## Withdrawal/Refund of Student Fees

To withdraw from one or more classes, students must withdraw online through Owl Express. Students dropping from classes before the end of late registration and drop/add are entitled to a 100% refund. After that date, students will be granted a percentage refund of tuition and fees only if they withdraw completely from the university. Lab, specialized course/major, and insurance fees are not refundable if withdrawal from course(s) is made after the end of late registration and drop/add.

## KSU Institutional Refund Policy

The refund amount for students withdrawing from the institution shall be based on a pro rata percentage determined by dividing the number of calendar days in the semester that the student completed by the total calendar days in the semester. The total calendar days in a semester includes weekends, but excludes scheduled breaks of five or more days and days that a student was on an approved leave of absence. The unearned portion shall be refunded up to the point in time that the amount earned equals 60%.

Students who withdraw from the institution when the calculated percentage of completion is greater than 60% are not entitled to a refund of any portion of institutional charges. (BOR 7.3.5.1)

Students enrolled summer term who withdraw from second-session courses on the first day of those classes will receive a 100% refund. After the first day, no refunds will be processed. Students should refer to the Schedule of Credit Courses for specific dates of each refund period. Students who do not formally withdraw, those suspended for disciplinary reasons, and those who leave the university when disciplinary action is pending are not eligible for a refund on any portion of any fee.

A refund of all nonresident fees, matriculation fees, and other mandatory fees shall be made in the event of the death of a student at any time during any academic semester. (BOR 7.3.5.2) Refunds will be disbursed by the university's internet bank partner. Students may use their KSU Debit Card to select a refund payment method: electronic fund transfer or paper check. Details are available at: <http://www.ksuone.com>.

## Military Service Refunds and Re-enrollment

Subject to institutional policies, full refunds of tuition and mandatory fees and pro rata refunds of elective fees are hereby authorized for students who are:

- military reservists (including members of the National Guard) and who receive emergency orders to active duty after having enrolled in a USG institution and paid tuition and fees;
- Commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (PHSCC) and who receive deployment orders in response to a public health crisis or national emergency after having enrolled in a USG institution and paid tuition and fees;
- active duty military personnel and who receive an emergency reassignment after having enrolled in a USG institution and paid tuition and fees; or
- otherwise unusually and detrimentally affected by the emergency activation of members of the reserve components or the emergency deployment of active duty personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States and who demonstrate a need for exceptional equitable relief. (BOR 7.3.5.3)

Students who are members of the Georgia National Guard or other reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces who are re-enrolling after having been summoned to active duty in an emergency situation are to be accorded special consideration regarding class registration, financial aid processing, payment of fees, etc., so as to expedite their re-enrollment.

Military personnel on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who, before the end of their present station assignment, receive emergency orders for a temporary or permanent change of duty location who later wish to resume their education are to be accorded special consideration regarding class registration, financial aid processing, payment of fees, etc., so as to expedite their re-enrollment.

Tuition and fees awarded by scholarship or grant from an agency or authority of the State of Georgia on behalf of a student receiving a refund under this policy shall be reimbursed to such agency or authority.

## **Definition of Legal Residents**

Individuals who enter the institution as out-of-state students but who wish to later qualify as legal residents must fill out a Petition for Georgia Residence Classification form, which can be obtained in the Office of the Registrar, online at [https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/international/georgia\\_residency](https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/international/georgia_residency), or by contacting the Residency Officer for Kennesaw State University at 770-499-3536. A student's resident status is not changed automatically, and the burden of proof that the student qualifies as a legal resident under the regulations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia rests with the student. A student is responsible for registering under the proper residency classification. A student classified as out-of-state who believes that he or she is entitled to be reclassified as a legal resident may petition the Residence Committee for a change in status. The petition must be filed no later than 60 days after the semester begins in order for the student to be considered for reclassification for that semester. If the petition is granted, reclassification will not be retroactive to prior semesters.

If there is any question in the mind of the student concerning his/her resident status, application for clarification should be made immediately or not later than two weeks prior to the registration date in order to avoid delay and inconvenience of registration.

Applications should be addressed to Kennesaw State University Attn: Residency Committee, 1000 Chastain Road, Mailbox #9110, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144.

## **Board of Regents Policies Governing the Classification of Students for Tuition Purposes and Out-of-State Tuition Waivers**

USG BOR policy on classification of students for tuition purposes and out-of-state tuition waivers may be found in the BOR Policy Manual section 4.3.2 and 7.3.4.1 at <http://www.usg.edu/policymanual>.

Waiver forms must be filed within 60 days of the first day of class of the semester in order for the student to be considered for the waiver.

## **Financial Aid**

Kennesaw State University is committed to ensuring that a post-secondary education is accessible to qualified graduate students. In order to accomplish this commitment, the financial aid office subscribes to the following goals to assist students in paying for their educational investment:

- Evaluate the family's financial ability to pay for educational costs;
- Distribute limited resources in an equitable manner; and
- Provide a balance of gift aid and self-help aid.

A wide variety of financial aid programs from scholarships, grants, employment, and loans are available to help students with educational costs. Most awards are based on financial need while some are awarded in recognition of merit or achievement.

For more information, visit the Financial Aid Office, view the website at [http://www.kennesaw.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.kennesaw.edu/financial_aid), call our automated telephone system at (770) 423-6074, fax at (770) 423-6708, email at [finaid@kennesaw.edu](mailto:finaid@kennesaw.edu), or write to:

Office of Student Financial Aid  
Kennesaw State University  
1000 Chastain Road, #0119  
Kennesaw GA 30144-5591

## Determination of Need-Based Awards

Awards based on need are determined by a process called financial need analysis. The analysis is standardized by the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) using a financial formula called Federal Methodology. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application that is required to begin this process. The electronic FAFSA is the easiest and quickest way to apply. The processing time for USDE is approximately four days. The electronic FAFSA may be accessed on our web site at [www.kennesaw.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.kennesaw.edu/financial_aid) or [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Prior to completing the electronic FAFSA, students and parents of dependent students should obtain a PIN at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

When completing the electronic FAFSA for KSU attendance, use the Federal Title IV Code of 001577. KSU will receive your FAFSA information electronically. Students must reapply annually to qualify each academic year.

## Loan Programs

### Federal Stafford Loan – Unsubsidized

This loan is available to graduate students who choose to borrow above their Subsidized Stafford eligibility. Students borrowing through the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program are responsible for the interest on the loan. The amount of eligibility is based on the dependent or independent status of the student and the student's need. The application procedures are the same as the Subsidized Stafford Loan Program. The interest rate on Unsubsidized Stafford Loans disbursed between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 is fixed at 6.8%. If a student would like to pay the interest on the unsubsidized portion while still attending school, the student should indicate that when completing the Master Promissory Note. If a student does not want to make interest payments while still in school, the interest will be capitalized into the principal balance. The maximum amount of additional unsubsidized loans available is \$12,000.

### Federal Graduate PLUS Loan

Graduate students are eligible to borrow under the PLUS Loan Program up to the cost of attendance minus other financial assistance. Students must not have an adverse credit history. The fixed interest rate is currently 7.9%. While the student borrower is enrolled in school on at least a ½ time basis (5 credit hours), the student is eligible for an in-school deferment that allows postponement of payments until graduating or dropping below ½ time. The Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan has a federal origination fee of up to 4.0%. Students are required to complete the FAFSA application.

## Emergency Loan Program

### Tuition and Fees and Personal Loans

The Emergency Loan Program is designed to provide temporary assistance to students during their matriculation at KSU. An emergency loan for in-state tuition and fees or an emergency personal loan for mitigating circumstances that produces a hardship may be available to currently enrolled students. The student must be currently enrolled and be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA). A maximum of three tuition and fees and personal loans are allowed while a student is enrolled at KSU. A KSU student is allowed only one such loan per academic year. (An academic year is defined as the first day of class in August through the last day of finals in July.) A student is ineligible to receive an additional emergency loan if the student received such a loan the last semester attended. Students may not request both a tuition and fees and a personal loan in the same term. Students who need emergency funds for in-state tuition and fees or for personal circumstances should complete an application on-line on the Financial Aid website on the specified date. Funds for emergency loans are limited. Loans are made on a first come, first serve basis.

A service charge of \$10 will be added to the tuition and fees and/or the personal loan. The loan must be repaid within 45 days. If it is not repaid, a \$25 late charge will be added to the emergency loan. If a student is late paying an emergency loan, the student is considered delinquent in payment and is no longer eligible for any emergency loans during their academic career at KSU. Students will not be allowed to register for the following semester if they have not repaid their emergency loan.

*NOTE: Students cannot take both the emergency tuition loan and the personal loan out in the same term.*

Monies for this fund have been received from the following sources:

- GERAL Dean Boggs Memorial: Established by the students of Kennesaw Junior College in 1967 to honor the memory of their fellow student, GERAL Dean Boggs.
- James V. Carmichael Memorial
- Phillip B. Rice Memorial: Established in memory of Phillip B. Rice
- Kennesaw State University Civitan Club
- Kennesaw State University Women's Club
- The Southwest Women's Club
- Marietta Civitan Club
- John L. Dees Memorial
- Smyrna Lions Club
- Betty H. McNiece Memorial: Established by Kennesaw College in 1984 to honor the memory of an employee, Betty H. McNiece
- Kennesaw State University Rotary Club
- Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee

## Alternative Loan Program

Alternative or Private student loans are different from federal student loans in that they are not guaranteed by the federal government, require a credit check, and often a co-signer. Loan approval, interest rates, and repayment requirements are prescribed by the lender. Additional information and application procedures are available from the Office of Student Financial Aid or the lender. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress.

## Graduate Student Work Opportunities

### Graduate Research Assistantships

Graduate programs may award a limited number of Graduate Research Assistantships. Graduate Research Assistants work closely with faculty on specific projects and, in return, receive a stipend and waiver of tuition. Graduate Research Assistantships are not available for the MBAEP or WebMBA programs. Students interested in the Graduate Research Assistantship program should contact the program director of the specific degree program.

### Federal Work Study Program (FWS)

This program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate financial need based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FWS gives the student an opportunity to earn money to help pay for educational expenses while working on campus or in community service work. Early application with the FAFSA is recommended.

### Institutional Employment

There are a limited number of part-time jobs available in each division of the university. Funds for these jobs are provided by the department or college that employs the student. Interested persons should contact the particular division or department of the university or the KSU Career Services Center for information.

### Career Services

KSU's Career Services Center maintains a listing of full-time and part-time off-campus jobs for students who need assistance in locating off-campus employment. Regular job listings are posted online at <http://careerctr.kennesaw.edu>. For more information, contact the director of career services.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards Policy

Federal regulations, HEA Sec. 484(c), §668.16, 668.34, require all schools participating in Title IV federal financial aid programs to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy that conforms to the requirements detailed below. These requirements apply to all students as one determinant of eligibility for financial aid.

- Your SAP status is based on your entire academic record, at all schools attended (includes all transferrable hours), regardless of whether you received financial aid.
- SAP is calculated each semester after grades have been posted to academic history by the Registrar's Office.
- If after the first term of attendance you are not making SAP, you will be put on a Warning status and allowed to keep aid for one term. Your continued eligibility will be determined after the next term check point.
- If your SAP status is Failure after the check is performed, you will not qualify for financial aid for the following term.
- If your SAP status is Failure and you cannot mathematically attain SAP requirements following the next term, an appeal will not be permissible. Documented mitigating circumstances may allow continued eligibility on a case-by-case basis and will require an academic plan.
- A student may appeal their SAP Failure status only twice during their academic career at KSU. Documented mitigating circumstances may allow additional appeals on a case-by-case basis.

## Quantitative and Qualitative Requirements

### I. Quantitative Requirement

The quantitative requirement has two parts:

- A maximum time frame
- A required completion ratio

#### Graduate Students

**Maximum time frame** – To determine the maximum time frame, multiply the total hours required for the degree by 150% + ½ total hours. As an example, if the program required 33 hrs. x 150% + ½ total hours (50+17 = 67 hrs.). This includes credits attempted at any school prior to and while enrolled at Kennesaw State University (KSU).

**Completion Ratio** – You must earn at least 67% of all attempted credit hours.

### 2. Qualitative Requirement

The qualitative requirements sets a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average for all students. Each student must maintain a 2.00 GPA each term to remain in good academic standing at KSU. The cumulative GPA includes grades of A, B, C, D, F, WF and I. The cumulative GPA, which is determined by the Registrar's Office processes, will be checked each term for SAP.

**Graduate Students** – The cumulative GPA requirement is 3.00 for each term.

## Policy Details

When is SAP determined?

- **Initial Review** – You are considered to be meeting SAP during your first KSU term.
- **End of Every Semester Review** - Your SAP status is calculated at the end of each semester, after grades are posted to your academic history by the Registrar's Office.

What happens when you do not meet the requirements?

- You are no longer eligible for financial aid – including work, loans, grants or scholarships. If on a Warning Status – eligibility may continue (note below).
- Because you do not qualify for financial aid, you must pay your tuition and fees by the payment deadline or your registration will be cancelled by the Bursar's Office.

**Maximum Time Frame** (maximum attempted credit hours) – When you have attempted the maximum credit hours, you are no longer eligible to receive financial aid.

**Low Completion Ratio** – There are two statuses for low completion ratio before your eligibility for financial aid is cancelled. Probation status is only allowed for one term.

- **Warning Status** – The first time you fall short of meeting the required completion ratio, your status is Warning. You remain eligible to receive financial aid while in warning status.
- **Failure Status** – After attending one semester on Warning status, if you do not meet the required completion ratio, your status becomes Failure Status. You are no longer eligible to receive financial aid until the required standards are met. You must successfully appeal to regain eligibility.
- **Probation Status** – After being placed on a Failure Status, AND a student has successfully appealed and financial aid has been reinstated, the student is eligible to receive financial aid. This status is only for one term and quite often will carry conditions and/or stipulations for continued eligibility.

How do you regain eligibility?

- SAP Appeal – If extenuating circumstances during a specific term of enrollment prevented you from meeting the requirements, you may file a SAP Appeal.

### Appeal Requirements

1. A typewritten explanation of extenuating circumstances associated with Failure Status. Indicate how these circumstances have changed so that you can comply with regulations in the future. Attach supporting documents to corroborate extenuating circumstances mentioned in the letter.
  2. Include a “student plan of action” for academic improvement. This requires that you meet with your Academic Advisor and receive a plan for getting back in good academic standing.
  3. Attach at least one letter of support from someone that can substantiate the extenuating circumstances. This individual should not be a family member. Examples would include a medical doctor, clergy, professional, etc.
  4. Attach the SAP Appeal Form.
  5. The appeals forms must be provided to the Financial Aid Office within the prescribed dates as noted on the SAP Appeal Form. Failure to provide these within the prescribed dates will result in a delayed determination.
  6. An objective committee, composed of selected individuals outside the Financial Aid Office, determines whether the appeal is approved. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and cannot be appealed further.
- Appeal Denials or Non-appeals – If you are denied an appeal or you decide not to appeal, you must complete the necessary hours and earn the appropriate grades. Once you have reached the prescribed standards you become eligible to receive financial aid.
  - You change from undergraduate to graduate – If you reach Failure Status as an undergraduate, and then are admitted to a graduate degree program, you will be eligible to receive financial aid as a graduate student. You must be in a degree-seeking status and fully accepted into the graduate program.

### Academic Circumstances that Affect Your Status

- Changes in major, double majors or minors – may cause you to reach your maximum attempted hours, and lose your eligibility before earning a degree.
- Incomplete grades, missing grades, failing grades, course withdrawals – all reduce your completion ratio, because they are counted as attempted, but not earned credits. They also count against your maximum attempted hours.
- Repeated courses – count as attempted credit hours each time you register for them. They also count against the allowed maximum. This can also reduce your completion ratio because repeated credits count as earned credits only once. NOTE: The U. S. Dept. of Education allows only one retake for Title IV credit.
- Academic Fresh Start – count against your maximum attempted credits, and also lower your completion ratio because the credits count as attempted but not earned.
- Transfer credits, credits taken while cross-registered, enrolled in study abroad, transient study – count toward your maximum attempted credits and your completion ratio.

*NOTE: Credits count as attempted, but not earned, until your official transcript is reviewed and processed by the KSU Registrar's Office. This could cause you to be in a Failure Status.*

- Remedial courses – do not count as either attempted or earned credits.
- Late posted grades or grade changes - will require that you submit a written request to have your SAP recalculated after you have confirmed with the Registrar's Office that the grade change has been posted to your academic record.

- Dismissal and Return – students who are suspended academically or choose not to attend because of SAP Failure will not be automatically eligible for financial aid upon their return. Student must meet both qualitative and quantitative standards of SAP. If below standards, a student must appeal or use means other than financial aid for educational expenses. Absence does not restore eligibility for financial aid. It remains the responsibility of the student to be knowledgeable of their SAP standard when returning to school after dismissal or choosing not to return because of SAP Failure.
- Summer Term Courses – all hours attempted and completed in the summer terms are treated as any other semester hours in determining SAP status. SAP will be checked following the summer term as well.
- Audit Courses – students are not eligible to receive financial aid for audit courses. Audited courses are not included in hours attempted or earned for SAP determination.

### Determining Maximum Time Frame

Graduate & Professional students: To determine the maximum time frame, multiply the total hours required for the degree (i.e., 33) by 150% + ½ total hours (i.e., 33). For this student, the maximum time frame would be  $50 + 17 = 67$ . Remember: The maximum time frame for graduate students is total hours required for the degree  $\times$  150% + 1/2 total hours = maximum time frame.

### No Progress (receiving all Fs or all Ws)

In addition, any student that fails to make progress by receiving all Fs or WFs (or combination of both) in any given semester will be placed on SAP Failure and will immediately lose eligibility for financial aid beginning the next semester.

Students receiving all Ws will be placed on SAP Warning beginning the following semester regardless of the students' cumulative GPA, and their continued financial aid eligibility will be checked consistent with policy (the following term).

### Veteran's Benefits

The university is on the approved list of the Georgia State Approving Agency for the training of veterans, disabled veterans and the children and widows of deceased veterans who are eligible for benefits under the G.I. Bill. Students in training under the G.I. Bill are required to pay all fees, as regular students, since they are paid benefits directly through the Veterans Administration. Each V.A. beneficiary should make financial preparation for at least one semester because benefit checks are sometimes delayed.

Students in training under the G.I. Bill are required to pay all fees as regular students, since they are paid benefits directly through the Veterans Administration. KSU and the VA do not have an agreement to process tuition/fee waivers; therefore, failure of the VA to pay students in a timely manner does not eliminate or delay a student's financial responsibility to Kennesaw State University. Each VA beneficiary should make financial preparation for at least one semester because benefit checks are sometimes delayed.

Veterans receiving Vocational Rehabilitation benefits must contact the VA Regional Office to be assigned a counselor to help with the application process. All other benefits can be applied for on line at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Students in training under the G.I. Vocational Rehabilitation program should check with the university Business Services Office regarding the handling of their account for fees, supplies, etc.

Eligible veterans, children and widows of veterans must make application to their regional Veterans Administration Office. Application forms are available at Kennesaw State University in the Registrar's Office. Certain requirements must be met before students may be certified for noncredit remedial courses for V.A. payment purposes.

Students attending on the G.I. Bill are certified for V.A. benefits only for those courses required in their particular programs of study. Such students must maintain Kennesaw State University standards for academic performance. Those students who are academically dismissed from school will have their benefits interrupted. Upon readmission and recertification of benefits at Kennesaw State University, the V.A. will decide if further benefits may be paid for continuation of the program in which the academic deficiency occurred.

Current V.A. standards require that students attend class and that benefits be terminated when the student has been suspended for academic or disciplinary reasons. (Since V.A. regulations are subject to periodic change, it is the student's responsibility to keep up-to-date on requirements for V.A. benefits while in attendance at Kennesaw State University.)

Any veteran or dependent wishing to use the GI Bill benefits must contact the VA Coordinator. The office of the VA Coordinator is located in the Office of the Registrar.



# *Policies and Procedures*

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## **Registration**

The Office of the Registrar, located in Kennesaw Hall, is the central administrative office responsible for registering students, maintaining the permanent academic records, performing degree audits, and enforcing the academic policies of the university.

All registration at Kennesaw State University is conducted over the web through Owl Express. There are two phases of registration: Early Registration and Final Registration.

The Early Registration phase is available to students who are currently enrolled and in good academic standing. These students are strongly encouraged to register within the Early Registration phase.

The Final Registration phase is available to new, readmitted, and all currently enrolled students. New students are invited to attend an orientation session where they will have an opportunity to register for classes.

A Drop/Add Session is offered to students during the first week of classes. Students are encouraged to drop courses during this period in lieu of receiving a withdrawal.

NOTE: Specific dates can be found on the academic calendar located on the KSU Registrar Web page, <https://www.kennesaw.edu/registrar>.

## **Verification of Class Schedule**

Students should verify their class schedule for each semester enrolled. No course additions/deletions are permitted after the Drop/Add period has ended. It is the student's responsibility to verify their class schedule (including credit hours) on Owl Express for accuracy.

## **Graduate Course Auditing Policy**

Auditing of courses will be permitted for regularly enrolled graduate students, as well as on a space-available basis for those who hold a graduate degree from Kennesaw State. Auditing of courses is not allowed in the Coles Doctor of Business Administration, the Coles Executive MBA, the Master of Science in Conflict Management (MSCM), the Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS), or any of KSU's Master of Education (M.Ed.) programs. Students must

have completed all prerequisites necessary for the course to be audited and are expected to complete all course requirements as noted on the course syllabus. A student may audit no more than 6 credit hours of graduate course work in a given term.

The permission to audit form, available in the Office of the Registrar, must be submitted before the end of final registration. The form must be signed by the Graduate Program Director of the program offering the course to be audited. Audited courses count at full value in computing the student's course load and fees. The student's name will appear on the official class rolls of the courses audited, as well as the student's approved schedule of courses. No credit is granted for audited courses, and students are not permitted to change to or from an auditing status except through the regular procedures for schedule changes.

The grade for auditing is "V" (visitor), and this grade will at no time be changed to a "W" on the basis of the auditor's attendance in the course. The grade of "V" will have no effect upon the student's grade-point average, and students will not be permitted to have the audit grade changed at any future date. Audited courses will not count toward degree completion for any of KSU's graduate programs.

## Credit Hour Definition

Kennesaw State University defines a semester credit hour as one hour (50-60 minutes) of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work each week for 15 weeks in a semester (a minimum of 750 minutes of class + 1,500 minutes of out-of-class academic engagement = 2,250 engaged minutes per semester credit hour). An equivalent amount of work is required in educational activities that involve no classroom or direct faculty instruction and equates to a minimum of three hours of student engagement per week, per semester credit hour (minimum of 2,250 engaged minutes).

## Full-Time Load

The full-time load for a graduate student is 9 semester hours.

## Candidacy

The minimum requirements for admission to candidacy in any degree program shall be the successful completion of 9 semester hours of graduate credit in a degree program at KSU with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 and a grade of "C" or better in each course presented for candidacy. Individual degree programs may establish additional requirements for candidacy (e.g., interview or examination).

## Residency Requirement

To receive a graduate degree from Kennesaw State University, a student must complete at least 27 semester hours of program requirements at KSU. All of these 27 hours must be completed after the student has been admitted to the degree program. Students in the MAcc or WebMBA must complete 24 hours.

## Time Limit

All requirements for a master's degree must be completed within six years, beginning with the first registration in graduate-level classes following admission to the degree program. Extension of time may be granted only on conditions beyond the student's control. Only courses in which credit has been earned within six years of the date of graduation will be counted for degree credit.

## Transcripts

KSU transcripts are issued to students upon request through Owl Express. Currently, transcripts requested through Owl Express will be mailed or picked up the next business day. Effective fall 2012, students may request transcripts to be mailed or delivered electronically.

Due to provisions of the Student's Right to Privacy Act, the student is the only one who can authorize release of his/her records.

## Transfer Credit

Graduate work taken at other Commission of Colleges (COC) regionally accredited institutions must be evaluated and approved by the program director and/or graduate committee of the respective program in order to satisfy degree requirements at KSU. Such transfer credit cannot be for courses over five years old and must satisfy the six-year rule above to count towards degree credit; cannot exceed 9 semester hours (6 semester hours for the MAcc and the WebMBA), and cannot reduce residency requirements. No grade below B may be accepted. Transfer grades are not used in calculating semester, summer term, or cumulative grade-point averages. Individual degree programs may have additional specific requirements or limitations for transfer credit.

Refer to the program descriptions in this catalog for additional information.

Transfer credit is not permissible for any part of the Coles Doctor of Business Administration, Coles Executive MBA, or the Master of Science in Conflict Management programs.

## Student Guide to Degree Progression (DegreeWorks)

DegreeWorks is a web-based advising tool that provides real-time advice on degree completion. This system is designed to aid and facilitate academic advising. It is not intended to replace face-to-face advising sessions. DegreeWorks is available to:

- degree-seeking undergraduate students who have a catalog year equal to Fall 2008 or later.
- degree seeking graduate students who have a catalog year equal to Fall 2011 or later.

Students with a catalog year prior to those listed above should continue to meet with their academic advisor concerning degree progression.

Students who have not declared a major must use the "What-If option" and select an intended major and concentration, if applicable, to view a degree compliance audit.

Students can access DegreeWorks through Owl Express.

## Cross Registration—Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE)

Kennesaw State University is a member of the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education, an association of colleges and universities in the Atlanta area offering a combination of reciprocal academic services, such as cross registration, interlibrary loans and visiting scholars program.

The cross registration program is available to students officially enrolled in Atlanta Regional Consortium Institutions. This program is distinct from transient status in that it is possible for a student to register for an approved course at any of the 20 consortium schools and receive credit, while paying tuition costs to the home institution. The intent is to allow qualified students to take course work in their area of study that is not available on their own campus.

To be eligible to participate, the student must be in good standing and must have the recommendation of the faculty adviser or department chair at the home institution. Cross registration may be pursued only for courses not offered at the home institution for the given term and is not recommended for students in their last semester before graduation. KSU students must be enrolled for at least one semester hour at KSU in order to cross register. A complete list of the requirements for eligibility and registration procedures are located on the ARCHE Registration form.

Students who wish to enroll in courses at member institutions of the Atlanta Regional Consortium should obtain a Cross-Registration form from the cross registration coordinator in the Office of the Registrar. Check with the coordinator for individual member college cross registration deadlines: Fall Semester – July 26th , Spring Semester – December 1, Summer Semester – May 1.

## **Member Colleges**

Agnes Scott College  
Brenau University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clayton College & State University  
Columbia Theological Seminary  
Emory University  
Georgia Gwinnett College  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Interdenominational Theological Center  
Kennesaw State University  
Mercer University of Atlanta  
Morehouse College  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Oglethorpe University  
Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta  
Southern Polytechnic State University  
Spelman College  
State University of West Georgia  
University of Georgia

## **Course Load**

Full-time enrollment for graduate students is 9 semester hours. Graduate students in good standing may enroll for 12 semester hours in any semester. In order to enroll for more than 12 semester hours, students must obtain approval from their graduate program director.

## **Course Repetitions**

Graduate students may repeat for credit no more than two graduate courses, one time each. Only courses in which students previously earned a grade below “B” may be retaken for credit. All grades received for work attempted at KSU are calculated in the cumulative grade point average. Grades for repeated courses are considered as work attempted and do not replace grades already received. Individual degree programs may establish more stringent requirements. Students enrolled in KSU’s executive programs (Coles Executive MBA, and MSCM) may not repeat courses for credit toward a degree.

## Withdrawal from Courses

Students may withdraw from one or more courses any time before the last three weeks of the semester. Summer withdrawal dates vary according to part of term student is enrolled. To completely or partially withdraw from classes at KSU, a student must withdraw online through Owl Express. Students who officially withdraw from courses before mid-semester will receive a "W" in those courses and receive no credit. They will not, however, suffer any academic penalty. Students who officially withdraw after the last day to withdraw without academic penalty and before the last three weeks of the semester mid-semester (and before the last three weeks of the semester) will receive a grade of "WF," which will be counted as an "F" in the calculation of their grade point average. Exact withdrawal dates are published in the official academic calendar. Students who simply stop attending classes without officially withdrawing usually are assigned failing grades.

The only exceptions to these withdrawal regulations will be for instances involving unusual circumstances that are fully documented. Students may appeal to the Academic Standing Committee for consideration of unusual circumstances.

Students will receive refunds only when they withdraw from ALL their classes and only by the schedule outlined in the University System refund policy.

## IP (In Progress) Grade

In most graduate courses, the grades "A," "B," "C," "F," "I" (Incomplete), "W" (Withdrawal), and "WF" (Withdrawal with an "F") are awarded. In some graduate courses, particularly thesis, dissertation, and project courses that are intended to last more than one semester and are not completed during the semester in which the student is first registered for the course, the notation "IP" (In Progress) is used. A student then has to pay to enroll for a specified number of hours in each consecutive semester in which work is still in progress. While the work is in progress, the instructor will report a grade of "IP" for these credit hours at the end of each term. Thesis, dissertation, and project course credit hours taken during the semester that the work is completed will be awarded a grade of "S" (satisfactory) or "U" (unsatisfactory). Grades of "IP," "S," or "U" shall not be computed in the student's grade-point average.

## Grading Policies

Issuance of grades and formulation of individual attendance policies are the prerogative of the instructor. Faculty must provide feedback to students about their progress prior to the last published day to withdraw without academic penalty. Grades are expected to conform to those listed below. Any deviations must be approved by the Faculty Senate and the Office of the Registrar.

The following are the final grades included in the determination of the scholastic grade point average:

Grade	Grade Point
"A" Excellent	4.0
"B" Good	3.0
"C" Fair	2.0
"D" Poor	1.0
"F" Failing	0.0

**I:** incomplete grade. The grade of "I" will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond the student's control, is unable to meet the full requirements of the course.

The grade of “I” must be removed by the end of the next semester or term. The grade of “I” will not be included in the calculation of the student’s scholastic average at the end of the semester in which the grade of “I” is received. Upon completion of the outstanding requirements within the specified time limit, a final grade of “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” will be assigned in the course on the basis of the student’s total performance, and the grade will then be included in the calculation of the student’s cumulative grade point average. If the outstanding work is not completed by the end of the following semester or term, then the “I” will be changed to an “F” and calculated into the student’s cumulative grade point average. An “I” cannot be removed by reenrolling in the course.

**K:** indicates credit awarded for CLEP or Advance Placement (AP) exams.

**W:** indicates that the student was permitted to withdraw from the course without penalty with the approval of the program director and registrar within the first 28 working days (including registration days) of the semester. Withdrawals without penalty may be permitted after the official withdrawal period in hardship cases only with approval of the registrar. A course in which the grade of “W” has been assigned will not be included in calculating the student’s scholastic average.

**WF:** indicates that the student was permitted to withdraw from a course after the first 28 working days of the semester. The dropping of a course under these circumstances is equivalent to failure and will be included in the calculation of the student’s scholastic average.

**S:** indicates that credit has been given for completion of degree requirements other than academic course work. The use of this grade is approved for thesis hours, student teaching, clinical practicum, internship and proficiency requirements in graduate programs.

**U:** indicates unsatisfactory performance or progress in an attempt to complete degree requirements other than academic course work. The use of this grade is approved for thesis hours, student teaching, clinical practicum, internship and proficiency requirements in graduate programs.

**IP:** indicates progress in thesis, dissertation, and project courses that are intended to last more than one semester.

**V:** indicates that the student was given permission to audit the course and is not included in the calculation of the scholastic average. Students may not transfer from audit to credit status or vice versa.

**NR:** indicates that no grade was reported.

## Grade-Point Average

The grade-point average (GPA) is the average grade made by the student on all graduate course work for which he/she has enrolled. It is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of semester hours attempted. Courses carrying “S,” “U,” “W,” or “I” grades are not included.

## Grade Appeals

Students’ rights to grade appeals are defined in the university catalog. A key element in the grade appeal procedure is the faculty member’s responsibility to publish a specific grading policy for each of his/her classes. Specifically, the grade appeal procedure states: “Each faculty member must specify his/her grading policy, at the first of the semester. He/she may change his/her grading policy for cause after that time, but he/she must do so uniformly, with ample notification to students, if at all possible.”

Note that failure to publish the grading policy would mean that a faculty member would have great difficulty in sustaining his/her assigned grade if a student appealed with anything but a frivolous or irresponsible basis for his/her charge. The grading policy should be quite specific and should be distributed to each class in written form. Some departments may also require faculty members to file grading policy statements in the departmental office. Because the student can submit a grade appeal to the Department Chair within 20 business days after the first day of classes of the next academic term after the academic term in which the final grade was awarded to the student (see Grade Appeals Procedure, section B), it is strongly recommended that instructors retain any student papers, tests, projects, or other materials not returned to the student for 70 days after the end of a semester or if an appeal is filed until the appeal is resolved. Refer to the following section for specific grade appeal procedures.

## Grade Appeal Procedure

Kennesaw State University is committed to treating students fairly in the grading process. Students may appeal a final grade that they receive in a course, but interim grades or grades on specific assignments are not appealable. Any such appeal must be based on an allegation that the faculty member has violated his/her stated grading policy or that the grade was a result of discrimination or retaliation. The student has the burden of proving these allegations. All formal appeals under these procedures will be based only on the written record.

A. **Informal:** Students are encouraged to discuss concerns and disputes over final course grades with the faculty member, prior to filing a formal grade appeal, in an effort to understand the basis of his/her grade. Faculty are encouraged to be available to students for such discussion regarding grades so that if possible, grade disputes can be resolved informally. The Office of the University Ombuds can provide assistance to students and faculty with resolving disputes informally in an effort to bring resolution to the matter prior to the initiation of a formal complaint. If the student has evidence of discrimination or retaliation, the student may bring his/her concerns directly to the Ombuds Office without first reviewing the matter with the faculty member.

B. **Formal:** In situations where such informal resolution does not occur or is not successful, the student may appeal the final course grade to the Department Chair. The appeal must be in writing and describe the precise basis for the appeal. Any pertinent information must be submitted with the appeal in order to be considered in this or subsequent appeals. The appeal must be submitted within 20 business days after the first day of classes of the next academic term (fall, spring, summer[or any other term]) after the academic term in which the final grade was awarded to the student. The Chair will invite the faculty member whose grade is appealed to provide a written response to the student's appeal statement. The Department Chair (or the Chair's designee) will review the allegations and conduct any additional fact finding as needed and will provide a decision in writing to the student, within 20 business days of the receipt of the complaint in the Department. The Chair's written decision will specifically address the relevant issues raised by the student. In preparing the written decision, the Chair shall consult with the EEO officer or the Chief Diversity Officer if there is an allegation by the student that discrimination or retaliation had an impact on the grade that was awarded.

C. The student may appeal the Department Chair's decision within 20 business days of being notified of the Chair's decision. Such appeal will be made, in writing, to the Dean of the College in which the Department is located. At the Dean's discretion, the Dean can appoint an advisory panel, consisting of two (2) faculty members from outside the department where the grade was awarded and one (1) student to review the written documentation and make a recommendation to the Dean. The advisory panel may invite the student and the faculty member who awarded the grade to meet with the panel to share each party's position on the grade dispute. The panel will provide a written recommendation to the Dean within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the appeal. The Dean will issue a decision to the student, in writing, within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the report from the advisory panel or within twenty (20) business days of the receipt of the written complaint from the student if no panel was appointed.

D. The student may appeal the Dean's decision to the Provost, in writing, within twenty (20) business days of being notified of the Dean's decision. [However, if it is a graduate course, the student will direct this written appeal to the Graduate Dean, and the Graduate Dean will issue a decision to the student, in writing, within twenty (20) business days of receiving the appeal. Within twenty (20) days of that decision, the student may then appeal to the Provost as is described in this section]. The Provost, will issue a decision to the student, in writing within twenty (20) business days of receiving the appeal.

E. The Provost's decision is final, and decisions regarding grades may not be appealed to the Board of Regents (BOR Policy 4.7.1)

## Expectations for Satisfactory Graduate Level Student Performance

Graduate students are expected to earn grades of at least "B" in most of their course work for their degree. For graduation, a graduate student must have earned a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 in all graduate course work at Kennesaw State University and a grade of "C" or better in each course presented to meet degree requirements.

### I. Academic Probation

Whenever a graduate student's cumulative graduate grade-point average drops below 3.0, that student will be placed on probation and be advised of the significance and potential consequences of this action. While on probation, the student will not be permitted to apply for admission to candidacy, take comprehensive exams, or obtain a graduate degree. Students on probation are only allowed to register for courses during Final Registration.

Graduate students can have their probationary status removed by raising their cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0. Graduate students will have 18 semester hours in which to improve their cumulative grade-point average to at least 3.0. After 18 semester hours, if the cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 has not been met, the student will be dismissed from further study at KSU for at least one semester.

Individual graduate programs may have additional expectations and/or grading policies. Please see specific graduate program sections of the catalog for additional information on graduate expectations.

### II. Reinstatement

Students who wish to request reinstatement after their dismissal must complete the "Request for Reinstatement" form and submit it to the Office of Graduate Admissions. The form will be routed to the appropriate graduate program personnel for review. The program will then forward their recommendation to the Dean of the Graduate College. The Dean of the Graduate College will then notify the appropriate graduate program director, the office of the registrar, and the student of his/her decision. The decision of the Dean of the Graduate College is final and students may not appeal this decision. Graduate students who are granted a reinstatement must agree to a remediation plan. Any deviation from the remediation plan will result in permanent dismissal.

## Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for a master's or doctoral degree must petition to graduate through the individual program. A student may request in absentia status by writing to the registrar prior to the graduation exercises.

Subject to the limitations and qualifications stated elsewhere in this catalog, the requirements for an advanced degree are as follows:

1. A Petition to Graduate will be accepted and may be filed during the semester preceding the final semester or summer term of enrollment but must be filed before the end of the first week of his/her final semester. This form may be obtained from the program director's office.
2. A student must complete a minimum of 27 hours of degree requirements at Kennesaw State University. Candidates for a second master's degree at Kennesaw State must earn a minimum of 18 additional hours in excess of any hours used toward the first master's degree (the exact number of hours will depend on specific degree requirements).
3. Degree candidates must have earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 calculated on all graduate courses attempted at KSU and a grade of "C" or better in each course presented to meet degree requirements. With the approval of the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, individual degree programs may establish additional graduation requirements (e.g., comprehensive exams, thesis).

## Double Majors and Concentrations in a Single Degree Program

In graduate programs with specific concentrations or majors (the MAPW, MPA, and MSIS programs), a student may qualify for an additional major or concentration (within the specified graduate program) by completing a minimum of 12 additional hours of appropriate course work beyond that required for the original concentration or major and by completing any special requirements of that major or concentration.

The earning of a second concentration or major will be confirmed by the Office of the Registrar, upon written request by the student, and only if the additional courses are completed before any of the student's graduate credits will be more than six years old. Double Major/Concentration Request Forms are available from the program director. The grades in the additional hours must not cause the student's grade point average to fall below a 3.0. All grades must be "C" or higher.

## Multiple Graduate Degrees

A student may earn a particular master's degree at Kennesaw State only once. A student wishing to complete a second graduate degree program must:

1. submit the "Petition to Begin a Second Graduate Degree" form to the Office of Graduate Admissions;
2. meet with the program director for the second graduate degree program to plan appropriate courses;
3. meet all admission requirements in effect for the second graduate degree; and
4. fulfill all requirements for the second graduate degree.

For a second degree at the Masters level, the student may be able to use appropriate course work from the original graduate degree. The exact number of hours will depend on specific degree requirements and will be determined in consultation with the program director. Students enrolled in an approved Dual Degree program would follow the stated curriculum and would not be eligible to follow this policy. Expectations for Satisfactory Graduate Level Student Performance, as outlined above, apply to all second graduate degree students.

Each candidate for a second master's degree must apply for graduation. A student may request in absentia status by writing to the registrar prior to graduation exercises. An application for

graduation will be accepted and may be filed during the semester preceding the final semester or summer term of enrollment but must be filed before the end of the first week of his/her final semester. This form may be obtained from the program director 's office. A student may not graduate from the second graduate degree program before graduating from their initial graduate degree program.

## **Academic Fresh Start/Renewal for Readmission**

A currently enrolled student who has been previously enrolled in a graduate program at KSU, who discontinued graduate college for at least six years, may petition in the Office of the Registrar for a onetime "academic fresh start" upon admission or readmission to a graduate program. The student's adjusted grade point average will be readjusted after the end of the semester in which the petition was approved retroactive to the readmission term. Although the student's transcript will retain all previous graduate course attempts and grades, only courses completed and grades received after readmission will be considered in the final degree audit. In addition, only grades received after readmission will be considered in decisions regarding academic warning, probation, and dismissal. The granting of Academic Fresh Start does not supersede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.

KSU follows the Board of Regents' Academic Renewal policy. (BOR 3.5.3. BOR Academic Affairs handbook 2.5.1)

## **Academic Fresh Start/Renewal for Second Degree**

A student who returns to KSU for a second KSU graduate degree may have his/her Adjusted GPA restarted at the time of re-entry. In order to restart the AGPA, students must petition the Office of the Registrar within three semesters after re-enrollment or one calendar year, whichever comes first. A student can be granted Academic Fresh Start status only one time.

## **Additional Academic Regulations**

Individual degree programs may impose additional academic regulations. Consult with the program director, department head or advisor for this information.

# *Academic Resources*

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## **The Institute for Global Initiatives**

The Institute for Global Initiatives promotes and collaboratively leads global learning and regional studies among KSU's faculty, students, staff and the community through academic services and programs, research and scholarship, and partnerships. It supports and promotes KSU's mission of international education by initiating programs, responding to external funding opportunities, and providing leadership for the institution's regional centers. IGI is currently comprised of the following operating units: Education Abroad Office, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, Center for African and African Diaspora Studies, Global Engagement Programs, and Global Admissions. It collaborates with divisions, colleges, departments, and other units to ensure the infusion of international dimensions into teaching, scholarship, and community service. At the core of the IGI is the Education Abroad Office (EAO). The Education Abroad Office coordinates a wide range of international programs and events, including international student recruitment and admission, study abroad programs to various destinations, the annual country-study program, and international student and faculty exchange program.

## **Confucius Institute**

The nonprofit Confucius Institute at KSU promotes the study of Chinese language, culture, ethics, and philosophy, and furthers the understanding of China today.

With the establishment of this prestigious institute at KSU, the university has become a key resource in developing networks with China, the world's fastest-growing economy, while serving the growing educational and business communities in the Atlanta area, as well as the Southeastern United States.

KSU is partnering with Yangzhou University (YZU) in the establishment of this Confucius Institute. YZU is a key comprehensive university in Jiangsu Province. It emerged in 1992 through the merging of several higher educational institutions; the history of some of these institutions dates as far back as 1902.

For more information, visit the [Confucius Institute Website](#).

## Teacher Resource and Activity Center (TRAC)

The Teacher Resource and Activity Center, located in Kennesaw Hall Room 2005, is sponsored by the Bagwell College of Education and open to all KSU students, faculty, and staff. Educators in the geographical area served by the University are also invited to use the center.

Designed specifically to meet the needs of professional teachers and education majors in the teacher preparation program, the center offers a curriculum library, media services, and instructional materials. It maintains a large library of professional books and periodicals, K-12 textbooks for curriculum planning at all grade levels, theme-related activity guides, supplemental kits, and over 1,500 educational DVDs and videos. TRAC also houses a production workroom equipped with a print/copy station, laminators, spiral and heat binders, poster printers, paper cutters, badge makers, and other assorted machines that support the development of classroom materials. TRAC has an extensive die-cut collection of over 2000 shapes, letters, and numbers for creating bulletin boards and learning center manipulatives. Additional equipment such as computers, opaque projector, tape recorder, CD player, and televisions with VCR/DVD players are available for use in the center. Friendly staff is available to assist visitors.

## Writing Center

The KSU Writing Center, located in English Building Room 242, is a welcoming space where all members of the KSU community may receive assistance with any part of the writing process for any assignment in any discipline. The Center's staff is composed of an eclectic mix of dedicated undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members who are passionate about writing. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made on the Center's website or in person. The Writing Center also offers weekly workshops on a variety of writing topics and includes a computer lab, writing resource library, and study areas for student use.

To view hours of operation, to schedule an appointment, and to learn more about workshops, special events, and other services at the KSU Writing Center, visit: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/writingcenter>.

## The College of Continuing and Professional Education

Cutting-edge course work for individuals planning to re-enter the workforce, change careers, or add to their portfolio of skills is the specialty of The College of Continuing and Professional Education. The College offers more than 40 professional certificate programs and a small collection of life and leisure courses sure to spark fun and creativity.

The College offers hundreds of classes annually including classes from Paralegal to Phlebotomy. Most classes are offered at KSU Center which offers students a learning experience inside fully equipped classrooms wired with the latest technology or online offering great flexibility for the full-time professional. The College serves more than 22,000 students annually.

Professional certificate programs include Paralegal, Technical Writing, Meeting and Event Management, Administrative Professional, Culinary Apprenticeship, Certified Nursing Assistant, EKG Technician, Phlebotomy, Medical Office Assistant, Teaching English as a Second Language, Professional Development in Gerontology, and the Osher Scholar.

The College also offers specialized, age-appropriate programs through Summer University (First grade through 12th grade), the KSU Futures program for high school graduates who need career training, and The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Ages 50 and older).

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are assigned to all professional development programs with one CEU awarded for 10 contact hours of participation. Several selected courses carry PLUs for teacher re-certification. Transcripts of earned CEUs are available upon request.

Visit the College's website at [ccpe.kennesaw.edu](http://ccpe.kennesaw.edu) or call 770-423-6765 for more information and to request a current course catalog.



# Computing & Information Resources

Technology is increasingly an integral part of a student's education. In addition, many student services and information are delivered via technology. To provide the KSU student with a quality education delivered most conveniently, technology is used as an essential part of instruction, for student access to educational materials, and for the delivery of student services.

A technology fee is collected each term to provide students with improved technological resources including: greatly enhanced on-campus and remote access to the internet; important software packages such as Microsoft Office delivered on-line; student training in use of computer technology; increased access on campus through extended laboratory hours; computer connections, and an electronics study room in the Library; upgrade of student laboratories and instruction in the use of advanced multimedia presentation technology in the Audio Visual Technology Services laboratory.

The Kennesaw State University Website exists to assist students with course registration and reviewing of grades. In addition, the KSU Website delivers quality content to the reader. Each year brings new technology, creative uses of technology on campus, and additional services to meet growing needs.

## Mandatory KSU E-Mail Account

KSU generated e-mail accounts are the official means of communication with students. Instructions can be found at <http://students.kennesaw.edu>.

KSU's Vice President for Operations and Chief Information Officer/Chief Business Officer The Vice President for Operations and Chief Information Officer (CIO)/Chief Business Officer (CBO) provides leadership in the continuing advancement of information and instructional technology. This position oversees the operations of information technology which includes the Horace W. Sturgis Library; Information Technology Services; Enterprise Systems and Services; Online Development Group; Audio Visual Technology Services; Museums, Archives and Rare Books, and Enterprise Information Management.

## Horace W. Sturgis Library

Built in 1981 with over 100,000 square feet of space, the library, named after the university's first president, Horace W. Sturgis, is designed to support and advance the teaching and learning activities of the greater university community.

KSU students and faculty have access to and borrowing privileges from the collections in all of Georgia's public college and university libraries as well as a number of private university libraries through The Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education, GALILEO and GIL, Georgia's virtual library system. Through the discovery tool, SuperSearch, students can instantly access millions of resources, including the library's collection of books, ebooks, journals, databases, videos, and government documents. Mobile versions of the library catalog and databases are available. Interlibrary Loan services may be used for items not owned by the library.

The library houses a Federal Government Documents Depository for the Sixth Congressional District. Both the Performing Arts Library, located in the Wilson Building, and TRAC (Teacher Resource and Activity Center), located in the Bagwell College of Education, are supported by the library.

The DigitalCommons@Kennesaw State University is a new type of service for the university community. The Digital Commons is an institutional repository: a permanent digital archive, the intellectual and creative output of Kennesaw State. The system is a product of Berkeley Electronic Press. With the increase of KSU's graduate programs, the Library intends to use the system to self-publish dissertations and theses and make them available via the web.

The library's Copyright Management Center is intended to assist Kennesaw faculty, staff, and students in working and complying with copyright issues, specifically in balancing the rights of copyright holders with the exercise of fair use for educational purposes.

During every semester the Sturgis Library is open 100 hours each week and has extended hours during exams. The library provides access to computers located in the Information Commons on the first floor of the library. Laptops may be checked out for library use only. Both individual and group study spaces are available. OWLSpace, the Study Commons, is located on the ground floor of the library. This area provides group and individual seating, study and presentation rooms, wireless service and vending machines.

Library Instruction classes are provided for students and faculty. Individual research clinics are available by appointment.

Research assistance is available in the Reference Clinic, located in the Information Commons. This service is also available via text (770-913-6255), telephone (770-423-6325) online live chat, and by individual appointment. For more information about the library visit [www.kennesaw.edu/library/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/).

## Computing Services

The goal of Information Technology Services (ITS) is to provide efficient, secure and user-friendly access to technology for all students, faculty and staff, so they have the necessary tools to carryout collaboration, research, scholarship, and innovation. ITS provides the foundational infrastructure of campus computing, both installing and maintaining network connectivity, telecommunications, and campus computing hardware.

Students receive a KSU email account, personal web space, web-based file storage, and are eligible to take online training on many commonly used software programs via a single-sign-on authentication – one login ID, and one password. ITS also provides face-to-face technology workshops, and a student help desk, complete with walk-up services.

Within the ITS computer labs on the 4th floor of Burruss, students have access to many standard office productivity programs plus academically specific software, as well as color printing and copy services. Group labs are available for collaborative work, and trained lab assistants are on duty to answer any questions. Over 63 similar computer labs are scattered throughout the colleges, library and student center.

The rules for use of all telecommunications equipment, including telephones, computers and FAX equipment, are found the KSU Web site at: <http://policy.kennesaw.edu/views/it-data-security>. Use of any of these facilities implies an understanding of and compliance with these policies.

## Online Development Group

The KSU Online Development Group supports online learning and content management systems for Kennesaw State University, including web-based course support, video servers, and systems for providing live and recorded classes over the Internet. Our mission also includes the investigation and development of new technologies for online and classroom use.

ODG supports the GeorgiaView Vista system as the primary learning management system for campus. GeorgiaView Vista is a system that can be used, at the option of the faculty, in any course at KSU. It is accessed over the Internet from on- or off-campus and provides a variety of instructional tools for use by faculty and students.

ODG also supports the Drupal content management system for campus. Drupal is used for both academic and administrative web sites, and allows creation and update of web content using only a web browser.

Additional information about resources for online learning and the services provided by ODG can be found at the web site: <http://online.kennesaw.edu/>

## Audio/Visual Technology Services (AVTS)

The Audio/Visual Technology Services (AVTS) offers a wide range of multimedia services and training for faculty, staff, and students. Located on the fourth floor of the library, AVTS supports audio/visual and presentation equipment on campus. In addition to maintaining KSU's multimedia presentation classrooms, AVTS specializes in multimedia training and production assistance; graphics creation, multimedia file conversion, audio/video tape duplication, video editing/compression, desktop publishing, and CD-ROM recording. AVTS supports some of the most cutting edge multimedia hardware and software available.

## Instructional Equipment

AVTS supports a wide range of equipment for classroom use. Through designated building coordinators, AVTS maintains a distributed set of equipment for faculty to request. Each building coordinator has his/her own system for reserving equipment. See the departmental secretary to obtain building coordinator's contact name and number. Equipment available for pickup includes: data projection systems, video playback combo, VHS camcorders, audio cassette player/recorders, audio CD players, public address systems, slide projectors, and microphones. For special equipment needs, consult AVTS to discuss options.

## Department of Archives, Rare Books, and Records Management

The Department of Archives and Records Management was established in 2004 in order to preserve the history of Kennesaw State University and to oversee the management of university records. The Records Management division assists and provides training for faculty and staff on managing paper and electronic records. The Archives division serves the research interests of KSU students, faculty, staff and the public. Holdings include 800 linear feet of University records, 240 linear feet of Georgia History collections, several thousand University photographs and audiovisual recordings, and digital collections. Recent acquisitions include the records of the Marietta Theatre on the Square, the NAACP Cobb County Branch, and the Gordon Collection on workplace integration at the Lockheed Plant (Marietta, Georgia) and in the Southeastern United States. The Bentley Rare Book Gallery, one of three museum-grade rare book libraries in Georgia, was added to the department in July 2009. The Rare Book Gallery offers tours, classes and seminars for the KSU community and the general public. Among the more than 15,000 volumes represented by the Bentley Gallery are recent acquisitions of a fourth folio Shakespeare (1685) and a first edition of the complete works of Chaucer. The KSU Archives, the Bentley Rare Book Gallery and Records Management are part of the Department of Museums, Archives & Rare Books (MARB), which also oversees the Museum of History and Holocaust Education (MHHE) and the KSU Galleries.

## Enterprise Information Management (EIM)

The Enterprise Information Management (EIM) office maintains the university's program and institutional evaluation records, is the university's official SACS accreditation liaison, and oversees the university's comprehensive program review and improvement process. The offices of Enterprise Information Reporting and Enterprise Data Management and Analysis aid in facilitating the production of statistical information, data analysis, and special studies in support of institutional reporting, planning, assessment, and administrative oversight.

## Educational Technology Center

The KSU Educational Technology Center (ETC) is proud to be the largest of the technology centers located throughout the state. The KSU ETC is located in the Bagwell College of Education on the second floor of Kennesaw Hall. The ETC provides comprehensive instructional, administrative, and technical training for Georgia educators in a short course or seminar format. In addition, the ETC provides consulting and advising services, helping school systems to select, implement, and support classroom technology that provides the greatest benefit to students and teachers. The ETC seeks to disseminate information about educational technology through participation in state and national conferences, by producing blogs, podcasts, and web-based materials and by participating in classes offered as part of pre-service degree programs at KSU. Visit the website at <http://edtech.kennesaw.edu> for more information on available resources and services.

# *Student Services & Activities*

## **Division of Student Success**

The Division of Student Success offers a variety of programs, services and activities that assist and enhance student success. The areas included in this division are the Career Services Center, Sports and Recreation, Residence Life, Student Life, Student Development, Student Success Services, Global Engagement, Center for Student Leadership, and Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

## **Student Success Services**

Student Success Services (SSS) is a comprehensive service center where students obtain help with educational, career, and personal concerns from a trained staff of counselors, specialists, and advisors. Such assistance is intended to support Kennesaw State University's academic programs by offering relevant resources that facilitate the students' orientation to the university, contribute to personal development, enhance academic success, and facilitate career skills. Student Success Services (<http://www.kennesaw.edu/studentssuccess>, 770-423-6600) includes Counseling and Psychological Services, First Year & Undeclared Advising, Testing, Orientation, Student Athlete Success Services, Collegiate Recovery Center, Behavioral Response Program, and Veterans Service Center.

## **Orientation**

Orientation is designed for first-year students, transfer students, and parents. It was developed to assist students and their parents in making a stress-free transition to Kennesaw State University. The SSS Orientation Program has been recognized by the Foundations of Excellence Organization. Included in the program are opportunities to meet university personnel, understand academic program offerings, advising and registration. Additionally, students and parents are given the opportunity to learn about the various organizations and services available to maximize student success.

## **Counseling and Psychological Services**

In an atmosphere of confidentiality, professional counselors offer assistance to students with a variety of concerns which may include career, personal and academic counseling. Special seminars in study skills, time management, stress management, assertiveness, test-taking and other topics are conducted each semester during the academic year.

## Testing Services

Testing Services provides institutional, state and national testing opportunities to students in an atmosphere which enables examinees to perform to the best of their abilities. Testing Services coordinates and administers: CLEP, Compass, ISAT, Regents, US & GA History Exemption Exam, US & GA Constitution Exam, as well as provides proctoring services for students enrolled in Independent Study and Georgia eCore.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) for Advanced Standing: Students with business, military, or professional experience are eligible to take standardized examinations in a number of areas to earn credit for certain specific courses, provided a minimum score is attained on the tests. Credit earned will be recorded on the student's permanent record. For specific information concerning subject areas in which tests are available, the cost and minimum score required for credit and dates tests will be given, contact Student Success Services.

## First-Year & Undeclared Advising Services

First-Year & Undeclared Advising Services provides first-year students, students who have not declared an academic program of study and Learning Support Program students with academic advising. Advisors meet with students to help them navigate General Education requirements and identify possible programs of study. First-Year Advising Services is part of the Kennesaw State University advising program whereby each department within the seven colleges provides advising services to students who have chosen their programs of study. Once the undeclared students select a specific program of study, they are referred to the respective colleges where faculty and staff in the academic departments advise the students until graduation.

## Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery

The Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery provides an environment of collaboration which fosters the development of a peer community for all students in recovery, alcohol and drug education and intervention services and national recognition in research and advancement in the field of young adult addiction and recovery. The Collegiate Recovery Community supports students in recovery from addiction by offering weekly recovery meetings, a peer community program, and a safe, nurturing environment of support.

## Student-Athlete Success Services

Professional staff assist KSU student-athletes by helping them succeed personally and academically. Student-athletes receive assistance with advising, study skills, tutoring, orientation and registration. Life skills are offered as well as opportunities to volunteer as mentors for the community. SASS is located in Building #65 at the corner of Big Shanty and Campus Loop Road and can be reached at 678-797-2402.

## Behavioral Response Programs

Behavioral Response Programs (BRP) takes a planned and proactive approach to identifying and assisting students who are distressed and/or exhibiting abnormal, threatening, or dangerous behavior. Through early identification, BRP aims to assist students, get them connected with the resources they need to be successful, and prevent emerging crises. The work of BRP is guided by the overarching goals of maximizing student success and community safety. Behavioral Response is available for consultation and/or training in best practices in dealing with distressed, disruptive, or dangerous individuals. Additionally, an extension of BRP is the Behavioral Response Team, a multidisciplinary team representing a variety of campus offices that meets weekly to assess and manage any concerns that have been brought to its attention.

## Student Success Services Resource Areas

Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) and Testing Services office provides a resource area available to all students without appointment. We are located in KH, rm. 2401. The reception area is primarily a waiting area for visitors scheduled to meet with the professional staff. In addition, it houses a number of supporting resources:

- Computers with software or Internet links for career self-assessments, including PinPoint, Georgia Career Information Center (GCIC), and links to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH).
- CLEP study guides and GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT information brochures.
- Career and personal counseling books, brochures, and pamphlets.
- Study skills handouts.
- Information about how to sign up and take online career exploration instruments (MBTI, SII) for a small fee.

Another Resource Area within Student Success Services is located in the First-Year and Undeclared Advising Services office. The center has computers with the career self-assessment tool PinPoint available to students.

## Career Services Center

The Career Services Center provides a variety of opportunities and experiences which empower the students and alumni of KSU to successfully pursue their career goals. The Center is located on the second floor of Kennesaw Hall, Room 2617. The phone number is 770-423-6555. Services provided include:

- Resume writing assistance
- Experiential learning opportunities (Cooperative Education and Internships)
- Videotaped practice interviewing
- Career search strategies
- Internet career search assistance: <https://careerctr.kennesaw.edu/>
- OwlLink (Internet system which enables the student to create a resume and upload it to the Career Service database for referral to employees) from the web
- OwlLink Jobs: (listing of hundreds of degree and non-degree openings available through the University's computer network)
- Current listings of government, educational, social service and communication opportunities
- Information on hundreds of companies
- On-Campus recruiting (hundreds of companies interview graduating students and alumni for available positions each year, including internships and co-ops)
- Career Fairs: Five career fairs are held each year. A general career expo and an accounting career fair are held in the fall. In the spring, a general career fair is held, as well as a teacher career fair.

## Cooperative Education and Internships

The Cooperative Education and Internship programs offer students work experience relevant to their majors. Most employers want students with practical experience and often prefer to hire those who have worked with them and others through internships or co-ops.

Cooperative education combines work experience with time spent in the university classroom. The positions are always paid employment. Students who co-op must do so for a minimum of

two (2) semesters with the exception of seniors who are no more than 12 semester hours from graduating. These students may be eligible for a one (1) semester co-op experience. Students receive academic credit for each semester worked and may accumulate a maximum of 12 semester hours of co-op credit. The amount of credit assigned to any co-op experience is determined by the KSU Career Services Center.

Co-op experience may be full-time or part-time. The full-time option usually equates to 35-40 hours of work per week. Additional courses may be taken in the evening if desired. The part-time option involves working an average of 20-25 hours per week, with additional courses taken during the same semester or summer term if full-time enrollment status is desired. At least a 2.5 adjusted GPA is required for all co-op students.

Internships are usually one semester in length, may be either full- or part-time, and may be paid or unpaid. A student will receive academic credit for each internship. This must be approved by the student's academic department. Students may participate in more than one internship experience, but the maximum number of hours of credit that can be earned in internship status is twelve (12) semester hours.

Co-op classes are taken on a pass/fail basis only; thus the grade of "S" or "U" will be assigned. The internship grade structure depends on the academic department involved. Students should check with the Career Services Center for more information about these programs. Co-op and internship course credit may be used as general elective credits in most majors.

## Student Conduct & Academic Integrity (SCAI)

The Kennesaw State University SCAI Department administers and supervises the procedures surrounding alleged infractions of the KSU Student Code of Conduct. The SCAI Department strives to assure fair and impartial considerations of misconduct charges against any KSU student through a system of campus hearing boards and other administrative procedures (hearing officers).

The SCAI structure includes hearing officers and hearing boards. Each hearing board is composed of both faculty / staff and student members of the SCAI panel. Members of the panel are trained to hear complaints, arrive at fair and impartial conclusions and deliver clear and direct recommendations. In addition, panel members are trained to assist in the preparation and presentation of misconduct cases before the university court hearing board.

Students are invited to apply to become a member of the SCAI hearing board. Requirements include:

- a minimum 2.8 overall GPA;
- a strong interest in protecting the reputation of the University by assuring that the rules of the Code of Conduct are upheld;
- successful personal interview(s);
- two personal references who will testify to the student's character and integrity;
- a commitment to uphold the SCAI Code of Ethics, attend training sessions, and volunteer to serve on hearing boards when available.

For more information, please visit the KSU SCAI Website at [www.kennesaw.edu/scai/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/scai/).

## Student Development

Student Development coordinates support services, programs, and activities to enrich the college experiences of specifically identified student populations, including multicultural students, international students, adult learners, GLBTIQ students, and students with disabilities. In addition, the department provides an avenue for individuals to engage in volunteer service in the community through Volunteer Kennesaw State University (VKSU). Through three satellite centers - the Cultural Awareness and Resource Center, the Lifelong Learning Center, and the Global Village - students are provided a place to gather; a broad array of information; access to computers and other equipment; and knowledgeable, friendly support staff to ensure that students have a positive and supportive “home” on campus. The Odyssey Program, a peer mentoring program, is also coordinated by Student Development. The Odyssey Program helps first-year and new transfer students make a smooth transition to college life at Kennesaw State by pairing them with a qualified peer mentor. More information about Student Development can be found at [www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev).

## Adult Learner Programs

Adult Learner Programs at KSU provides a variety of innovative events and services to meet the needs of the “nontraditional” student. The target student population are individuals who are 25 years of age or older or who have “nontraditional” life-styles such as family and employment. Offerings include workshops, seminars, and individual consultations for prospective students as well as programs that promote academic success. The staff of Adult Learner Programs act as liaisons and advocates in helping non-traditional students succeed in and outside the classroom. Numerous sources of university information and resources are available as well as opportunities for students to participate in programs such as the Childcare Subsidy Lottery and the Adult Learner Book Subsidy Lottery.

Visit [http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/alp](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/alp) for more information, including a schedule of events.

## Lifelong Learning Center

The Lifelong Learning Center (LLC) serves as a resource center for degree seeking non-traditional commuter students. Nontraditional students are defined as those over the traditional college age or living “non-traditional” college life-styles such as juggling the responsibilities of family, school, and employment. The LLC seeks to enhance the university experience by providing programs and services specifically designed for students returning to college or starting college later in life. Resources available to them in the LLC include information and referral services as well as literature racks with academic and campus information and services. The LLC also houses a study/networking area with a free local telephone, free local fax machine, and a kitchenette complete with microwave, refrigerator, toaster oven, and free coffee and tea. Academic support services include eighteen computers networked to Information Technology Services, laptop ports, and wireless access. In addition, hour-long, one-on-one math tutoring appointments (both in-person and/or online appointment options) are available to assist students with a variety of math courses taught at KSU. The Lifelong Learning Center hosts numerous adult learner workshops and events throughout the academic year. For more information, visit [http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/alp/about\\_llc.shtml](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/alp/about_llc.shtml).

## Multicultural Student Retention Services

A number of factors impact the retention of students of color at major institutions of higher education. Kennesaw State University is no exception. These factors include the quality of support services, faculty's expectations and attitudes, the campus climate of socialization, and the sense of belonging experienced by the students.

Multicultural Student Retention Services (MSRS) provides students of color with essential resources, services, and opportunities to aid in their retention, progression and completion of their academic careers at Kennesaw State University. MSRS facilitates academic success for students of color by offering the following resources:

- Minority Advising Program (MAP) which tracks, monitors, and facilitates academic success and retention strategies for minority students enrolled in each of Georgia's 34 public colleges and universities;
- The Cultural Awareness and Resource Center (CARC), located on the second floor of the Carmichael Student Center in Room 262, which offers an array of tutorial services, technical, and media resources that cater to the needs of African American, Latino/Hispanic American, Asian American, Native American, and Multicultural students;
- KSU Professionals Empowering Our Potential Leaders for Excellence (P.E.O.P.L.E), a program that matches students with faculty and staff members for mentoring and/or informal academic advising; Making the Grade, a series of workshops on a range of subject matters including career and relationship development to help students excel in various aspects of life at, and beyond, KSU;
- Sources of Scholarship (S.O.S.) Program, a service that informs students about scholarships and grants;
- The KSU Black History Celebration Committee, comprised of a group of KSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni who collaborate to provide events during the Spring Semester which inform and acknowledge achievements and history of African Americans and people of African descent.
- The KSU African American Male Initiative, developed in partnership with the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents, faculty, staff, and students, specifically fosters positive enrollment, retention, progression, and graduation trends of Black males at KSU through assessment, mentoring initiatives, and celebration of academic and leadership achievements.

MSRS also actively encourages student involvement in various campus student organizations. The African American Student Alliance (AASA) is the line-item student organization that is directly affiliated with this office and provides leadership and funding for the annual KSU Black History Celebration. Other student organizations targeting students of color on campus include the Mexican American Student Alliance, the KSU Chapter of the NAACP, Distinguished Black Gentlemen, Ladies of Distinction, KSU Gospel Choir, and KSU Black Alumni Society. A more comprehensive list of registered student organizations can be found at [http://www.kennesaw.edu/student\\_life/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/student_life/).

For more information about MSRS and the CARC, visit [http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/msrs](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/msrs).

## International Student Retention Services

The Office of International Student Retention Services (ISRS) serves as an advocate and resource for international students. The ISRS provides counseling and advising pertaining to cross cultural adjustment, and academic concerns. Once students become enrolled at KSU, it is

the goal of the ISRS to retain them until they graduate. The ISRS is also responsible for implementing the mandatory International Student Orientation. All newly admitted F1 graduate, undergraduate, and transfer students must attend this orientation. The office seeks to provide international students with pertinent information that will enhance their matriculation and success at Kennesaw State University. International students should note that they must maintain full-time academic status during the fall and spring semesters but may be part-time in the summer or choose not to attend.

The staff of International Student Retention Services develops and implements educational, social and cultural activities, programs and workshops for international students. Workshops and seminars are developed each semester to enhance the experience of the international student. The workshops and seminars provide information on immigration, job search strategies, graduate studies, and taxes. In addition to the above, the ISRS offers international students exposure to the Global Village, a gathering place for internationally-centered activities, resources, discussions, and exhibits.

The Assistant Director of the ISRS and the Administrative Specialist serve as advisors for the International Student Association (ISA). ISA brings together students of all nations for intercultural, social and athletic exchanges. The International Festival is one of the largest events on campus and includes the Mr. and Miss KSU International Beauty Pageant, International Fashion Show, International Bazaar, and the Courtney Parkins Memorial Soccer Tournament. For more information about the Office of International Student Retention Services (ISRS), visit [http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/isrs](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/isrs)

## Student Volunteer Service/Volunteer Kennesaw (VKSU)

Student Volunteer Service is an important outreach for Kennesaw State University. Not only does volunteer service provide an avenue for individuals to give something back to the community, but it is also a vehicle for campus organizations and non-profit/government agencies to partner with VKSU. VKSU is a campus-based volunteer service center matching student volunteer skills and talents with on-campus and off-campus community needs. Since 1984, in cooperation with more than 300 agencies, VKSU has served as a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities which include Habitat for Humanity, local animal shelters, MUST Ministries, and providing tutoring/mentoring services to at-risk children. In addition, VKSU sponsors various volunteer opportunities/activities that include American Red Cross blood drives, Cobb Christmas Stuff-A-Bus, March of Dimes Annual March for Babies, Non-Profit Roundtable, Marietta Senior Citizen luncheon, and the Volunteer Fair. VKSU also serves an educational role by providing practical opportunities for students to explore career options and experience volunteer services in their major fields of interests. Student volunteer service can provide valuable job experience as a prelude to career opportunities.

VKSU also provides services for the Federal Work Study Program. This program is a collaboration between Financial Aid and Student Development. Students who have been determined to be eligible may be employed on campus as student assistants or off campus for the America Reads Program offered in select Cobb County schools. Additional job opportunities are possible in select non-profit agencies.

Additional information regarding volunteer service projects can be obtained at [www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/vksu](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/vksu).

## Disabled Student Support Services

Kennesaw State University provides program accessibility and reasonable accommodations for persons defined as disabled under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. A number of services are available to help disabled students with their academic work. In order to make arrangements for special services, students must visit the Office of Disabled Student Support Services and arrange an individual assistance plan. Certification of disability is required. Special services are based on medical and/or psychological certification of disability, eligibility for services by outside agencies, and ability to complete tasks required in courses. Any individual with a disability who wishes to participate in an activity or program offered by the institution and needs accommodations should contact the office sponsoring the program at least five days prior to the date of the program so that arrangements can be made.

Accommodative services may include, but are not limited to, handicap-accessible parking spaces, special test rooms, classroom accessibility, modifications of printed materials, sign language interpreters, assistance with getting class notes, audio recording, library and laboratory assistance, adaptive computer equipment, and referral to community resources.

Eligible students deliver certification letters to faculty at the beginning of each semester identifying the accommodations approved. The Assistant Director for disabled Student Support Services will work with faculty members to ensure that they understand that they must provide students with special needs appropriate accommodations in a timely manner. A student should notify Disabled Student Support Services in writing within 2 days of any disagreement between the student and the faculty member if agreed upon academic adjustments are not provided in order to seek a resolution. A student who alleges discrimination on the basis of disability may file a grievance through the University's established grievance procedure (see University Catalog for grievance procedures).

Students taking courses on-line or at sites other than the main campus should contact the Disabled Student Support Services office by phone (770-423-6443) or email ([cpope@kennesaw.edu](mailto:cpope@kennesaw.edu)) to make arrangements to submit documentation, register with the department, arrange accommodations, etc. Accommodations and services at remote locations may require additional time to arrange, so please start early.

Workshops on relevant topics designed to meet the unique needs of disabled students are offered frequently during each semester. Individual assistance with study skills, assignment completion, and test preparation is available.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to become active members of the Disabled Student Support Services Advisory Committee and to have a part in promoting awareness of the important contributions made by students with disabilities to the life of the university and the community. The committee also works to increase the accessibility of the university and to represent the interests of students with disabilities to the university administration. Individuals with hearing impairment may contact the university's Assistant Director for Disabled Student Support Services by TTY at 770-423-6480. More information is available at [www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/dsss](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss).

## Department of Student Life

The Department of Student Life (<http://www.ksustudent.com>) provides an open, comfortable, engaging place that promotes student success and personal growth. The Department of Student

Life exists to create well-rounded extracurricular life for students at Kennesaw State University. The department provides support for most of the programs and services funded with the student activity fee and strives to promote student involvement by informing students of the opportunities available to them. By encouraging students to be involved in student activities, the goal is for them to learn how to plan and execute activities and how to work cooperatively and collaboratively with other groups and constituencies on campus.

General services provided by the Department of Student Life include oversight of the Student Center, operation and staffing of the Game Room, management of student activity budgets, reservations of campus space for registered student organizations (RSOs), campus Lost and Found, and support for over 200 RSOs. The Department of Student Life specifically oversees all RSOs, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL), the Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB), the Student Government Association (SGA), all spiritual and faith-based student organizations, and the student media outlets: Owl Radio, The Sentinel student newspaper, Talon Feature Magazine, and Share Literary and Art Magazine.

## Registered Student Organizations

Kennesaw State's RSOs are organized into several categories: academic, communications / media, fraternity / sorority, faith-based / spiritual, graduate, honorary, military, multicultural, global, performance / fine arts, political / social, pre-professional, and special interest. For a complete list, visit [www.ksuclubs.com](http://www.ksuclubs.com).

## The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Kennesaw State University is home to 20 national fraternities and sororities, each of which fall under one of three umbrella Greek Councils: Interfraternity Council (IFC): Delta Tau Delta, Delta Chi, Theta Chi, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi; Panhellenic Conference (PH): Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Mu, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Omicron Pi; National PanHellenic Council (NPHC): Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi; and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): Lambda Theta Phi, Lambda Theta Alpha, and Sigma Sigma Rho. The OFSL also oversees two national honor societies for fraternity and sorority students: Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Theta. For more information, please visit [www.ksugreeks.com](http://www.ksugreeks.com).

## The Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB)

KAB is a student organization that has responsibility for providing a wide variety of programming for the entire campus. Events include: Chautauqua Lecture Series, Homecoming, CineKab (free movie rental), Theme Weeks, KSU Day, Comedy / Musical Shows, and other events throughout the year. For more information, please visit [www.ksukab.com](http://www.ksukab.com).

## The Student Government Association (SGA)

SGA is the "Voice of the Students" at KSU to the administration and the Board of Regents. SGA makes decisions and recommendations on any issue that affects students at KSU. SGA representatives serve on campus-wide committees and represent all academic colleges and various KSU student constituencies. SGA meetings are open to all KSU students. While most SGA positions are elected, the SGA president appoints some positions. All students are welcome to attend SGA meetings, which occur Thursdays at 3:30pm during fall and spring semesters. There are at least two SGA meetings held during summer semester. For those who are interested in being a part of the SGA and need more information, please visit [www.ksusga.com](http://www.ksusga.com). SGA is advised by the Assistant Director for Student Involvement.

## Student Media

Four student media organizations provide opportunities for students to write, edit, photograph, and create designs, web pages and radio broadcasts for experience, academic credit or for pay. The Sentinel, KSU's weekly newspaper, covers campus news, sports and student opinion. Talon, KSU's feature magazine, captures student life through photos and stories. Share, the student literary and art magazine, provides a publishing outlet for the creative talents of KSU students. OWL Radio allows students to gain experience on and off the air with KSU's Internet streaming radio station. Experienced students are welcome as well as those who are willing to learn on the job. All students are welcome to explore KSU Student Media and get involved. The Associate Director of Student Life advises student Media. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.kennesaw.edu/ksumedia/>.

## Center for Student Leadership (CSL)

With relationships to both Student Success and University College; The Center for Student Leadership (CSL) merges both academics and real life experience, to offer leadership development to students and graduates of Kennesaw State University that identify, develop, and sustain leadership skills. The CSL focuses on providing students resources, training, and a variety of leadership programs that meet students at their point of interest to enhance their leadership abilities. The CSL functions under three dimensions of development: leadership programs, civic engagement, and scholarship and research. For more information, visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/csl>.

## Residence Life

On campus housing is coordinated through a collaborative effort between KSUF Housing Management LLC (a private subsidiary of the KSU Foundation) and the KSU Department of Residence Life. Leasing, contracts, and finances for certain communities (KSU Place, University Place Phase I, University Village, and University Village Suites) are managed directly by KSUF Housing Management LLC, while others (University Place Phase II) are managed by Residence Life. All maintenance and housekeeping services are handled by KSUF Housing Management LLC. All programming, residential student conduct, roommate relations, resident development and support, and the Resident Assistants are handled by the Department of Residence Life. For more information visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife>, email [reslife@kennesaw.edu](mailto:reslife@kennesaw.edu), or call the KSU Department of Residence Life. Information on KSUF Housing Management LLC is available at <http://www.ksuhousing.com>, [leasing@ksuhousing.com](mailto:leasing@ksuhousing.com), or 770-426-0668.

## Student Fees

Upon registering, students pay several Student Services Fees that enable them to participate in a variety of programs, activities and organizations. These fees include student activities, recreation and sport, wellness and health, intercollegiate athletics, and global learning. These fees support student organizations, student media, various student outreach centers (Lifelong Learning Center, for example), club sports and intramurals, recreation centers, health promotion and wellness, intercollegiate athletics, and educational study abroad, among a number of other things. Because of these fees students are typically able to participate at no additional cost.

## Auxiliary Services and Programs

### KSU Bookstore

The largest selection of used and new textbooks for all KSU classes, supplies, reference materials, and study aids as well as academically-priced software are available in the KSU Bookstore. The exact cost of required books and peripheral items will vary depending on courses. All books and supplies can be bought online. The Bookstore is owned and operated by KSU and all profits from operations go toward campus improvements.

Please visit <http://bookstore.kennesaw.edu/> for more information, including hours of operation, or to order online.

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Carmichael Student Center - 5  
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770-499-3436  
[idservices@kennesaw.edu](mailto:idservices@kennesaw.edu)  
[www.kennesaw.edu/idservices](http://www.kennesaw.edu/idservices)

The Card Services Center is an important resource center for KSU students, and works closely in conjunction with the Department of Parking & Transportation and other administrative departments to make sure you get everything you need to “make you official” and take advantage of all of the benefits of being a KSU student. First-time services to students and employees are often free (e.g. IDs and parking permits). Replacement services are usually subject to fees. Please be prepared to present a valid government-issued document that includes a photo (e.g. driver’s license or passport) for identity verification. Card Services is responsible for:

- Issuing KSU student ID cards: All enrolled students at Kennesaw State University are required to carry an official KSU Identification Card. The KSU ID card is honored across campus: for photo identification, in security applications, for access to events, activities and resources and for selected retail services. Card applicants must agree to an unobstructed facial photo. All students must present their KSU ID Card to University officials upon request.
- Issuing student parking permits: All vehicles on campus must display a valid KSU parking permit. Vehicles without a valid permit will be ticketed and/or booted. Most commuter parking areas are gated and require a hang tag to open the gates. New permits are issued annually to campus residential students. All other KSU parking permits are valid for the duration of your official status with KSU. It is the responsibility of all KSU employees and students to review and abide by the Parking Policies and Procedures available online at [www.kennesaw.edu/parking](http://www.kennesaw.edu/parking). Information is also available at [www.kennesaw.edu/idservices](http://www.kennesaw.edu/idservices).
- Managing the KSU carpool program: What is Kennesaw State Zimride? Zimride is a fun and easy way to share the seats in your car or catch a ride. With Zimride, you can find Kennesaw State friends, classmates, and coworkers going the same way you are. Kennesaw State Zimride requires a valid Kennesaw State email address. You can also sign in using your Facebook account if you are part of the Kennesaw State network. Go to <http://zimride.kennesaw.edu/> for more information.
- Managing the KSU Higher One debit card program: KSU has partnered with an Internet bank to distribute funds through the KSU Debit Card program. The KSU Debit Card program gives students the option to receive funds electronically either through direct deposit to a checking/debit account with our distribution bank or by ACH to a third-party bank. Students are not required to open an account with our partner bank but must use the card provided to set up their refund choice online.

- Copy /Print Services for Students: Copy /Print Services provides students with convenient and affordable copying and printing resources all across campus. There are currently 200+ Multi-Function Devices (MFDs) campus-wide that provide color and black and white copying and printing for students, many of which offer multiple paper size options (varies by location). Using an MFD requires a valid KSU ID card or guest card. However, coin operated copiers are also available in select locations across campus that do not require KSU ID or guest card. These machines provide black and white copies only. In the near future, we hope to be able to add scan and fax services in the KSU Print Shop for students. In an effort to provide the most convenient service possible, Copy /Print Services also offers students a wireless web-based printing option from anywhere on campus called PrintWise found at <https://printwise.kennesaw.edu/cps/>.
- Assisting students with finding the right campus resource(s).

Go to Card Services:

- If you lose your KSU student ID
- If you lose your Higher One debit card
- If you lose your parking permit
- If you want to sign-up for a student carpool
- Copy /Print questions or help

The Card Services Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Carmichael Center at the south end across from the Bursar's office.

## Culinary Services

KSU Culinary Services (<http://www.kennesaw.edu/dining>) is extremely proud to serve the campus community with fast, friendly service and value options to make eating on campus palate-pleasing, healthy and convenient.

The Commons, KSU's all-you-care-to-eat dining hall, is conveniently located next to the Burruss Building just north of the Campus Green. This 54,000 square foot facility provides guests with a variety of dining options for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Commons features nine unique venues to choose from, as well as the option for take-out. The Commons is the main dining hall for student meal plan holders, but is also open to KSU faculty and staff and guests of the university. Non-students may either purchase a one-time entry to The Commons or a full meal plan, which provides a volume discount. Please visit our website for complete details on meal plans, upgrade options, and one-time pricing for The Commons, as well as information about other retail dining options on campus.

For other available dining options located around campus, visit Einstein Bros. Bagels (on the ground floor of the Burruss Building), Chick-fil-A Express, PJ's Coffee Café, and Delancey Deli (in the Carmichael Student Center), Jazzman's Café (in the Social Sciences building), and our late-night location, The Hoot (in the University Village).

All dining venues, including The Commons, accept "K-Cash" flex dollars. To manage your account, check your meal plan balance, buy additional meal plans, or add money to your KSU ID, visit the online K-Cash Manager at <https://kcashmanager.kennesaw.edu>.

Culinary Services also offers full service catering through KSU Catering. Contact the Catering Manager at 678-797-2208 or at <https://ksucatering.catertrax.com>.

## Health Services

### Center for Health Promotion & Wellness

The Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, a department of the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, encourages students and employees to assume more responsibility for their health and well-being through awareness and education. The primary goal is to enhance and provide a balance in the intellectual, emotional, physical, social, environmental, and spiritual development of the whole person. We also strive to provide an environment that supports positive health practices. Programming focuses on helping students and employees reduce lifestyle risk factors. The Center also serves as a learning center for future exercise and health science students.

For a list of available programs, hours of operations and locations, visit [http://www.kennesaw.edu/col\\_hhs/wellness/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/col_hhs/wellness/), or call 7770-423-6394.

### Kennesaw State University Student Health Services

The KSU Student Health Services serves students of Kennesaw State University by encouraging health promotion, disease treatment and prevention. Certified nurse practitioners and physicians provide services including a full range of primary care services, adult immunizations, travel health, women's health, psychiatric services, laboratory testing, and acute and chronic illness care. Medical information is confidential and will not be released without the patient's written consent except as required by law or in event of an immediate life-threatening medical condition.

Health Clinic charges are billed to the student's Owl Express account. For locations and hours of operation, visit [http://www.kennesaw.edu/col\\_hhs/hc/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/col_hhs/hc/).

### Department of Sports & Recreation

Participating in sports and recreation programs can be one of the most fun and memorable experiences at Kennesaw State. The activity schedule offers something for everyone. The programs provide an opportunity to compete at various levels, improve leadership skills, socialize, develop positive fitness practices, cultivate a connection to the university, explore the outdoors, and just have fun. The Department of Sports & Recreation includes programs such as intramural sports, club sports, outdoor recreation, fitness classes, and personnel training. Program schedules and facility hours are available at the beginning of each semester. Additionally, a semester program guide listing events gives the student an opportunity to plan the activities you wish to participate in. The recreation facilities comprise the Student Recreation & Wellness Center (SRWC), sand volleyball court, tennis courts, on-campus intramural field, Owl's Nest, and the soon to be completed fields located at the KSU Sports and Recreation Park. The Student Recreation & Wellness Center has two floors dedicated to fitness equipment, a gymnasium, equipment checkout desk, bike shop, XP Power Performance room, group fitness studios, locker rooms, the Wellness Center and the Department of Sports & Recreation. The facilities schedule is available at the Control desk of the SRWC and the web page ([http://www.kennesaw.edu/student\\_life/intramurals/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/student_life/intramurals/)). Students may also call the facilities hotline at 770-420-4393 to hear a 24-hour recording of the Rec Center's operating hours.

In addition to the many activities, the Department of Sports & Recreation also employs a number of students for various jobs. Student staff positions range from fitness floor attendants to sport officials. There are many benefits to working, for example, registering early for classes, keeping a parking space between classes and earning extra money while on campus.

We offer competitive sports, informal recreation, fitness activities, outdoor recreation activities, and special events. All a student needs to begin participating is a valid KSU ID and a completed waiver/release form.

## Other Student Services

### Intercollegiate Athletics

KSU's intercollegiate sports program is a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I institution and a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference (A-Sun). The A-Sun's membership includes: East Tennessee, Florida Gulf Coast, Jacksonville, KSU, Lipscomb, Mercer, North Florida, Northern Kentucky, Stetson and USC Upstate. The Owls currently sponsor seven sports for men (baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, indoor track, outdoor track and tennis) and ten for women (basketball, cross-country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track and volleyball).

For more information, visit [www.ksuowls.com](http://www.ksuowls.com).

### Club Sports

Club Sports at Kennesaw State University are designed to provide opportunities for students of the university community to participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities. Club Sports are organized and conducted by students under the direction of the Campus Intramural and Recreation Services Department. A Club Sport must be active and approved through the Club Sports office. Each club is formed by individuals with a common interest in a sport or activity that exists to promote and develop interest in that particular activity. Clubs may be instructional, recreational, competitive, or some combination thereof. Characterized by being student-initiated and student-managed, the basic structure of clubs allow members numerous opportunities for leadership and decision-making. The actual success and strength of each club is dependent on effective leadership of the officers and the degree of involvement of its club members.

Kennesaw State University currently has the following clubs: Cricket, Cycling, Ice Hockey, Roller Hockey, Men's and Women's Lacrosse, Rugby, Men's Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Wakeboarding, and Wrestling. New Clubs are regularly added based on current student interest and desire to facilitate the process. All participants in the Club Sport teams must be KSU students and maintain a MINIMUM 2.0 GPA and be in good academic standing. Club Sports offer students the opportunity to meet new people, stay fit, be involved at KSU and build lifelong friendships. KSU Club Sports compete against other local and regional teams that might include the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Emory, Duke, Clemson, Alabama, Mercer, Auburn, Georgia Southern, University of Tennessee and many more. The club's participants must meet any financial obligations, including insurance and playing expenses.

Please visit [www.ksuclubsports.com](http://www.ksuclubsports.com) to get additional information or contacts for individual teams.

### Kennesaw State University Alumni Association (KSUAA)

Chartered in 1978, the Kennesaw State University Alumni Association, Inc. is a nonprofit, educational corporation. The association places particular emphasis on and concentrates the majority of its energies and resources toward providing programs and services for alumni, fostering institutional pride, developing and enhancing KSU's public image and meeting needs by raising and administering funds for educational purposes at Kennesaw State University.

The Association and Office are responsible for all outreach to KSU alumni, i.e. anyone who successfully matriculated through one semester at KSU or one of its predecessors (Kennesaw State College, Kennesaw College, or Kennesaw Junior College). In order to receive the full range of benefits and access to resources, alumni must financially support the Alumni Association on an annual basis. Consistent annual donors to the Association are designated as Active Alumni.

## **Student Activities & Budget Advisory Committee**

The Student Activities and Budget Advisory Committee (SABAC) serves as an advisory committee to the Vice President of Student Success on allocation of student activity funds, on approval of applications to form new organizations, and on changes to the constitutions or bylaws of existing student organizations.

Membership of SABAC includes representatives of the administration, staff, faculty and students. Student members are appointed annually by the president of the Student Government Association. SABAC is chaired by a student member elected by the committee. Students are invited to apply for appointment to this committee. For forms, schedule of meetings, and information about becoming a member, visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/studentssuccess/sabac.shtml>.



# *Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities*

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## **Preface**

Students of Kennesaw State University are entitled to an environment that is conducive to learning and individual growth. To this end, students enrolling at Kennesaw State University assume a responsibility to abide by the policies and regulations expressed in this section. By doing so, students may fulfill their responsibilities and enjoy the exercise of their own rights while also respecting the rights of others.

## **Interpersonal Relations and Non-Discrimination Position Statements and Policies**

Kennesaw State University, a member of the University System of Georgia, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, creed, veteran status or physical or mental disabilities in employment or provision of services.

## **Intellectual Diversity and Interpersonal Relations Position Statement**

Kennesaw State University is an educational community comprised of individuals from different ethnic, racial and religious groups and of different genders, political beliefs, ages, abilities and sexual orientations. In light of this diversity, Kennesaw State University is resolved to contribute to the development of an integrated, pluralistic society in which individuals model and support humaneness and respect for the individual.

Kennesaw State University is committed to a diversity of intellectual viewpoints. We trust in a genuine free marketplace of ideas where faculty and students are encouraged to express their considered opinions openly. We further believe that this intellectual exchange is healthy, democratic, and produces new insights. The exchange of ideas is also a splendid means of encouraging “critical thinking” as long as it is conducted within an atmosphere that respects the dignity of all concerned.

The University is also committed to providing quality education, which is enhanced by the perspectives provided by individuals and groups with varying backgrounds and views. Racism, sexism and other discriminatory attitudes and behaviors impede learning and working. Conversely, respect for differences enhances educational and work experiences. Kennesaw State University is dedicated to creating an environment that cherishes and nourishes this diversity.

## **KSU Diversity Vision Statement**

It is our vision to create a strong multicultural and diverse educational environment at KSU in order to increase student satisfaction and to promote an understanding and awareness of people from various backgrounds upon graduation. In this way, KSU students will be educated for, and can effectively compete in the global society.

## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Kennesaw State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

The following individuals have been designated by the president of the University to provide assistance and ensure compliance with the ADA. Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact either the ADA compliance officer for students at (770) 423-6443; the ADA compliance officer for facilities at (770) 423-6224; or the director of human resources, ADA compliance officer for staff and faculty at (770) 423-6030.

## **Kennesaw State University Policy on Accessibility in Facilities, Programs and Employment**

Kennesaw State University is committed to providing accessibility in facilities, programs, and employment to all individuals, regardless of disability. Kennesaw State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.

As a recipient of federal funds, KSU has maintained compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in providing accessibility to programs and services for students with disabilities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Public Law 101-336, guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

## **Accessibility and Employment**

Qualified individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply for employment opportunities with the University. Individuals with disabilities who require reasonable accommodation to participate in any portion of the application, interview and/or testing process must advise the University's Department of Human Resources in advance. Upon request, applicants must provide documentation confirming a disability and the need for an accommodation. Advance requests for reasonable accommodation(s) should be directed to the director of human resources. The office telephone number is (770) 423-6030 V/TDD. The FAX number is (770) 423-6570. The Web address for employment opportunities is <http://www.kennesaw.edu/hr>

## Accessibility of Facilities, Programs, and Services

Kennesaw State University provides program accessibility and reasonable accommodations for persons defined as disabled under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended.

Students who require accommodation in facilities, services, programs or activities should contact the Assistant Director for Disabled Student Services to arrange an individual assistance plan. Accommodations may include classroom accessibility, modified computer equipment, disability-accessible parking, assistance with note-taking, sign language interpreting or captioning services, class materials in alternate format, library and laboratory assistance, and other accommodations. Determination of appropriate accommodations to be provided will be based upon documentation of the disability.

Members of the public who require specific accommodations in facilities, services, programs or activities should contact the office sponsoring the service, program or activity at least five days in advance to arrange individual accommodations.

Eligible students deliver certification letters to faculty at the beginning of each semester identifying the accommodations approved for that student. Faculty members are also instructed that they must provide students with special needs appropriate accommodations in a timely manner. The Assistant Director for disABled Student Support Services will work with faculty members to ensure that students receive appropriate accommodations. A student should notify Disabled Student Support Services in writing within two (2) days of any disagreement between the student and the faculty member if agreed upon academic adjustments are not provided in order to seek a resolution. A student who alleges discrimination on the basis of disability may file a grievance through the University's established grievance procedures.

The following have been designated by the President of the University to provide assistance and ensure compliance with the ADA. Should a student require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact either the ADA Compliance Officer for Students at 770-423-6443; the ADA Compliance Officer for Facilities at 770-423-6224; or the Director of Human Resources, ADA Compliance Officer for staff and faculty at 770-423-6030. For more information, go to [kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/dsss](http://kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss).

## Policy on Service Animals on Campus

The Americans with Disabilities Act defines a service animal as "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition." ([ada.gov/regs2010/titleII\\_2010/titleII\\_2010\\_fr.pdf](http://ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_fr.pdf))

The disabling condition must be severe enough to substantially limit one or more major life activities, such as the ability to see or hear, speak, breathe, learn, work, think or take care of oneself. An animal that meets this definition is considered a service animal and is allowed to accompany the person with a disability to class meetings, services, activities, programs, field trips, or residences and to be allowed anywhere on campus unless specifically prohibited by this policy or federal/state law.

In addition, Georgia law (OCGA 30.4.2) provides that any Partner who is accompanied by a dog in training to be a service dog or a dog being raised to be trained as a service dog is required to be given the same degree of access to which a disabled Handler assisted by a service dog is entitled under applicable federal law.

Federal and state law specifically excludes animals whose primary purpose is emotional support, therapy, or comfort from the definition of service animal. For the complete service animal policy and service animal registration forms, go to [kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/dsss/service dogs.html](http://kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/service dogs.html).

## Visits By Children

The university cannot accommodate children of the faculty, staff, and students on-campus during normal operating hours; i.e., 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m, Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday. Children are welcome to attend scheduled events and to make brief visits when accompanied by a parent or other adult.

## Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Policy

Kennesaw State University shall provide academic programs, support services, and social / recreational programs to all eligible individuals, regardless of their disability. In the event that an employee or student is (or becomes) HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) positive, that individual shall retain his/her right to these programs, services and activities. All actions taken by Kennesaw State University will comply with the laws pertaining to public health practices and the rights of individuals to privacy and confidentiality. Instances that arise will be handled individually to provide maximum support to any member of the faculty, the administration, the staff or the student body who is HIV positive.

## Sexual Harassment

Kennesaw State University follows the established policy on sexual harassment of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. That policy (BOR 8.2.16) is as follows:

Federal law provides that it shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any employer, because of the sex of any person, to discharge without cause, to refuse to hire, or otherwise discriminate against any person with respect to any matter directly or indirectly related to employment or academic standing. Harassment of an employee on the basis of sex violates this federal law. Sexual harassment of employees or students in the University System is prohibited and shall subject the offender to dismissal or other sanctions after compliance with procedural due process requirements. Unwelcome sexual advancements, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic standing; or,
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment or academic decisions affecting an individual; or,

3. Such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment.
4. Sexual harassment can occur in situations where one person has power over another, but it can also occur between equals. Both men and women can be sexually harassed, though women are most often victimized. A relationship between a faculty member and a student should be considered one of professional and client in which sexual relationships are inappropriate.

## President's Statement on Sexual Harassment

"The mission of Kennesaw State University is to provide a learning environment in which all members of the University community are free to pursue their professional and personal goals. Sexual harassment is not only illegal, but an intolerable interference with the attainment of our mutual goals. Unwelcome sexual advances and conduct seriously damage the learning and work climate, and it is the University's intention to protect our environment from such abuses. Resolution of complaints of sexually harassing behavior should be attained as informally as possible, but in the absence of that cooperation, we will enforce our policies to the fullest, up to and including dismissal."

Procedures for handling complaints of sexual harassment can be found in the section of this catalog entitled "GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS."

## KSU Freedom of Assembly and Expression

Kennesaw State University recognizes and upholds First Amendment Rights of Freedom of Speech and Assembly. Demonstrations and assemblies can be valid expressions for dissenting opinions provided they do not disrupt academic and administrative functions of the institution. The opinions expressed by organizations, groups or individuals using Kennesaw State University's facilities do not necessarily reflect the position of Kennesaw State University. Kennesaw State University affirms its commitment to the freedom of speech, assembly and expression even though the language or ideas of those seeking a venue for free expression may contradict university ideals and policies or the personal views of university employees and students. The institution expects members of the faculty, staff, and student body to refrain from, and discourage, behaviors that threaten the rights, freedoms and respect every individual deserves. Administrative procedures and guidelines pertaining to Freedom of Assembly and Expression are detailed in the KSU Student Handbook & Planner.

## Rights Pertaining to Student Records

### Notification of Rights under FERPA for Postsecondary Institutions

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access. A student should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask the University to amend a record should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested, the University will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to provide written consent before the University discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. The University discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using University employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the University. Upon request, the University also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-5901

See the list below of the disclosures that postsecondary institutions may make without consent. FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, §99.32 of FERPA regulations requires the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A postsecondary institution may disclose PII from the education records without obtaining prior written consent of the student:

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the [School] whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the university's State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of

Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- Information the school has designated as “directory information” under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))
- To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, subject to the requirements of §99.39. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. (§99.31(a)(13))
- To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of §99.39, if the school determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense and the student has committed a violation of the school’s rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him or her. (§99.31(a)(14))
- To parents of a student regarding the student’s violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the school, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the school determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. (§99.31(a)(15))

## Types of Educational Records and Officials Responsible for Their Maintenance

The following are lists of student records and the officials responsible for their maintenance. Access to these records will be made available to students upon individual written requests. Such requests must be addressed to the official responsible for the maintenance of the record.

### Director of Admissions

Application for Admission  
 Application Processing Fee  
 High School, College, and University Transcripts  
 University Entrance Exam SAT or ACT Scores  
 General Equivalency Development (GED) Examination Scores  
 GRE and GMAT Examination Test Scores  
 International Admission Documents, TOEFL

### Director of Student Financial Aid

Loan Processing Request  
 Financial Aid Application  
 Award Notification

**Chair of University Studies**

University Placement Examination Scores (Placement and Exit)  
International Regents' Test

**Registrar**

University Level Examination Program Scores  
Grades and Academic Standing Status  
Petition for a Degree  
Regents' Test Results and Tracking  
Georgia and U.S. History and Constitution Test Results  
Registration Information—Enrollment Data  
Veterans' Records  
Rules and Regulations

**Director of Student Success Services (formerly CAPS)**

Individual Standardized Tests  
Georgia and U.S. History & Constitution Test Results  
CLEP Tests  
ISAT Tests  
COMPASS Exam

**Vice President for Student Success**

Letters of Recommendation

**Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity**

Discipline Files

**Health Clinic**

Health Insurance Brochures

**Student Code of Conduct**

Updates available at [kennesaw.edu/scai/code\\_of\\_conduct.shtml](http://kennesaw.edu/scai/code_of_conduct.shtml).

**I. Preamble**

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment which encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. Students of Kennesaw State University are guaranteed all of the due process rights and privileges associated with their matriculation in a higher education institution in the university system of Georgia. In addition, they are entitled to an environment that is conducive to learning and individual growth. To this end, students enrolling at Kennesaw State University assume a responsibility to abide by the University's student conduct regulations, just as they assume an individual's responsibility to abide by federal, state and local laws. Violation of statutory laws, or of the University student conduct regulations, or specific departmental rules may lead to disciplinary action(s) by Kennesaw State University.

Students who are accused of a Code of Conduct violation will have an opportunity to be heard before a decision is made about their responsibility for a violation. Nevertheless, when a student fails to appear for a hearing/disciplinary meeting after notice of the hearing has been sent to that student's KSU email address, the hearing officer or panel may make a decision without that student's input or explanation. The hearing officer or panel will base its decision on all other information and evidence presented, and may find the student responsible if a preponderance of the evidence indicates responsibility for the violation(s). Students who are found responsible for a violation of the KSU student conduct regulations may be subject to sanctions up to and including dismissal from the institution.

University disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student charged with a violation of a law which is also a violation of this Student Code of Conduct without regard to the pendency of civil litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution. Proceedings under this Student Code of Conduct may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off-campus.

By adhering to these policies and regulations students can fulfill their responsibilities and enjoy the exercise of their own rights while also respecting the rights of others.

## II. Academic Honesty

The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of high standards of academic integrity is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it. Any student found to have violated any KSU academic honesty regulation after a hearing before a university hearing panel or before a hearing officer shall be suspended for at least one semester, unless the student persuades the deciding body or hearing officer that the circumstances of his or her behavior substantially mitigate the gravity of the violation. These regulations are designed to assist students in (1) developing appropriate attitudes about, and (2) understanding and following the university's standards relating to academic honesty. The regulations protect students by helping them avoid committing infractions that may compromise the completion of their KSU degrees or damage their reputations.

### A. Plagiarism and Cheating

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

### B. Unauthorized Access to Official University Materials

No student shall take or attempt to take, steal or in any unauthorized manner otherwise procure, gain access to, alter or destroy any material pertaining to the conduct of a class (including tests, examinations, grade change forms, grade rolls, roll books, laboratory equipment, University grade records in written or computerized form, etc.).

### **C. Misrepresentation, Falsification of University Records or Academic Work**

No student shall knowingly provide false information in completing University forms or applications (including admissions forms, scholarship applications, time sheets, use of false or counterfeit transcripts, etc.) or in any work submitted for credit.

### **D. Malicious Removal, Retention, or Destruction of Library Materials**

No student shall misplace, take, destroy or attempt to misplace, take or destroy any item or part of an item belonging to or in the protection of the University library with the intention of bringing about an undue disadvantage in the classroom work of other Kennesaw State University students.

### **E. Malicious/Intentional Misuse of Computer Facilities and/or Services**

The malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and services is prohibited. Violation of state and federal laws (including copyright violations, unauthorized access to systems, alteration/damage/destruction, or attempted alteration/damage/destruction, use for profit, etc.) or a department's rules for computer usage (including account violations, damage, or destruction of the system and/or its performance, unauthorized copying of electronic information, use of threatening or obscene language, etc.) is prohibited.

### **F. Student Identification Cards**

1. Lending, selling, or otherwise transferring a student identification card of any type is prohibited, as is the use of an identification card by anyone other than its original owner.
2. No student shall obtain under false pretenses any additional student identification cards.
3. A student must present proper credentials to properly identified University faculty and staff upon their request while these persons are in the performance of their duties.

### **G. Revisions of Academic Honesty Regulations**

Any student, faculty member or administrator can propose any revision of, additions to and deletions from these Academic Honesty Conduct Regulations. Recommendations shall be submitted to the Vice President for Student Success. The Vice President, in consultation with appropriate parties, shall ensure discussion on the proposed change. When all parties have had an opportunity to comment on the proposal, the Vice President shall forward all recommendations to the University Council. The Council, in turn, shall send its recommendations with comments to the Kennesaw State University President and cabinet.

## **III. Disruption of Campus Life**

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment that encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. In order to promote these goals, students should be familiar with and abide by the rules against disruption of campus life.

### **A. Disorderly Assembly**

No students shall assemble on the campus for the purpose of creating a riot, or destructive or disorderly diversion, or obstructing or disrupting the normal operation of the university, including any teaching, administrative, disciplinary or public service activity, or any other activity authorized to take place on the campus.

## **B. Disruptive and Dangerous Conduct**

No student shall act in a manner that can reasonably be expected to disturb the academic pursuits of others or infringe upon the privacy, rights, or privileges of others, or the health or safety of him/herself or other persons.

## **C. Disruptive Speech**

That speech is prohibited which: a) presents an immediate or imminent clear and present danger or b) is disruptive to the academic functioning of the institution.

## **D. Physical Attack**

Physical attack on or in University property or at functions sponsored by the University or any registered University organization is prohibited.

## **E. Harassment/Bullying/Intimidation**

No student shall harass, bully, or intimidate another person in any manner or by any method, including, but not limited to, harassment, bullying, or intimidation done by electronic device, sometimes called "cyberbullying." Harassment, bullying, or intimidation is the placing of another person in reasonable fear of his or her personal safety through words or actions directed at that person, or a course of conduct that a reasonable person would consider so severe and pervasive as to interfere with the working, learning, or living environment of another.

## **F. Sexual Harassment**

No student shall subject another person to unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct, either verbal or physical.

## **G. Sexual Misconduct**

Sexual misconduct is prohibited. Sexual misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Non-consensual sexual contact including, but not limited to, intentional and/or forcible touching or groping. Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated.
2. Non-consensual sexual intercourse including, but not limited to, anal, oral, or vaginal penetration, however slight. Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated.
3. Sexually related offenses including, but not limited to, obscene behavior, stalking, and/or exposure.

## **H. Theft of or Damage to Property**

No student shall take, sell or attempt to take or sell, damage or destroy any items belonging to others without proper authorization. Nor shall any student make or attempt to make unauthorized use of the property of any other person or organization. Sale of a textbook or other item that is not one's own will be regarded as prima facie evidence of theft. Items should be turned in to a lost and found area.

## **I. Possession of Weapons or Fireworks**

Students are prohibited from possessing fireworks, firearms or other weapons on University property or at University sponsored events, except with the specific permission of the Department of Campus Safety and Security, or except as allowed in limited circumstances by Georgia law.

**J. Unauthorized Entry or Use of University Facilities**

No student shall make or attempt to make unauthorized entry or use of any University building or facility including electronic data processing systems or personal electronic accounts/files. Upon appropriate notice by University officials, authorization for the use of University facilities can be withdrawn or otherwise restricted. The malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and services is prohibited. Violations of state and federal laws (including copyright violations, unauthorized access or systems, alteration/damage/destruction, or attempted alteration/damage/destruction, use for profit, etc.) or a department's rules for computer usage (including account violations, damage or destruction of the system and/or its performance, unauthorized copying of electronic information, use of threatening or obscene language, etc.) are prohibited.

**K. Fire Safety and False Alarms**

1. No student shall tamper with fire safety equipment.
2. No student shall set or cause to be set any unauthorized fire in or on University property.
3. No student shall make, or cause to be made, a false fire alarm or a false notification of the presence of a bomb.
4. All occupants of a building must leave the building when the fire alarm sounds or when directed to leave by properly identified University faculty or staff while these persons are in the performance of their duties.

**L. Littering and Sanitation**

1. No student shall dispose of trash and refuse of any kind except in proper trash receptacles.
2. Food and drink are prohibited in designated areas of the University.
3. No student shall in any way dispose of tobacco products except in receptacles properly designated for them in or on University property.

**M. Kennesaw State University is a Smoke-Free Environment**

Smoking is prohibited on the KSU campus except in areas specifically designated for smoking.

**N. Gambling is Strictly Prohibited**

Raffles may be held by student organizations and will be treated as any other fund-raising activity and will be subject to fund-raising guidelines.

**O. Advertising, Selling, and Fundraising**

No student or group of students acting in a representational capacity for Kennesaw State University shall carry out any form of sales (including bartering) or fundraising events, or advertise sales or fundraising events, without the authorization of the University President or a designated representative of the University President.

**P. Campus Elections**

No student shall carry out fraudulent and/or disruptive activity in connection with any election, referendum or poll conducted on the University campus.

**Q. Shared Responsibility**

Persons who knowingly act in concert to violate University regulations may be given joint responsibility for such violation. Students are responsible for their conduct on or in University property or at functions sponsored by the University or any registered University organization.

**R. Failure to Comply**

Failure to comply with directions of a University official or law enforcement officer acting in performance of his or her duties and/or failure to identify oneself to such a person when requested to do so is a violation of this Student Code of Conduct.

**S. Failure to Complete Sanctions**

Failure to complete all sanctions imposed under this Student Code of Conduct by the stated deadline(s) is a violation and may result in additional conduct charges and/or a hold on registration until the sanctions are completed.

**T. Hazing**

Hazing in any form is prohibited. Hazing is defined as follows: Any action taken, or situation intentionally created, on or off the premises of the University, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule or suffering as a means to gain entry into an organization. These activities include, but are not necessarily restricted to, paddling in any form; creating excessive fatigue; physical or psychological shocks; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and/or any other activities not consistent with the regulations of Kennesaw State University. The express or implied willingness of the victim(s) is not a defense.

**U. Residential Code of Conduct****1. Alcohol**

Students who are of legal drinking age (21) may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in designated communities, but only as a private activity in private living areas (i.e., room and/or apartment). Students are legally responsible for their actions in all mental and physical conditions including those induced by alcoholic beverages. Kennesaw State University also prohibits:

- a. The use or possession of alcohol by anyone under the legal drinking age of 21;
- b. Providing alcohol to a person under age 21 is prohibited;
- c. The transport and/or consumption of alcohol in open containers in any public area including any property that surrounds an apartment and is considered housing property;
- d. The manufacture or selling of alcohol;
- e. Failure to abide by the institution's policy on student organization use of alcohol;
- f. Public intoxication;
- g. Common containers of alcohol (kegs, party balls, trash cans, funnels, beer hats, etc.) are not permitted. Beverages must be used in individual containers;
- h. Any game or activity (especially those competitive in nature) contributing to the overindulgence of alcohol is prohibited regardless of the age of the participants;

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- i. Guests and/or visitors consuming or possessing alcohol in the room/apt/surrounding area of a host (resident) under the age of 21;
- j. Alcohol not being clearly consumed by those 21-years of age or older in a room shared by students over and under 21 years of age;
- k. The use or possession of alcohol by any resident or guest, regardless of age, in a substance-free community;
- l. Being present where an alcohol violation is occurring, regardless of whether the resident/guest is using or possessing alcohol;
- m. Alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited in substance free communities and residential units of underage residents. For health and safety reasons, empty alcohol containers are not permitted to be used for decorative purposes within the residential facilities.

### 2. Drugs

Kennesaw State University prohibits:

- a. Selling, possessing or using any substance currently classified as a dangerous drug by the Georgia Controlled Substance Act or classified as illegal by state or federal law;
- b. Possession of drugs that may be used to incapacitate other Individuals;
- c. Possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to any form of bong or smoking device, such as a hookah, even if not used or used for tobacco products;
- d. Being present where a drug-related violation is occurring, regardless of whether the resident/guest is using or possessing drugs.
- e. Smoking, ingesting, or otherwise using a substance not already prohibited under section III U 2 a (above) in a manner not consistent with the manufacturer's recommended use. This includes, but is not limited to, all forms of synthetic marijuana, regardless of brand name.

### 3. Weapons

Kennesaw State University and Housing regulations prohibit the use or possession of any weapon that can cause bodily harm either to the bearer or another individual. In unclear cases of definition, the context in which a particular object was used will determine whether it is a weapon. Items that can be easily confused as weapons, including but not limited to pellet, BB, paintball, or air guns, are prohibited.

### 4. Pets/Animals

The University does not permit students to have pets/animals in or around the residential communities. This includes pets belonging to outside guests; pets/animals may not "visit" at any time. The only exceptions are:

- a. Fish in a properly maintained aquarium not to exceed 10 gallons; and
- b. Service animals determined to be necessary for persons with disabilities.

## 5. Smoking

Smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited inside all residential facilities. A resident may smoke on a private balcony (only available at University Place) if agreed upon by all residents of the apartment. Smoking is prohibited on all common area balconies and stairwells. Students may only smoke outside in designated smoking areas around the residential communities.

## 6. Cooperation

Residents and guests are expected to cooperate with all reasonable requests made by members of the community, both on-campus and in the surrounding neighborhood. Likewise, residents must comply with all reasonable requests of any person acting in an official capacity as a representative of the university, including, but not limited to, Residence Life staff (including RAs), campus police, faculty, and property management staff. Cooperation includes, but is not limited to, participating in required residential activities (i.e., mandatory meetings, judicial hearings, learning communities, rules, payment of rent/fees, etc.). Cooperation also includes compliance with all rules and regulations established by KSU Residence Life and/or KSU Housing not included within this code of conduct but distributed through other printed and electronic means (housing contract, newsletters, etc.).

## 7. General Safety and Well-Being

Residents are expected to take responsibility for the overall general safety and well-being of themselves individually and the residential community as a collective. Engaging in any behavior that impedes the general safety and/or well-being of self and/or others is prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to; causing physical or psychological harm to oneself and/or others; creating an unsafe environment by leaving doors unsecured, particularly common use doors; failing to notify the appropriate authorities when knowledge exists of a situation that may impede the general safety and/or well-being of individuals and/or the community. General safety also includes maintaining your living environment and your own person in accordance with reasonable health, cleanliness, and safety expectations.

## 8. Fire Safety

Tampering with, vandalizing or misusing fire safety equipment is prohibited and constitutes reasons for eviction from the apartments and possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Fire safety equipment includes, but is not limited to, alarms, extinguishers, smoke detectors, door closures, alarmed doors, and sprinklers. Failure to evacuate during a safety drill will result in disciplinary action. Items that are flammable such as fuel, etc., may not be stored in a resident's room or apartment. Items that require an open flame to operate or which produce heat (i.e., Bunsen burners, lit candles, alcohol burners, grills) are not allowed in resident's rooms. Residents must further agree to abide by the safety regulations as stipulated in the Housing Safety Regulations (located in this handbook).

## 9. Noise

All students are expected to respect the rights of others by refraining from making loud noises or causing other disturbances that interfere with study or sleep.

a. All residents are expected to respect 24-hour courtesy hours. If a student makes a reasonable request of another student to be less noisy, that student should comply. No noise should be heard outside of a student room;

b. Quiet Hours will apply to noise regulation in the public areas of the residential communities. Quiet Hour adjustments may be voted on by the Community Councils. Until this occurs, residence-wide quiet hours will be in effect. Quiet Hours are 10pm until 10am Sunday through Thursday and 12am to 10am Friday and Saturday;

c. During exam periods, quiet hours will be extended to 24 hours. This regulation also applies to areas surrounding the residential communities, and public areas; and

d. In the event that a group makes a disturbance (e.g., game playing, watching TV, or yelling loudly), staff may request violators to leave immediately.

### **10. Guests and Visitation**

Residents may allow guests (those of the same or opposite sex) to visit their room/apartments with agreement from the other residents in their room/apartment. Guests are defined as any person not assigned to live in that specific space (even if the person is a resident of another on-campus space). Community Councils and roommates may develop rules that are supplementary to but not in conflict with the established guidelines. In order to facilitate safety and privacy, the following are prohibited:

a. Use of the bedroom or bathroom of another resident without his or her prior consent;

b. Guests (including other KSU students) staying in a resident's room more than three nights within any seven-night period, staying in a resident's room on a frequent basis, or cohabitating in any room/apartment;

c. Proceeding or allowing guests to proceed through the residential facilities unescorted;

d. Students are expected to accompany their guests at all times and accept responsibility for their behavior. At no time should any resident provide entrance to their room to someone who is not their guest, or provide access to a guest who is unaccompanied by the resident (e.g., lending/copying a key or access card).

e. While hosts are held responsible for the actions of their guests, legal action will also be taken against a guest for violating campus policies, including but not limited to, criminal trespass, or prosecution. Guest must park in designated visitor spaces only, and hosts may lose parking privileges if guests park illegally.

f. Minors who are not enrolled KSU students must be escorted by a parent/guardian in addition to the host resident at all times. These minors may not visit overnight without advance permission from the Director of Residence Life or designee.

g. General occupancy, as recommended by management and the fire marshal, is two persons per bedroom (i.e., a four person apartment equals a total occupancy of eight people at any given time). Residents are expected to comply with occupancy guidelines. Visitation privileges may be revoked for individuals or groups who violate the visitation policies.

### **11. Collective Liability/Damage and Vandalism**

Residents are responsible for the condition of their rooms and any shared spaces. While the University and KSU Housing will strive to attribute damage and vandalism charges to the individuals responsible, when it cannot do so, all members of an apartment or building may be charged equally for any damages. Affected residents should provide information to housing staff to assign these charges to the individual(s) responsible. Damage, vandalism, theft, inappropriate use of facilities, and/or use of facilities/furnishings in a manner other than that for which they were intended, are prohibited. There are no appeals of a Collective Liability charge.

## 12. Enforcement and Grievances

Any complaints or grievances should be directed to the respective residence hall staff member. Residents have the right to file charges directly against another student through the appropriate Residence Life staff member. If the staff member cannot rectify the situation, then the matter shall be referred through the appropriate channels, and ultimately submitted for action or consultations to the SCAI Department. SCAI shall handle all matters arising from this code as any non-academic violation. Grievances against Residence Life staff members shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Residence Life.

## 13. Modifications and Revisions

Any modifications or revisions to these codes of conduct shall be submitted to the Kennesaw State University Residence Hall Association (RHA). After discussion, the RHA shall forward its recommendations to the Director of Residence Life. Upon his/her approval, the Director of Residence Life shall forward the approved recommendations to the Director of SCAI, and Vice President for Student Success or designee.

## 14. Warnings and Documented Incidents

As circumstances warrant, authorized Residence Life and/or SCAI staff may issue warnings to students for behaviors of concern, and violations of housing rules and regulations, even if such behaviors do not constitute a violation of this code. These warnings and/or documented incidents will be recorded within the student's judiciary file.

## 15. Solicitation, Posting, and Use of Residential Space

For the residents' protection against fraudulent sales and annoyance, solicitation is prohibited on university property. Periodically special programs are offered where residents can learn about products and services. Residents are prohibited from engaging in business activities on campus and in housing. All activities, research, and postings within the residential areas must be approved in advance by the Director of Residence Life or designee, even if the activities/postings are sponsored by recognized university departments or organizations.

NOTE: Residents are expected to abide by local, state, and federal law and the KSU Code of Conduct, available at [kennesaw.edu/scai](http://kennesaw.edu/scai). Students are afforded appropriate due process, including notification of violations and judicial meetings. Notice forms distributed at the time of violation (typically by RAs) serve as official notice of judicial action and require a response, typically contacting an AC or RD by the next business day. ACs and RDs adjudicate most violations and their actions are final. More serious and repeat violations are typically adjudicated by Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI). Email is the official mode of communication for KSU; therefore, all students are expected to check their KSU student email account regularly. While sanctions vary depending on circumstances and severity of specific violations, KSU reserves the right to impose a "two strike" approach and recommend removal from housing upon a second repetitive violation, except drug violations that result in immediate removal.

## IV. Financial Responsibility-Use of Student Activities Funds

To use student activities funds, student organizations must follow guidelines set by the institution. Visit [ksustudent.com](http://ksustudent.com) for information.

## V. Use and or Possession of Drugs, Including Alcohol

A. The sale, use and/or possession of a drug (controlled substance) which is not prescribed for the student is prohibited. In addition, smoking, ingesting, or otherwise using a substance not already prohibited by the preceding sentence in a manner not consistent with the manufacturer's recommended use is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, all forms of synthetic marijuana, regardless of brand name.

B. Kennesaw State University expressly prohibits the use, possession, manufacture, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages on campus by any campus constituency. Student activity funds or institutional funds may not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Kennesaw State University is committed to recognizing, upholding and enforcing the laws of the State of Georgia. Violation of those state laws shall not be condoned on the campus or at any activity held off campus by any constituency. Exceptions to the policy of no alcohol on campus may from time to time be permitted at the discretion of the president, and there are other limited exceptions to this policy within the residence halls by those over the age of 21. See section 1 of the residential code of conduct at [web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct#U1](http://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct#U1).

C. All student organizations must submit an "Acknowledgment of Alcohol Policy" form to the Student Life Department each fall semester and each time there is a change in either the president or advisor of the organization. By their signatures, the president and advisor are assuring Kennesaw State University that they and the individuals responsible for the group's social events understand the Kennesaw State University Alcohol Policy and state laws regarding the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

D. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed only for functions at which alcohol is not the focal point, reason for, or the "drawing card" for the event. Organizations choosing to advertise the service of alcoholic beverages at functions will not make reference to the quantity of or overindulgence in alcoholic beverages. Reference will also be made to serving of food and alternative beverages, and the checking of driver's licenses.

E. Any activity (especially those competitive in nature) contributing to the overindulgence of alcohol is, by these guidelines, prohibited.

F. Any violation of this policy at any organization activity shall be reported to the Student Life Department by the designated monitor(s), generally the faculty or staff advisor, verbally within 24 hours of returning to campus and followed by a written report within three working days. The Student Life Department will send the report to the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) Department for possible disciplinary action. The Kennesaw State University Police shall report any violation of this policy, whether at an activity or on an individual basis, to the Dean of Student Success, who shall then be responsible for referring the matter to SCAI for possible disciplinary action according to established University non-academic disciplinary procedures. Possible sanctions shall be the same as those for other violations of nonacademic University rules and regulations as provided for in the University Student Code of Conduct.

## VI. Jurisdiction of the University Code of Conduct

Generally, KSU's jurisdiction and discipline shall be limited to conduct which occurs on University premises, University housing, and contiguous areas such as streets and sidewalks. Nevertheless, the University reserves the right to extend its jurisdiction and discipline to KSU students whose off-campus conduct violates the University's Student Code of Conduct and adversely affects the KSU community or the pursuit of its objectives.

In addition, the following regulations apply to off-campus activities including outings or field trips for classes of Kennesaw State University, off-campus University athletic events, study

abroad programs, co-ops, internships, or any officially sanctioned off-campus activity such as those under the auspices of a Kennesaw State University class, an officially recognized University organization, or a Kennesaw State University group or organization that is seeking official University recognition.

A. Students involved in off-campus activities shall not act in a disorderly or disruptive fashion, nor shall they conduct any dangerous activity.

B. Students involved in off-campus activities shall not take, damage or destroy or attempt to take, damage or destroy property of another.

C. Use and possession of drugs, including alcohol: Use and/or possession of drugs (controlled substances) is prohibited. Alcohol regulations appear in Section V of this code.

## VII. ORGANIZATIONS

A student organization is subject to the authority of the University hearing panel or hearing officer in the following situations:

- An alleged offense was committed by one or more members of an organization, and was sanctioned by the officers.
- An alleged offense was committed by one or more members of an organization and organization funds were used to finance the venture.
- An alleged offense was committed by one or more members of an organization and was supported by a majority of the organization's membership.
- An organization has chosen to protect one or more individual offenders who were members or guests of the organization.
- The hearing panel or hearing officer, after hearing the case, deems that the offense, by its nature, was an organization offense and not the action(s) of the individual members.
- An alleged offense occurred as a result of an organization sponsored function.

### A. Disorderly or Disruptive Assembly

Assembly for the purpose of or resulting in the disruption of normal University or community activity, or which obstructs the normal activities of University faculty or staff, is prohibited.

### B. Use of Alcohol or Other Drugs

Use and/or possession of drugs (controlled substances) is prohibited. Alcohol regulations appear in Section V of this code.

### C. Hazing

Hazing in any form is prohibited. Hazing is defined as follows: Any action taken, or situation intentionally created, on or off the premises of the university, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule or suffering as a means to gain entry into an organization. These activities include, but are not necessarily restricted to, paddling in any form; creating excessive fatigue; physical or psychological shocks; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and/or any other activities not consistent with the regulations of Kennesaw State University. The express or implied willingness of the victim(s) is not a defense.

**D. Theft and Disregard for Property**

1. Unauthorized taking of, attempted taking of, damage to or attempted damage to, or possession of items belonging to an individual, the University, the community, or another university or student organization is prohibited.
2. Unauthorized use or attempted use of service (e.g., telephone, computer services, etc.) belonging to the University, the community, another student organization, or an individual is prohibited.

**E. Unauthorized Entry**

Unauthorized entry, attempted entry, or use of University or community facilities is prohibited.

**F. Fire Safety**

Use of fireworks or creation of a fire without the specific permission of the KSU Police is prohibited.

**G. Academic Honesty**

Maintaining files of examinations, tests, reports, or term papers is prohibited.

**H. Official Recognition**

All student groups and organizations shall follow the appropriate procedures, as set forward by the Office of the Vice President for Student Success (or designee), to become officially recognized Kennesaw State University student organizations.

**I. Gambling**

Gambling is Strictly Prohibited, but raffles may be held by student organizations. Raffles will be treated as any other fund-raising activity and will be subject to fund-raising guidelines.

**J. Sales, Fundraising and Advertising**

Unauthorized selling of any kind (including bartering), unauthorized fundraising, and unauthorized advertising of fundraising or any other type of event is prohibited. Organizations shall follow the guidelines set down by the Office of the Vice President for Student Success (or designee) for all such activities.

**K. Proper Planning**

Organizations shall be able to demonstrate that they have taken due measures to properly plan for any activities or events held on or off the University campus.

1. All such events and activities must be registered with and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Student Success (or designee) for approval at least two weeks prior to holding the event.
2. Reasonable measures shall be taken to ensure appropriate parking, security, safety and sanitary procedures for any activity or event.
3. Organizations shall adhere to specified time limits for any activity or event.
4. Holding events or activities not sanctioned or approved by the Office of the Vice President for Student Success (or designee) is prohibited.
5. Final Exam Week of each semester is closed to public performances, dances, concerts and similar extracurricular activities and assemblies.

## L. Shared Responsibility

Student organizations are responsible at all times for organizational violations of the University Student Code of Conduct regulations by their members or their guests. Organization members who knowingly act in concert to violate the regulations may be held jointly responsible with their organization for such violations. Organizations that knowingly condone, encourage, or require behavior that violates University regulations may be held jointly responsible for such violations.

## VIII. Contempt and False Statements under Oath

A. All students shall fully comply with the instructions of the hearing panels and hearing officers of the Kennesaw State University SCAI Department.

B. No student shall make a false statement while under oath in a University disciplinary hearing.

C. No student shall disrupt the proceedings of the Kennesaw State University SCAI Department hearing, behave in a manner which is intended to lessen the authority or dignity of the Kennesaw State SCAI Department, or otherwise obstruct justice on the campus.

D. All students are expected to serve as witnesses when summoned by the Kennesaw State University SCAI Department unless excused by the Vice President of Student Success.

## IX. Revisions of the KSU Code of Conduct excluding those sections pertaining to Academic Honesty and the Residential Code of Conduct

Any student, faculty member, or administrator can propose any revisions, additions, or deletions from the Student Code of Conduct regulations. Recommendations shall be submitted to the acting student government association president. The SGA president shall ensure discussion on the proposed change in the student government association. When the SGA has decided on an official recommendation to comment on the proposal, the SGA president shall forward all recommendations with comments to the Vice President for Student Success no later than 90 days from the date of the initial proposal. In the event that 90 days should expire without a recommendation being given to the Vice President for Student Success, the proposal shall be passed directly to the Vice President's office for consideration and deliberation. The SGA president, upon delivering the recommendation to the Vice President's office, shall also forward copies to the director of student conduct and academic integrity and the chair of the university council for information purposes only. The Vice President shall either accept or reject the student government's recommendations. If the recommendation is accepted, the Vice President shall distribute the recommendation with comments to the University President and Cabinet.

## X. Disciplinary Measures

### A. For students

1. Expulsion: permanent severance of one's relationship with the University.
2. Probated expulsion: further convictions of major offenses, as specified by the University hearing panel or hearing officer, shall result in expulsion.
3. Suspension: temporary severance of one's relationship with the University.
4. Probated suspension: notice to the student that further convictions of major offenses, as specified by the University hearing panel or hearing officer, shall result in suspension.
5. Disciplinary probation: notice to the student that any further major disciplinary violation may result in suspension; this action might also include one or more of the following: the setting of restrictions on social activities, the issuing of a reprimand, and restitution.

6. Restrictions: exclusion from enjoying or participating in social activities or from holding office in University organizations.
7. Reprimand: Oral reprimand: an oral disapproval issued to the student. Written reprimand: a written disapproval issued to the student.
8. Restitution: reimbursement for damage or misappropriation of property; this may take the form of appropriate service or other compensation.
9. Community service: assignment to work a specific number of hours at a community service agency.
10. Other educational or developmental remedies: imposed by the University hearing panel or any hearing officer.
11. Retraction of University degree or course credit previously awarded: The University may retract a degree or course credit previously awarded if the University Hearing panel or hearing officer recommends this sanction and both the Provost/VPAA and Registrar accept the recommendation.

### **B. For Student Organizations**

1. Includes disciplinary sanctions 7, 8, 9 and 10 listed above.
2. Restriction of social or other activities sponsored by the organization.
3. Suspension of the organization's registration with the Department of Student Life.
4. Probated suspension of the organization's registration with the Department of Student Life.
5. Revocation of the organization's registration with the Department of Student Life.
6. Probated revocation of the organization's registration with the Department of Student Life.

### **C. Academic Dishonesty**

Any accused student found to have violated KSU regulations concerning academic honesty by an SCAI hearing before a University hearing panel or before a hearing officer, shall be suspended for at least one semester unless he or she has convinced the hearing body or hearing officer that there exist substantial mitigating circumstances to his or her offense. The appropriate grade to be assigned in the case of academic dishonesty is the responsibility of the faculty.

### **D. Interim Suspension**

Interim suspension measures may be employed against a student by the Vice President for Student Success, or his or her designated representative, when he or she shall determine, based on clear and convincing evidence, that the student has engaged, or threatens to engage, in behavior which:

- a. is seriously disruptive or significantly impedes the normal activities or academic endeavors of others, or
- b. poses an immediate significant threat of physical danger to others, or
- c. poses an immediate significant threat of danger to him/herself, and such threat is of such a serious nature that it must be handled more expeditiously than the University student conduct procedures allow.

For interim suspension purposes, the designated representative of the Vice President for Student Success may be the Dean of Student Success, the Director of Student Success Services, or the Director of Residence Life.

Interim suspension may include any or all of the following:

- a. restriction from participation in any academic course, program, or activity;

- b. restriction from participation in any student activity on or off campus;
- c. restriction from use of any or all University facilities;
- d. restriction from entering the campus or any designated portion thereof.

In such instances, the process outlined for interim suspension in the university SCAI Department procedures shall be followed.

## Handling Student Code of Conduct Violations at KSU

Kennesaw State University's Student Code of Conduct, SCAI Policies and Procedures, suspension policies, and campus police are organized in ways to preserve and protect the health, safety and academic integrity of the campus community, as noted in the following policies and procedures. In general, the University SCAI Program handles all charges against students which involve alleged violations of the Kennesaw State University Student Code of Conduct, including allegations of academic misconduct and disruptive behavior. In addition, the KSU police may become involved with incidents of disruptive behavior.

Faculty, staff and/or students who are witnesses to or victims of incidents of alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct should immediately contact the University SCAI Office and submit the proper documentation. The university SCAI officer will conduct a preliminary investigation and advise as to the appropriate course of action in each situation. Incidents of misconduct may be subjected to mediation or negotiation, if appropriate, prior to the formal hearing process.

A person bringing charges against a student for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct is expected to fully cooperate with the SCAI policies and procedures, which includes participation in investigations related to the charges and in the hearing process. If a university panel hearing date is set, both the accuser and the accused student will have the option of obtaining an advisor from the SCAI panel to assist in the preparation and presentation of their case. A detailed description of the hearing process is found at the SCAI procedures website [web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures](http://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures).

### Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is defined in Section II of the Kennesaw State University Student Code of Conduct. Procedures for addressing and reporting incidents of academic misconduct can be found on the SCAI webpage at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/scai>. The University's policies include procedures for both handling informal resolutions of academic misconduct, and filing formal charges with the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) Department that will result in a hearing.

In either situation, whether the matter is handled informally or forwarded to the SCAI for handling, the faculty member should document the incident on an Academic Misconduct Incident Report form, and forward this information to the university SCAI Department. Incident reports which are submitted to the SCAI will be kept confidential in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Under the informal procedure, a faculty member who has evidence that a student has committed academic misconduct may elect to resolve the issue within the confines of the class, if the student readily admits to the misconduct, without coercion or intimidation. The faculty

member must first meet with the student to explain and discuss the allegations of misconduct. If the student admits the misconduct, and declines an SCAI hearing, the faculty member may assign an appropriate sanction. Informal sanctions may include additional academic work for the class, grade reduction, a grade of "F" on the assignment or in the course, etc.

However, if the student denies the misconduct, or the student and faculty member cannot reach an informal agreement regarding an appropriate penalty, the misconduct should be reported to the SCAI for a hearing. Academic misconduct, as determined by an SCAI hearing, carries a mandatory minimum suspension of one semester, unless substantial mitigating circumstances are proven.

## Disruptive Behavior

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment which encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. In order to promote these goals, students should be familiar with and abide by the rules against disruption of campus life.

Students who are found in violation of the Code of Conduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the University. In addition, those violations, which may constitute misdemeanor or felony violations of state or federal law, may also be subject to criminal action beyond the University disciplinary process. For guidance on what constitutes disruptive behavior see the KSU Student Code of Conduct in this handbook or the SCAI website at [web.kennesaw.edu/scai](http://web.kennesaw.edu/scai).

A faculty member is responsible for maintaining discipline in the classroom setting to the extent that all students in that class have an opportunity to participate in the learning process. Free exchange of ideas through appropriate dialogue is a necessary and important part of the learning process. Outside the classroom other areas of the campus provide support services which are also important to the total learning process. Sometimes a faculty or staff member may be confronted with a situation where the conduct of a particular student(s) is inappropriate in that it impedes the natural and necessary learning process. The faculty or staff member must then determine whether the situation is disruptive but not imminently dangerous, or both disruptive and imminently dangerous to the health and safety of others.

If the situation is not imminently dangerous, the faculty or staff member may control the immediate situation by requiring the student(s) to meet specific criteria (not speaking during the remainder of the class period, leaving the classroom or office area immediately, etc.), or the faculty member may choose to dismiss the class for the remainder of the period to avoid a confrontation. Such action should be immediately reported to the department chair and to the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, using the Student Misconduct Incident Report Form.

If the faculty or staff member feels that there is a significant imminent danger to the health and safety of the student(s), others, or him/herself, the faculty or staff member should immediately contact the University's Public Safety office for assistance. The responding officer at the time of notification shall remove the student from the area immediately and refer the incident to the vice president for student success, or his/her designated representative, for possible handling under the "interim suspension" policy.

Interim suspension measures may be taken against a student when the vice president for student success or his/her designated representative shall determine, based on clear and convincing evidence, that the student has engaged, or threatens to engage, in behavior which (1) is seriously disruptive or significantly impedes the normal activities or academic endeavors of others, (2) poses an immediate, significant threat of physical danger to others, or (3) poses

an immediate, significant threat of danger to him/herself, and is of such a serious nature that it must be handled more expeditiously than the university SCAI procedures allow.

Interim suspension may include any or all of the following: (1) restriction from participation in any academic course, program, or activity; (2) restriction from participation in any student activity on or off campus; (3) restriction from use of any or all university facilities, including the library, labs, or offices; (4) restriction from entering the campus or any designated portion thereof.

If a determination is made to suspend a student under the interim suspension policy, the person rendering the decision shall notify the student, the public safety department, the registrar, and the student's teachers that the student has been temporarily suspended from the institution pending the outcome of a hearing. The case will then be forwarded to the University SCAI for a hearing, to be held as soon as practical. In such situations, the student may waive the normal notification requirement in order to have a more speedy hearing and decision.

## Supplemental Program Specific Recourse

Some degree programs, such as those in education or nursing, have program-level admission and retention standards and review procedures in place beyond the generally applicable institutional admission and retention policies. If disruptive student behavior occurs in the context of fulfilling program requirements in such areas, the faculty or staff member may also have the recourse of filing a complaint with the designated program-level official and proceeding through the due process procedures established for handling such complaints. Individuals should consult the dean of the college and/or published standards as to the applicability of such program-specific recourse to the incident or incidents in question.

## Resources

1. Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, 770-499-3403
2. Vice President for Student Success, 770-423-6310
3. Chief of University Police, 770-423-6206
4. The KSU Student Code of Conduct
5. The Student Conduct and Academic Integrity homepage (which includes all rules, policies and procedures related to the SCAI) at [kennesaw.edu/scai](http://kennesaw.edu/scai)

## Crime Prevention

### CRIME PREVENTION & PERSONAL SAFETY PROGRAMS

KSU police sponsors many educational programs on sexual assault awareness and prevention; personal safety and security; date rape; campus safety; and self-defense. Scheduled classes are advertised on the KSU police website [kennesaw.edu/police](http://kennesaw.edu/police).

KSU Police regularly speak to classes and student groups. Topics discussed can be tailored to the event or class including: crime prevention, campus safety, sexual assault/stalking, active shooter response options, and alcohol/drug prevention. To schedule an officer to speak to your class or group, e-mail the request to [safesound@kennesaw.edu](mailto:safesound@kennesaw.edu).

KSU Police offer self-defense classes free to students, faculty, and staff: R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) and S.A.F.E. (Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange). The classes consist of a lecture portion on personal safety followed by hands-on tactical self-defense training. Classes are advertised on the KSU Police website and through KSU student e-mail and on the KSU Police Facebook page at [facebook.com/KSU.Police1](https://facebook.com/KSU.Police1).

Kennesaw State University realizes that your safety is of major concern. The Annual Security Report, the Safe and Sound brochure contains information on campus crime statistics and campus safety policies. Updated brochures are available each October, per the Clery Act, a federal law, at [kennesaw.edu/police](http://kennesaw.edu/police).

## REPORTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY & EMERGENCIES

If you are involved in or witness a crime or emergency, you should report the incident immediately either by telephone at 770-423-6666, or by use of one of the emergency phones located in the parking lots, parking decks, buildings, along several streets on campus, and in the residential areas. Non-emergency reporting of criminal or suspicious activity may be reported confidentially by calling the Tipster Line at 770-423-6305.

KSU police officers are state certified and have the same power and authority as any police officer in Georgia to arrest and to enforce all state laws. For non-emergency questions, comments or concerns, e-mail [safesound@kennesaw.edu](mailto:safesound@kennesaw.edu).

## REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENTS

Students have the right to have any and all sexual assaults against them treated with seriousness, the right as victims to be treated with dignity, and the right to full and prompt cooperation and assistance from campus personnel in reporting and handling such incidents. A student who is the victim of a sexual assault is encouraged to report the incident to the KSU Police as soon as possible.

Students who report sexual assaults will receive full and prompt cooperation and assistance in reporting the incident, maintaining evidence, seeking assistance, locating legal assistance, and changing class/living arrangements to prevent unnecessary or unwanted contact or proximity with the alleged assailant.

## SECURITY & ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

No one is allowed access to any campus facility without proper authorization by the appropriate University officials. All requests by faculty, staff and the community must be submitted to KSU Events at [kennesaw.edu/events](http://kennesaw.edu/events). Student requests must be submitted to the Department of Student Life. Violators of this policy may be subject to disciplinary measures under the Student Code of Conduct or to criminal trespass charges. KSU police officers regularly patrol all facilities to maintain security and regularly inspect all doors and locks to ensure that they are properly maintained.

## MONITORING & RECORDING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AT OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

KSU has no off-campus organizations or housing at this time. When student organizations hold social events off campus, the local law enforcement agency will be responsible for crime prevention and protection and will report any problems to the KSU Police.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

When a possible sexual assault has occurred, the victim is encouraged to report it immediately to the KSU Department of Public Safety 770-423-6666. The victim of a sexual assault should take care to preserve any evidence that may be necessary to prove that the assault occurred. Victims are advised to consult law enforcement authorities before showering/bathing, or changing or laundering any clothing that was worn during the assault. However, the fact that the victim of

a sexual assault has already bathed, showered, or otherwise compromised potential evidence should in no way dissuade the victim from reporting the assault as such actions may not prevent criminal prosecution or student conduct proceedings from going forward. The Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) should be contacted at 770-499-3403. Students who report sexual assaults to the KSU Department of Public Safety shall be afforded assistance in seeking counseling and follow-up medical care, making reasonable changes to their on campus housing arrangements or academic situations and reporting to the appropriate criminal authorities after an assault has occurred.

KSU recognizes and upholds the rights of victims of sexual assault, including:

A. The right to have any and all sexual assaults against them treated with seriousness; the right, as victims to be treated with dignity; and the right for campus organizations that assist victims to be accorded recognition.

B. The right to have sexual assaults investigated and adjudicated by the duly constituted criminal and civil authorities of the governmental entity in which the crimes occurred; and the right to the full and prompt cooperation and assistance of campus personnel in notifying the proper authorities. The foregoing shall be in addition to any campus disciplinary (SCAI) proceedings.

C. The right to be free from any kind of pressure from campus personnel that victims (1) not report crimes committed against them to civil and criminal authorities or to campus law enforcement and disciplinary officials; or (2) report crimes as lesser offenses than the victims perceive them to be.

D. The right to be free from any kind of suggestion that campus sexual assault victims not report, or underreport, crimes because (1) the victims are somehow responsible for the commission of crimes against them; (2) victims were contributorily negligent or assumed the risk of being assaulted; or (3) by reporting crimes they would incur unwanted personal publicity.

E. The same right to advisement and assistance, or ability to have others present, in any campus disciplinary proceeding that the institution permits the accused and the right to be notified of the outcome of such proceeding. In addition, upon request, KSU will disclose to the victim of a crime of violence, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 16: US Code, or a non-forcible sex offense (statutory rape or incest) a report on the results of any student conduct disciplinary proceeding taken against the student who was the alleged perpetrator.

F. The right to full and prompt cooperation from campus personnel in obtaining, securing and maintaining evidence (including a medical examination) as may be necessary to the proof of criminal sexual assault in subsequent legal proceedings.

G. The right to be made aware of and assisted in exercising any options as provided by state and federal laws or regulations with regard to mandatory testing of sexual assault suspects for communicable diseases and with regard to notification to victims of the results of such testing.

H. The right to counseling from any mental health services previously established by the institution, or by other victim-service entities, or by victims themselves.

I. After campus sexual assaults have been reported, the victims of such crimes shall have the right to require that campus personnel take the necessary steps or actions reasonably feasible to prevent any unnecessary or unwanted contact or proximity with alleged assailants, including transfer of classes or reasonable changes in on-campus housing arrangements if requested by the victims. Any such request should be communicated to and coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Student Success 770-423-6310 that will work with other departments on campus to effect reasonable and feasible requests.

“The mission of Kennesaw State University is to provide a learning environment in which all members of the university community are free to pursue their professional and personal goals. Sexual harassment is not only illegal, but an intolerable interference with the attainment of our mutual goals. Unwelcome sexual advances and conduct seriously damage the learning and work climate, and it is the university’s intention to protect our environment from such abuses. Resolution of complaints of sexually harassing behavior should be attained as informally as possible, but in absence of that cooperation, we will enforce our policies to the fullest, up to and including dismissal.”

~ President Daniel S. Papp

## Reaffirmation of Equal Employment Opportunity & Affirmative Action Policies

Kennesaw State University continues its policy of implementing affirmative equal opportunity to all students, employees, and applicants for employment or admission without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, creed, veteran status or physical or mental disabilities. The University shall take affirmative action to ensure fulfillment of the policy including, but not limited to, the following actions: recruitment, enrollment and educational practice; hiring, placement, upgrading, or promotion; treatment during employment; recruitment, advertising or solicitation for employment; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training; layoff or termination; fringe benefits.

The policy of Kennesaw State University is consistent with the requirements and objectives of Executive Order 11246, as amended, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Americans With Disabilities Act 1990, and their implementing regulations. It is the University’s objective to obtain, without discrimination, individuals qualified and/or trainable for positions by virtue of job related standards of education, training experiences or personal qualification.

Kennesaw State will provide reasonable accommodation for all employees, students, and applicants for employment with physical and mental limitations. The rights of employees, students and applicants to file a complaint or assist in an affirmative action/equal opportunity investigation or assist in an investigation is recognized and supported by Kennesaw State University. Kennesaw State University policy on equal employment opportunity and affirmative action will be reviewed and revised periodically for the purpose of updating it and measuring the University’s progress against stated objectives. The following persons are responsible for ensuring the compliance and continued affirmative implementation of this policy:

- Provost & Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Kennesaw Hall (1), fourth floor, 770-423-6023
- EEO and Title IX Office; English Building (27), Suite 201, 678-797-2904
- Human Resources Office; ADA Officer (for employees), 504 Coordinator (for employees); 227 Campus Services (35), 770-423-6030
- Sturgis Library (17), Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM (except for official holidays)

## Grievance Procedures for Students

Grievance Procedures for Admissions, Privacy Rights and Other Non-Academic Matters  
Within the framework of students’ relationships to Kennesaw State University, several av-

enues exist for the expression of grievance. Provision for hearing appeals by applicants denied admission to the university is outlined in Article VI, Section C, paragraph 2a, of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. Appeal procedures for grievances related to students' privacy rights are contained in the university catalog (see section on confidentiality of student records). Charges against students and student organizations for violations of the KSU Student Code of Conduct will be handled through the University SCAI Program. Grievances related to loss of athletic scholarship and other forms of financial aid are heard by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. If a student believes that his/her final grade in a course is unfair because of discrimination or retaliation by a faculty member, the complaint shall be addressed as specified under Academic Policies-Grade Appeal Procedures (see KSU catalog).

## **COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES RELATED TO DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, RETALIATORY HARASSMENT AND/OR TITLE IX**

Anyone who wishes to file a formal complaint of discrimination, sexual harassment, hostile environment, retaliatory harassment and/or Title IX violations against an employee of the university should contact the University's Equal Employment Office (EEO). It is not the purpose of these guidelines to resolve criminal complaints. Any complaint reported to persons in authority at the University, which clearly involve a violation of criminal laws shall immediately be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authority. Once a non-criminal complaint is received the following process shall be followed:

There are two courses of action by which one may seek a resolution to a complaint. The University does not want to participate in an individual's decision to proceed or not to proceed with any of these options and will make no recommendation for such purposes. Individuals are in control of their complaints. One may choose an informal or formal option to resolve the complaint.

Nothing in this process prohibits the parties from settling this matter at any stage with the assistance of mediation through the Office of the University Ombuds, if appropriate. Any attempt to settle the matter through mediation does not affect time deadlines for this process. Any faculty or staff complaints of sexual harassment against a KSU student or student complaints of sexual harassment against other students should be addressed to the University Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Office.

### **INFORMAL COMPLAINT**

Early efforts to control a potential harassing situation are very important. Sometimes an individual can stop harassment by telling the person directly that he or she is uncomfortable with the person's behavior and would like it to stop. Writing a letter can also be effective. Contact the University Ombuds office for assistance.

### **FORMAL COMPLAINT**

The complainant will present the complaint as promptly as possible after the alleged violation has occurred. One consequence of the failure to present a complaint promptly is that it may preclude recourse to legal procedures should the complainant decide to pursue them later. The initial discussion between the complainant and the EEO Officer shall be confidential, with no written record.

After the initial meeting with the EEO Officer, if the complainant decides to proceed, the written statement of the incident must be submitted to the EEO office.

The EEO officer (or his/her designee) must notify, in writing, the person(s) whose actions or behavior is/are at issue of the allegation of sexual harassment within one week of receiving the complaint from the aggrieved faculty or staff member. The immediate supervisor of the person against whom the complaint is made shall be notified at the same time.

If the EEO officer (or his/her designee), after investigation, finds that the complainant does/does not have reasonable grounds for complaint he/she shall so notify the complainant, the person(s) about whom the complaint is made, and that person(s)' immediate supervisor. This investigation and notification will take place within sixty days of the receipt of the complaint by the EEO office. The University President and Chief Legal Officer will be notified of the findings.

The decisions, opinions and recommendations of the EEO Officer are advisory and in no way bind the University to the recommended actions.

### **THE APPEAL PROCESS**

Either party at interest has the right to appeal the decision to the President within ten days of receiving the report. Appeals must be in writing by a letter directed to the President. The appealing party shall state the grounds for the appeal and the support for those grounds in the letter to the President. The appealing party will not be able to furnish new evidence, which should have been presented during the investigation.

The President at his/her discretion may convene a review panel. The chair of the university council and the EEO Officer will be contacted by the President's Office to then be responsible for establishing an ad hoc committee of five (faculty/administrators/staff members) to review the appeal and make recommendations.

### **THE HEARING**

Once notified, the EEO officer (or his/her designee) will arrange that the ad hoc committee shall meet and the University Council Chairperson will chair the committee. The chair will conduct the meeting. The chair may participate in all deliberations, but will not vote. The University President will break any tie.

The review committee may draw up its own rules of procedure, and the committee is not bound by any formal rules of legal proceedings and may hear any information that may be of value in determining the issues involved, but minimum due process shall include the right of both parties to be notified in writing at least ten business days in advance of the date, time, and place of the hearing; the right of the person against whom the complaint has been made to be informed in writing of the specific nature of the complaint against him/her and of the evidence and/or witnesses on which it is based; and the right of both parties to present evidence and witnesses on their behalf and to question witnesses. The EEO officer (or his/her designee) shall act to make certain these due process rights are met. The supervisor of the person about whom the complaint is made will be notified that a hearing has been scheduled. The EEO officer (or his/her designee) will attend the review meeting and may present any report created or evidence or information obtained during the EEO office's investigation, if requested to do so by either party or by the committee. The EEO officer (or his/her designee) shall retain all records associated with the complaint, his/her investigation, the review, the committee's written report, and the President's written decision for such length of time as required by Georgia law.

All decisions and recommendations will be based on a majority vote, and be rendered according to the principle of the preponderance of evidence. Only the five members of the review committee should be present during deliberation except that the EEO officer (or his/her designee) may be present to answer policy questions.

The review committee will be expected to produce a written report summarizing the information presented, indicating and explaining its decision, and making recommendations, if desirable, to any party or parties. Copies of the written report will be submitted to each party in the case (complainant and person about whom complaint is made), immediate supervisor of person about whom complaint is made, the EEO Officer (or his/her designee), the Chief Legal Officer for the University, and the University President within five business days from the completion of the hearing. The chair of the hearing committee shall act to make certain the written report is delivered to the proper persons.

The opinions and recommendations of the review committee are advisory and in no way bind the President to the recommended actions. After consideration of the review committee's written report, the President shall provide a disposition of the complaint in a letter to the parties at interest and the EEO Officer within twenty days of receipt of the hearing committee report. The decision of the President is final and no other recourse for remedy is available.

## **Environmental Health and Safety**

### **KSU Position Statement on Environmental Awareness**

Kennesaw State University endeavors to encourage in each student, faculty, staff member, and the community, a respect for the worth of the environment and a desire and capacity to recycle, to conserve energy and to take other measures to help conserve limited resources. This institution focuses on developing an environmental ethic that promotes excellence, responsibility and stewardship in environmental affairs and is committed to educating the community about environmental issues.

### **KSU Mission Statement on Occupational Health and Safety**

It is the goal of Kennesaw State University to protect employees and property of KSU and to provide safe work places. To this end, the Department of Environmental Health & Safety of Kennesaw State University will ensure compliance with local, state, and applicable federal codes, provide technical assistance, conduct routine facility audits and empower the employees of KSU through training in hazard recognition and accident prevention.

### **KSU is a Restricted Smoking Campus**

Smoking is prohibited on KSU campus except in areas specifically designated for smoking. (<https://policy.kennesaw.edu/content/ksu-smoking-policy>) Also see section III M of the KSU Student Code of Conduct (<https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct#3>).

### **Alcohol and Other Drug Policy**

Kennesaw State University expressly prohibits the use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on campus by any campus constituency. Alcoholic beverages may be served at off-campus activities to adults of legal drinking age for the state in which the activity is being held, providing that a responsible club or organization representative acknowledges responsibility for monitoring alcohol consumption. Student Activity funds or institutional funds may not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Kennesaw State University is committed to recognizing, upholding, and enforcing the laws of the state of Georgia. Violation of those state laws, incorporated into the Kennesaw State University Alcohol Policy shall not be condoned on the campus or at any activity held off campus by any constituency. Exceptions to the policy of

no alcohol on campus may from time to time be permitted at the discretion of the president, and there are other limited exceptions to this policy within the residence halls by those aged twenty-one or older who do not reside in substance-free communities. (See the KSU Residential Code of Conduct, subsection U, at <https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct#3>)

The full Kennesaw State University Drug and Alcohol Policy, including sanctions for violations, information about education and assistance programs, and references to applicable state and federal laws, is available at <https://web.kennesaw.edu/hr/content/drug-alcohol>.

### Parental Notification Policy: Drug and Alcohol Violations

Sections 951 and 952 of the 1998 Higher Education Amendment established that institutions of higher education could notify the parents or legal guardians when their student under the age of 21 was found to be in violation of the school's disciplinary code for drugs and alcohol. Kennesaw State University strives to create a balance between honoring the personal growth and responsibility of its students as they learn to establish their own independence with that of providing parents with the sensitive information they need to know in order to advise their students effectively. Parental notification is done only when the university believes that it will help the student by providing support for their physical health and safety, academic success and/or personal development. Parents of students under the age of 21 may be notified when a student is determined to have violated the KSU Student Code of Conduct in regard to alcohol or other controlled substances. Circumstances leading to possible parental notification include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A student endangers him/herself or others while under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances (i.e., this may include alcohol poisoning, hospitalization, fighting or on-campus DUI);
- Student who committed the violation required medical intervention or transport as a result of consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance;
- The occurrence of an arrest (i.e., this might include minor possession of alcohol or other drugs, possession with intent to distribute/supply or the manufacturing or cultivation of drugs or alcohol);
- The occurrence of significant property damage;
- The occurrence of a major disruption to the university's educational mission;
- When an administrator determines that any future violation of the alcohol/drug policy will likely result in the student's suspension;
- When an administrator determines that any future violation of the alcohol/drug policy will likely result in the student's removal from university housing;
- The violation suggests a pattern of alcohol or controlled substance abuse.

In order to allow the student to have the first opportunity to notify his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the alcohol/drug violation, students will be afforded two business days after the determination of a rule infraction before the university will attempt to issue a notification to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Notification will be coordinated through the Office of the Dean of Student Success. Written notification will detail the fact that the student has been found responsible for an alcohol or other drug offense. Written notice will not include specific details of the offense(s) for which the student is found responsible, the circumstances surrounding the offense(s), or the specific disposition of the case. The notification will include a listing of campus/community services that are available to address the student's alcohol or drug situation. Parents/guardians interested in gaining more information about the violation or disposition of the case are encouraged to discuss the case with their student or request that the student sign a written consent to have this information revealed to his/her parents. Questions or concerns regarding these guidelines should be directed to Kennesaw State SCAI Department, University Village (Suite 5100), 770-499-3403.

## Policy and Procedures for Administrative Withdrawal for Medical and/or Psychological Reasons

This policy applies to any student who withdraws from the University for medical or psychological reasons. This policy and procedures are to be used to help transition a student to a safer and/or more conducive environment when remaining at the university is not in the best interests of the student or the university community. This policy encourages a student to withdraw voluntarily when medical conditions or psychological distress make a withdrawal necessary and seeks to ease that transition and potential eventual return to the university. In those times where encouragement to the student to withdraw voluntarily has not been successful, involuntary withdrawal under this policy may be implemented. A Dean of Student Success Hold will be placed on the account of any student who withdraws for medical or psychological reasons.

### I. Student-Initiated Withdrawal

Students may voluntarily withdraw from the University for any reason prior to the Deadline to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty. The dean of student success (or designee) may grant a medical withdrawal after the Deadline to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty has passed to students who are able to demonstrate medical or psychological reasons by clear and convincing evidence. Grade appeals for any reason and withdrawals for other forms of hardship (i.e., not related to physical or mental health) are addressed in a separate policy. Except under unusual circumstances, withdrawals for medical or psychological reasons must be made for all courses. An approved medical or psychological withdrawal will result in a grade of W for all courses and the procedures for tuition and fee reimbursement outlined in the KSU Catalog will be followed. Medical withdrawals will be granted for a specified period and return may be contingent on the satisfaction of certain conditions. A student withdrawal agreement will specify the reasons for and period of withdrawal, detail any conditions necessary for reinstatement, and provide that a hold will be placed on the student's registration status until the student is eligible for reinstatement.

### II. University-Initiated Withdrawal

If a student is behaving in a way that is threatening to the student or others, or that significantly interferes with the student's education or the rights of others, the dean of student success (or designee) may initiate these procedures. The dean of student success (or designee) shall determine, on a case by case basis, what is sufficiently threatening and/or disruptive to warrant invoking this procedure.

The first step will be to determine an appropriate initial action. The primary alternatives for initial action are as follows, but these do not preclude other actions based on a specific situation.

1. Continue at the university with no restrictions. The university may take no action if it is decided, based on review of the referral information or other information presented, that the student may be allowed to continue with no restrictions. In those cases, care should be taken to provide opportunities for the student to be advised of accommodations and supportive services that are available. In cases where there are conduct actions pending, those actions should go forward.
2. Continue in university pending further proceedings. The university may require that the student meet certain conditions regarding the student's behavior over a specified period of time if he/she is to remain enrolled. Such conditions here could include, for example, stopping classroom disruptiveness, or continuing only if the student avails him or herself of supportive services or accommodation arrangements. Failure to comply with the conditions, coupled with further disruptive behavior, may result in having additional conduct complaints added to any that were previously pending or

deferred. At no point will the university engage in a behavioral contract or agreement with a student whose behaviors indicate harm or danger to themselves or any member of the community.

3. Remaining enrolled at the university subject to conditions but without eligibility to remain in campus housing. Under certain circumstances, where other students' living and learning environment is very likely to be disrupted by a student's behavior, the director of residence life will have the option of allocating alternative and more suitable living accommodations if such are available, or removing a student from campus housing on an interim basis.
4. Interim Suspension. If there is sufficient disruptive or threatening behavior, or behaviors that are assaultive, suicidal, self-injurious or self-neglectful which present an imminent risk of injury to the student or others, the student may be suspended.

### **III. Standard for Interim Suspension**

Interim suspension, under the Code of Conduct, may be imposed by the dean of student success (or designee) when necessary to (a) protect the health and safety of a student or of the community, when investigating a conduct violation, (b) to allow time for a behavioral mental health assessment or evaluation, or (c) when a student fails to participate in the process. Interim suspension will be used for periods of time pending a hearing for a Code of Conduct violation or Involuntary Withdrawal.

#### **A. Interim Suspension Review**

Students who are suspended on an interim basis may petition the dean of student success (or designee) for a review to show cause why they should not be suspended on an interim basis. This proceeding will be limited to:

1. the reliability of the information concerning the student's behavior;
2. whether the student's behavior poses a danger of causing substantial, serious harm to the student or others, causing property damage, or directly impeding the lawful activities of others;
3. whether the student has completed an evaluation, in accordance with the standards and procedures.

In the event that a student does not or is unable (e.g., incarcerated, hospitalized) to initiate a review, the dean of student success (or designee) will conduct an administrative review of the available evidence within 5 days of the initiation of the suspension. The sole decisions to be made at the review are whether interim medical suspension should be continued or modified, and whether medical withdrawal should remain in consideration.

### **IV. Standard for Involuntary Medical/Psychological Withdrawal**

University may withdraw a student if it is determined, by a preponderance of the evidence (that it is more likely than not) that the student is engaging in or threatening to engage in behavior which (a) poses a substantial danger of causing imminent harm to the student, to others or to substantial property rights, or (b) renders the student unable to engage in basic required activities necessary to obtain an education (including, but not limited to, the inability to attend or complete academic courses or coursework; or, when considered with other facts, the inability to attend to the student's own basic, daily hygienic requirements) or (c) substantially impedes the lawful activities of others.

## A. Standard for Separating a Student on the Basis of Behaviors Resulting from a Condition of Disability

Students who have self-disclosed and provided documentation to the University of a disability that meets the requirements of KSU and the University System of Georgia are afforded the rights and protections defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. A student who is under consideration for involuntary medical/psychological withdrawal may request that the dean of student success (or designee) consider whether the documented disability is a significant factor in the behavior in question. When a student invokes disability status as a mitigating factor, the following considerations will apply:

1. Behavior that poses or is likely to pose a substantial danger of causing imminent harm to the student or others (i.e., a direct threat) renders the student not otherwise qualified to continue his/her relationship with the University. A student who is not otherwise qualified to attend the University is not entitled to reasonable accommodations as a result of the disability.
  - a. A direct threat exists when a student poses a significant risk to the health or safety of themselves or others. A significant risk constitutes a high probability of substantial harm. Significance will be determined by:
    - i. The duration of the risk;
    - ii. The nature and severity of the potential harm;
    - iii. The likelihood that the potential harm will occur; and
    - iv. The imminence of the potential harm.
  - b. Determining whether a student poses a direct threat requires an objective and individualized assessment and due process hearing. The assessment shall be based on a reasonable medical or mental health judgment, other relevant objective evidence and the totality of the circumstances. This standard also applies to hearings on the reinstatement of a student who has been withdrawn.
2. If a student has a disability that has been properly recognized by the University, and the student engaged in behavior that is deemed disruptive but not likely to lead to imminent harm, the University may provide reasonable accommodations in an effort to mediate the effects of the disability on the student's participation in University programs. The dean of student success, in consultation with other professionals on and off campus, will develop an accommodation plan that affords the student a reasonable opportunity to continue at the University while supporting the need to maintain an academic environment that is orderly, civil, and conducive to learning.
3. If the student continues to cause significant disruption to the University environment even with appropriate accommodations, the student may be subject to involuntary withdrawal proceedings as defined above.

## B. Status of Code of Conduct Proceedings

If the student has been accused of a violation of the Conduct Code, but it appears that the student is not capable of understanding the nature or wrongfulness of the action, this medical withdrawal policy may be activated prior to issuance of a determination in the conduct process. If the student is ordered to be medically withdrawn from the university, or another action is taken under these provisions following a finding that the student's behavior was the result of a lack of capacity, such action terminates the pending conduct action. If the student is found not to be subject to medical withdrawal or other action under this section, conduct proceedings may be resumed.

### C. Referral for Assessment or Evaluation

The dean of student success (or designee) or Behavioral Response Team may refer or mandate a student for evaluation by a campus or independent licensed psychiatrist or psychologist (LPC, LCSW, etc.) chosen or approved by the institution if it is believed that the student may meet the criteria set forth in this policy or if a student subject to conduct proceedings provides notification that information concerning a mental/behavioral disorder will be introduced. The referral for evaluation will require the student to provide the results to the appropriate administrators. Students referred or mandated for evaluation will be so informed in writing with personal and/or delivery via KSU student email, and will be given a copy of these standards and procedures. The evaluation must be completed within 5 business days from the date of the referral letter, unless an extension is granted by the Office of the Dean of Student Success (or designee). A student who fails to complete the evaluation in accordance with these standards and procedures, or who fails to provide the evaluative results to the appropriate administrators, may be withdrawn on an interim basis, or referred for conduct action, or both.

### V. Involuntary Medical Withdrawal Hearing Procedures

If the medical evaluation or administrative assessment supports the need for medical withdrawal, a hearing will be scheduled before the dean of student success (or designee) who may consult with appropriate medical or mental health professionals (e.g., representatives of the Student Health Center or Counseling & Psychological Services Center). The student will be informed via their KSU student email account, which is the official means of communication between the university and its students. The student will be given at least 2 business days prior to the hearing to independently review the psychological or psychiatric evaluation and any other evidence that will be presented in support of involuntary withdrawal. In addition, the student will be notified of who is expected to present information at the hearing, and is expected to notify the dean of student success (or designee) in advance of any witnesses the student expects to bring. The student is entitled to call medical experts or other expert witnesses, and the university may do so as well. The student may consult with an advisor throughout this process, and the dean of student success (or designee) has the discretion to permit an advisor to be present at the hearing. The role of the advisor is to advise rather than actively represent the student.

If the evaluation does not support medical withdrawal, the dean of student success (or designee) will notify the student within 5 business days. If other action is pending, the appropriate individuals will be notified and will proceed with their actions. The student and the student's representatives may present information for or against involuntary medical withdrawal and will be given the opportunity to ask questions of others presenting information. The hearing will be conversational and non-adversarial; however the dean of student success or other designated person in charge of the hearing will exercise active control over the proceeding, to include deciding who may present information. Formal rules of evidence will not apply. Anyone who disrupts the hearing may be excluded.

A written decision will be rendered by dean of student success (or designee) within 5 business days, stating the reasons for its determination. The decision will be delivered via their KSU student email account. If the student is withdrawn, the notification will include information concerning when reapplication may be made, as well as specifying any conditions of reinstatement. The decision of the dean of student success, or designee, is subject to appeal to the vice president for student success. A recording of the proceeding will be kept.

### VI. Appeal

A decision in favor of withdrawal can be appealed within 5 business days of receiving the written decision of withdrawal. The withdrawal takes effect immediately unless otherwise specified. Appeal requests must be in writing and will be delivered to the appeals officer, who is the vice president for student success (or designee).

If the appeals officer determines that one of the three bases for appeal, below, has been met, a review by the appeals officer will be conducted, at the discretion of the appeals officer. This is the final level of review in the matter.

Except as required to explain the basis of new information, appeals are typically limited to review of the record or transcript of the initial hearing and supporting documents. At the discretion of the appeals officer, witnesses may be called, or a rehearing held, for one or more of the following purposes:

1. There were procedural errors in the process (a procedure error occurs when there is not substantial compliance with KSU policies and procedures as published on the KSU website);
2. Significant new information or evidence becomes available that was not available or known to exist as of the hearing date and that evidence would likely have influenced the original decision;
3. There were substantive errors in the decision (a substantive error occurs when there was no evidence to justify a withdrawal decision or other means of supporting the student that may have prevented the need for withdrawal were not adequately considered)

The vice president of student success (or designee) may support or change a decision and/or modify a withdrawal determination, making changes only if a compelling justification to do so exists. The appeal outcome will be communicated via the student's KSU email account and will typically be issued no more than 5 business days after the appeal is requested.

## VII. Reinstatement

A student seeking reinstatement who has been medically withdrawn must petition the dean of student success (or designee) for reinstatement, and may not reenter the university without providing competent medical evidence that:

1. the medical/psychological condition no longer exists; or
2. the medical/psychological condition is sufficiently under treatment so as to remove any substantial likelihood of reoccurrence of the situation which caused medical withdrawal; and
3. the student is no longer a direct threat.

In addition to the information that a student seeking reinstatement submits, the university may require the student to undergo an evaluation by a licensed physician or psychologist (LPC, LCSW, etc.) of the university's choosing. The results of such evaluation must be disclosed to appropriate university personnel.

In addition to any requirements set forth by the University for readmission under this policy, the general readmission policies and procedures of the university will be followed.

A medical withdrawal is not considered a conduct action, though a prior medical withdrawal may be considered in subsequent conduct hearings involving the student.



# Accounting

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All graduate and undergraduate business degree programs at Kennesaw State University are accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (<http://www.aacsb.edu>). The accounting degree programs also hold specialized AACSB accounting accreditation.

## Vision and Mission Statements, Michael J. Coles College of Business

**Vision:** The Coles College of Business aspires to be the preferred provider of timely, flexible business education and relevant, applied research and practice valued by the marketplace.

**Mission:** The Coles College of Business provides high quality, applied business education and knowledge creation in a collegial, stimulating, and supportive learning-centered environment. Predominantly serving residents and the business community of metropolitan Atlanta and the Northwest Georgia region, we strive to develop our students into highly effective and ethical business leaders who are prepared for an increasingly complex, technologically sophisticated and interdependent world. We offer innovative and flexible programs through a diverse and talented pool of faculty and staff who contribute to the professional and ethical standards of their respective disciplines. In all our activities, we treat individuals with integrity and respect and are focused on the continuing development of our students, faculty and staff, and communities.

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## Coles MBA Students

The following parameters apply to MBA students who wish to take 8000-level accounting courses as their MBA electives: (See details in the program description below.)

- Must complete ACCT 8000, which is a prerequisite for all graduate accounting courses taken by MBA students
- Must complete all course prerequisites

## General Requirements for Admission to the MAcc Program

Admission to the MAcc program is granted to those persons showing high promise of success in graduate business (accounting) study. Applicants' portfolios are reviewed as a part of a competitive process based on the following components:

- Professional Experience
- Academic Background
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- Letter of Interest
- Applicants may also provide up to three optional letters of references
- An interview may be required.

\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission.

## Transfer Credit

No transfer credits are permitted for this program.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MAcc student must petition to graduate the semester prior to completion of program requirements. To request a petition, go to <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/mba-options/MBA/Petition.html>. The student will then receive email correspondence from the Graduate Business Office. Directions on filing the petition with the Office of the Registrar will be included in the email correspondence. It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the Registrar's Office regarding their petition to graduate.

## Readmission to the Master of Accounting Program

As this is a one year intensive cohort program, any graduate students who do not complete the program with the cohort in which they were admitted must apply for readmission to the MAcc program. Upon reapplication, the director will determine the courses required for completion. To apply for readmission visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/forms.html>  
Accounting MAcc

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

The Master of Accounting program is made up of core courses and electives. All students complete the required 13 credit hours of prescribed core accounting courses and 17 credit hours of accounting electives for a total of 30 credit hours.

### Core Requirements (13 Credit Hours)

- ACCT 8100 - Theory of Business Reporting
- ACCT 8110 - Advanced Financial Reporting
- ACCT 8120 - Risk Analysis and Control: A Systems Perspective
- ACCT 8190 - Accounting Strategies for Decision-Making in a Global Environment
- ACCT 8215 - Leadership and Professional Skills

### Elective Requirements (17 Credit Hours)

Select one of the following options:

#### Option A: Financial Reporting and Auditing Specialization

- ACCT 8310 - Travel Experience in Financial Reporting and Auditing
- ACCT 8400 - Seminar in Auditing
- ACCT 8410 - Seminar in Internal Auditing
- ACCT 8420 - Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- ACCT 8430 - Fraudulent Financial Reporting and Corporate Governance
- ACCT 8440 - Current Topics in Financial Reporting

#### Option B: Tax Specialization

- ACCT 8320 - Travel Experience in Taxation
- ACCT 8510 - Tax Research and Procedure
- ACCT 8520 - Corporate Tax and Shareholders
- ACCT 8530 - Taxation of Flow-Through Entities
- ACCT 8560 - International Taxation
- ACCT 8580 - Current Topics in Taxation

### Program Total (30 Credit Hours)



# American Studies

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KSU's master of arts program in American Studies (MAST) offers an interdisciplinary study of American cultures as they exist locally, regionally, nationally, and transnationally. As the sole American Studies graduate curriculum in the University System of Georgia, KSU's new course of study introduces students to the most important and innovative scholarship dealing with the United States and the Americas and their role in the world. Students will have the opportunity to engage in practical, project-based learning linked to their own professional development needs and interests. Thus, students will not only learn cutting-edge approaches to the study of American history, politics, literature, arts, and culture, but they will also apply this knowledge through group work, collaborations with faculty, community service, and career-related capstone projects. Students also have the opportunity to pursue humanities and social science based thesis projects as preparation for further graduate training. The MA program in American Studies provides an infield upgrade for certified high school History and English teachers as well as middle-grades social studies and language arts teachers in the state of Georgia.

## General Requirements for Admission to the MAST Program

To be considered for admission to the MAST program, the following application materials must be gathered by submitted to the KSU Graduate Admission Office:

1. Letter of Application: The letter of application should be in the form of a narrative which describes your educational and/or professional background, your future goals, and how admission into the American Studies M.A. program at Kennesaw State University will help you accomplish these goals. The letter should be specific to the program and should be 3-5 double-spaced pages in length.
2. Writing Sample: The writing sample should demonstrate the writing skills you have developed as a student and/or professional. The sample should be relevant to the field of American Studies broadly defined, and it should be refined and revised to fit within 5-7 double-spaced pages.
3. GRE Scores: The GRE requirement will be waived for those students holding a graduate degree in the humanities or social sciences from an accredited college or university.

4. GPA: The program minimum is 2.75 for all undergraduate courses from the degree-granting institution, but we expect the class will average above 3.0.
5. C.V./Résumé (Optional).
6. Letter(s) of Recommendation (Optional).

## Transfer Credit

Up to nine semester hours of graduate work from other accredited institutions may be transferred. To be transferred, course work from other institutions must correspond to Kennesaw State's Master of Arts in American Studies curriculum. Students will need to provide course descriptions and syllabi wherever possible, and the amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the program director. Such course work may be no more than five years old.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Master of Arts in American Studies candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of degree requirements.

# PROGRAM OF STUDY

## American Studies, MA

The Master of Arts in American Studies Program consists of 36 credit hours and fulfillment of a foreign language requirement, as follows:

### Required Courses (6 hours)

- AMST 7000 - American Studies Scholarship
- AMST 7100 - American Studies Methods

### Core Curriculum (12 hours)

At least one course must be taken from each of the following:

#### Historical Studies

- AMST 7200 - American Cultural Movements
- AMST 7210 - Historical Period
- AMST 7230 - Public History and Culture

## Place-based Studies

- AMST 7300 - American Cities, Suburbs, and Countryside
- AMST 7310 - Regional Studies

## Cultural Production

- AMST 7400 - The Film Industry in American Culture
- AMST 7410 - Literature and Performance in American Culture
- AMST 7420 - American Popular Culture
- AMST 7430 - Identities and Social Groups
- AMST 7440 - Enterprise & Labor in American Culture

## Transnational American Studies

- AMST 7220 - Passages to America
- AMST 7320 - America in Transnational Context
- Any approved Graduate-level Study Abroad program

## Study Abroad or Practicum (3 Hours)

- AMST 7500 - Practicum (Internship or Applied Research Project)  
or
- Any approved Graduate-level Study Abroad program

## Electives (9 hours)

Non-AMST electives or additional AMST courses as approved by the program director (may include up to 6 credits of graduate-level language courses). Students may also use these electives toward the Transnational Concentration.

## Capstone (Thesis or Project) (6 hours)

Final project can be applied, creative, or a traditional thesis but must include a literature review or knowledge base element.

- AMST 7900 - Capstone Experience

## Language Requirement

May be met by a proficiency test administered by the department of foreign languages, coursework to FL 2002 at the undergraduate level with a grade of "C" or better, graduate level coursework indicating language proficiency, or equivalent (e.g., study abroad program with a language competency component) as approved by the program director.

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

## Transnational Concentration

The Transnational Concentration is an elective concentration for interested students; students are not required to pursue a specialization in Transnational American Studies.

This concentration consists of 9 elective credit hours in courses with a transnational emphasis, an advanced foreign language requirement, and a study abroad requirement as follows:

**9 Elective Credit Hours:** Students shall complete 9 credit hours of graduate-level study in courses beyond the transnational cluster requirement that meet the Transnational course objectives: AMST 7220, AMST 7320, SA 8890, or courses designated as transnational in the course offerings. Courses not previously approved as Transnational in content must be approved by the program director. Students must complete at least six of these credit hours in AMST courses.

**Language Requirement:** Each student in the Transnational Concentration will pass a 3000-level proficiency test administered by the department of foreign languages, complete a 3000-level language course with a grade of "C" or better, or complete graduate-level coursework indicating language proficiency. Native speakers of languages other than English may apply to the program director for a waiver of this requirement.

**Study Abroad Requirement:** Each student in the Transnational Concentration shall participate in and receive a grade of "B" or better in an approved graduate-level study abroad program. All graduate-level study abroad courses offered by AMST-affiliated faculty at KSU can fulfill this requirement. Other graduate study abroad courses offered at KSU or by other institutions must be approved by the program director.

# *Applied Exercise and Health Science*

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## **Program Description**

The Master of Science with a major in Applied Exercise and Health Science (AEHS) is a 36 semester hour graduate study program that offers graduate students the opportunity to blend theory with practical application through community-based experiential opportunities and laboratory-based instruction in exercise and health science. Majors select a concentration area in Exercise Physiology or Worksite and Community Health Promotion. Exercise Physiology students will focus on the physiological responses/adaptations to exercise through laboratory-based activities and exposure to research investigation. Worksite and Community Health Promotion students learn to implement effective health promotion and disease prevention programs based on public health policy, current research, and community needs. Also, the program features a choice among three capstone experiences: 1) Administrative Field Experience, 2) Master's Project, or 3) Master's Thesis.

The program is delivered in a new state-of-the-art Health Sciences building that provides study areas, computer labs, a graduate lounge, and private group meeting areas for students. There is a 6,250 square foot Exercise Science laboratory complex which includes a Biomechanics lab, Exercise Physiology lab (instructional area and four independent research spaces), Psychophysiology lab, and research offices. Graduate Assistantship opportunities are available but competitive. Graduate Assistants work with individual faculty members in research labs or assist with course instruction.

## **General Requirements for Admission**

1. Baccalaureate degree in Exercise and Health Science or equivalent from a nationally accredited institution with a major GPA of at least 3.0.
2. Applicants from other disciplines or related fields will be considered for admission with evidence of foundational coursework in statistics/research methods and exercise physiology, or statistics/research methods and health promotion.
3. Course deficiencies can be satisfied by completing one or more undergraduate courses prior to admission to the graduate program.

4. International applicants are subject to the University's requirements for admission.
5. A minimum combined total score of 300 or higher in the verbal and quantitative categories on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination is expected. A higher GPA may compensate for lower GRE scores.
6. A formal statement of personal goals for the program.
7. Two references (preferably from academic sources).
8. An interview may be requested prior to admission.

## Transfer Credit

A student may transfer up to nine semester hours of graduate credit from other nationally accredited institutions. To be transferred, coursework from other institutions must correspond to Kennesaw State University's MS AEHS curriculum. The student must provide course description and syllabus for consideration and the amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the program director. A minimum grade of "B" must have been received in the course and the course work must be no more than five years old. See the graduate program coordinator to begin the transfer process.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Candidates of MS AEHS must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of their degree requirements.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### Applied Exercise and Health Science, MS

The Master of Science in Applied Exercise and Health Science program is offered in a traditional model of curriculum instruction over four consecutive semesters beginning each fall semester. Most program classes will be scheduled in late afternoons and early evenings to allow working professionals to pursue advanced preparation with minimum disruption to ongoing career commitments. The curriculum is comprised of 36 semester hours divided into AEHS Core, Concentration Core, Capstone Experience, and approved electives.

Students admitted to the program will work closely with the Graduate Program Coordinator to develop their program of study. Any changes to the program of study must be approved by the Graduate Program Coordinator.

### AEHS Core (6 Credit Hours)

- EHS 6630 - Research Techniques in Applied Exercise and Health Science
- EHS 6655 - Epidemiology

## Concentration Core (15 Credit Hours)

### Exercise Physiology Concentration

- EHS 6675 - Advanced Exercise Physiology
- EHS 6680 - Exercise Psychology
- EHS 6950 - Advanced Laboratory Techniques in Exercise Physiology
- EHS 7710 - Bioenergetic and Neuromuscular Aspects of Exercise
- EHS 7720 - Cardiovascular and Clinical Physiology

### Worksite and Community Health Promotion Concentration

- EHS 6600 - Leadership and Administration in Worksite and Community Health Promotion
- EHS 6620 - Theoretical Foundation of Assessment and Intervention Planning
- EHS 6665 - Health Promotion Programming and Evaluation
- EHS 7700 - The U.S. Health Care System and Policy
- EHS 7740 - Theory of Health Communication

## Capstone Experience (6 Credit Hours)

Choose one from the following:

- EHS 6900 - Administrative Field Experience and one elective course
- EHS 7850 - Master's Project in Applied Exercise and Health Science and one elective course
- EHS 7900 - Master's Thesis and one elective course

## Approved Electives (9 Credit Hours)

- Any EHS courses
- Selected non-EHS graduate courses with Graduate Program Coordinator's approval

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)



# *Business Administration*

Kennesaw State University offers three MBA programs of study - Coles MBA (Cobb, Galleria, and on KSU campus locations), Coles Executive MBA, and the Georgia WebMBA. All graduate and undergraduate programs at Kennesaw State University are fully accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business - (<http://www.aacsb.edu>).

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## **PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

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### **Program Description**

The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) is a three-year program for experienced professionals who want to continue their careers while pursuing doctoral level studies. The program

is delivered primarily through a combination of on-campus weekend and five-day residencies augmented by online experiences designed to maximize the opportunity to collaborate with peers and faculty. Students will achieve an in-depth understanding of the major research issues in business, develop in-depth quantitative and qualitative research skills, and conduct independent applied business research. Upon completion of the DBA, graduates as practitioner-scholars can pursue faculty positions at academic institutions or may apply their skills in advanced positions within their current organization or through consulting.

## General Requirements for Admission to the Coles DBA

The Coles DBA admission process is highly competitive and designed to identify applicants with the skills, background, and experience necessary to complete the requirements of a doctoral degree program. There is a five-step process for admission. Applicants submit different application materials at each step and are notified after a review of their materials whether they need to submit materials for the next step. For directions on how to apply, applicants should review the information at [http://coles.kennesaw.edu/dba/admissions\\_process.htm](http://coles.kennesaw.edu/dba/admissions_process.htm).

The application process begins during the summer, enrollment decisions are made in the fall for admittances to a DBA cohort beginning during the following summer semester. Applicants offered admittance to a cohort but who are unable to attend will need to reapply for a future cohort. All students who have been admitted to the DBA program are required to register for the specified number of courses each semester in order to remain in good standing.

## Transfer Credit

Transfer credit is not permissible for any part of the Coles Doctor of Business Administration program.

## Coles DBA

### Year One (18 Hours)

#### Summer (6 Hours)

- Required Student Orientation & Business Inquiry Workshop
- DBA 9001 - Micro Issues in Business
- DBA 9003 - Macro Issues in Business

#### Fall (6 Hours)

- DBA 9102 - Quantitative Research Methods I
- DBA 9103 - Survey, Design & Research Methods

#### Spring (6 Hours)

For Accounting, Marketing, and Management Concentrations

Accounting Concentration

Must take two of the following three courses specific to chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9601 - Seminar in Behavioral Research
- ACCT 9611 - Seminar in Business Strategy
- ACCT 9650 - Special Topics in Accounting

### Finance Concentration

Must take both courses:

- FIN 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I
- FIN 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II

### Management Concentration

Must take two of the following four courses specific to chosen concentration:

- MGT 9601 - Seminar in Behavioral Research
- MGT 9611 - Seminar in Business Strategy
- MGT 9612 - Seminar in Marketing Management
- MGT 9650 - Special Topics in Management

### Marketing Concentration

Must take two of the following four courses specific to chosen concentration:

- MKTG 9601 - Seminar in Behavioral Research
- MKTG 9611 - Seminar in Business Strategy
- MKTG 9612 - Seminar in Marketing Management
- MKTG 9650 - Special Topics in Marketing

## Year Two (15 Hours)

### Summer (3 Hours)

Research Methods & Dissertation Design I

Must take the course appropriate for chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I
- FIN 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I
- MGT 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I
- MKTG 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I

### Fall (6 Hours)

- DBA 9104 - Quantitative Research Methods II

Concentration Doctoral Directed Study

Must take the course appropriate for chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study
- FIN 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study
- MGT 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study
- MKTG 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study

**Spring (6 Hours)**

## Research Methods &amp; Dissertation Design II

Must take the course appropriate for chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II
- FIN 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II
- MGT 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II
- MKTG 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II

## Concentration Doctoral Directed Study

Must take the course appropriate for chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study
- FIN 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study
- MGT 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study
- MKTG 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study

**Year Three (15 Hours)****Summer (3 Hours)**

- DBA 9005 - Career Transition Strategies

**Fall (6 Hours)**

## Dissertation Research

Must register for 6 hours of the course appropriate for chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9904 - Dissertation Research
- FIN 9904 - Dissertation Research
- MGT 9904 - Dissertation Research
- MKTG 9904 - Dissertation Research

*\*Dissertation courses (9904) may be repeated for credit.*

**Spring (6 Hours)**

## Dissertation Research

Must register for 6 hours of the course appropriate for chosen concentration:

- ACCT 9904 - Dissertation Research
- FIN 9904 - Dissertation Research
- MGT 9904 - Dissertation Research
- MKTG 9904 - Dissertation Research

*\*Dissertation courses (9904) may be repeated for credit.*

## Coles MBA

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## Program Description

The Coles MBA is a professional degree providing a broad base of general business knowledge that prepares graduates for middle- and upper-level management positions. The program seeks to develop in its students an understanding of managerial behavior and decision-making within the economic, social, and political environments of business operations. Students will develop their communication and leadership abilities, their analytical and decision-making skills, and their effectiveness at developing working relationships with subordinates, peers and supervisors, and external constituents.

## General Requirements for Admission to the Coles MBA

Admission to the MBA program is granted to those persons showing high promise of success in graduate business study. Applicants' portfolios are reviewed as a part of a competitive process based on the following components:

- Professional Experience
- Academic Background
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- Applicants may also provide up to 3 references if they choose

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Transfer Credit

A student may transfer a maximum of nine semester hours of graduate courses provided the transfer hours are made prior to the last 27 hours of course work. Special hardship cases, such as job transfers, will be decided on an individual basis by the program director. The transfer of credit for course work completed at another institution will be approved only under the following conditions:

1. The course was completed at an institution accredited by AACSB at the time of transfer;
2. A minimum grade of "B" was received in the course;
3. The course was restricted to graduate students only;
4. The content of the course corresponds to that of a course required or permitted in the student's program at Kennesaw State University;
5. The credit to be considered for transfer will not be more than six years old at the time the student enters KSU.

A request for consideration of transfer credit must be submitted to the MBA program director by the student concerned during the first semester of residence here. The request must indicate the specific course(s) for which transfer credit is sought. A copy of the other institution's transcript and a course description from the catalog must be submitted. A course outline may also be required.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MBA student must petition to graduate one semester prior to completing program requirements. The MBA Program office should be contacted to petition to graduate.

## Admission Criteria for Non-Degree Student

The Coles MBA does not admit non-degree seeking students.

## Readmission to the Coles MBA

Any graduate student who has a break in attendance of 5 semesters or more must apply for readmission to the MBA program. Students applying for readmission must meet all admissions criteria in place at the time of readmission including minimum GPA and GMAT scores. The six-year time limit for degree completion applies. For details on readmitting, see Readmission to Graduate Study in the Graduate Admission section of this catalog. Complete the application at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/forms.html>.

## Coles MBA

The Coles MBA program is made up of core courses and elective courses – for a total of at least 36 semester credit hours of graduate course work. All students complete 21 credit hours of prescribed core courses and at least 15 credit hours of elective courses. Applicants admitted to the MBA program are advised in their acceptance letters which foundation requirements, if any, must be satisfied.

## Foundation Requirements

Foundation requirements are the knowledge and skills of a broad set of business disciplines including accounting, finance, and statistics/math. Academic preparation in these disciplines is necessary prior to advanced study in business. A bachelor's degree in business or accounting typically satisfies all foundation requirements. As an alternative, the Coles College of Business offers modular programs in each of these areas. The modules are non-credit, self-paced, Internet-driven programs. Completion of a module satisfies the foundation requirements for that area. The modules required are determined for each student based on a thorough analysis of college transcripts showing prior academic course work, and are communicated in the acceptance letter. This table summarizes the business foundation requirements and options for satisfying them.

Foundation requirements are satisfied by successfully completing ...	... or by completing undergraduate course(s) with a grade of "C" or higher in ...	... which is the KSU equivalent of ...
Accounting Foundations	Financial accounting and managerial accounting	ACCT 2100 and ACCT 2200
Finance Foundations	Finance principles	FIN 3100
Statistics and Math Foundations	Inferential statistics and algebra	ECON 2300 and MATH 1101

## NOTES:

1. Undergraduate courses used to satisfy the foundation courses must be from an institution accredited in a manner acceptable to the Coles College of Business;
2. Foundation requirements must be satisfied at the beginning of the MBA program, typically within the first semester of study;
3. Enrollment in 8000-level graduate courses is restricted, based on foundations required, until foundation requirements are met;
4. Admission to the MBA, MAcc, or WebMBA program is required to enroll in these courses;
5. Students may choose to take the equivalent undergraduate business courses in order to meet Foundation requirements.

## Core Requirements (21 Credit Hours)

Core requirements are the knowledge and skills of the common body of business that, collectively, are essential to managing and leading organizations. Core requirements are satisfied by:

- ACCT 8000 - Accounting Insights for Managers
- ECON 8010 - Resource Allocation and Decision Analysis
- FIN 8020 - Business Finance
- MGT 8040 - Managing the Value Chain
- MGT 8050 - Managing and Leading Work Behavior
- MKTG 8030 - Strategic Marketing
- MGT 8999 - Strategic Management: An Integrative, Capstone Experience

MGT 8999 is to be taken near or in the final semester of study. Eighteen credit hours of core courses and at least six credit hours of elective courses must be completed prior to taking this capstone course. All students must request permission to register for MGT 8999. For permission to enroll, students should send a request to [MBAAAdvisor@kennesaw.edu](mailto:MBAAAdvisor@kennesaw.edu).

## Elective Requirements (15 Credit Hours)

Elective requirements are the knowledge and skills of a generalized cross-section of business areas or of a more narrowly defined area of study. Students will select and complete at least 15 credit hours of elective courses that best fit their professional and personal goals. Any 8000-level elective (i.e., non-core) courses offered in the Coles College of Business may be selected. Students are advised to consider elective options early in their graduate studies and to make considered and deliberate choices. Academic advisors, faculty members, professional colleagues, mentors, and others are helpful resources to consider when choosing electives. Students are also encouraged to be flexible in their choices of electives due to evolving professional interests, course availability, or other influences that may emerge during the graduate experience.

Possible areas of study include, but are not limited to, accounting, business information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, general management, human resource management, international business, marketing, and operations management.

One of the electives (3 credit hours) must be an international course from the list below:

- ECON 8610 - International Business Perspectives
- FIN 8370 - Multinational Financial Management
- MGT 8910 - International Management
- MKTG 8730 - International Marketing Management
- MKTG 8790 - Applied Global Business Strategies

Students may use one business-relevant three-credit-hour course may be taken in a Kennesaw State University graduate program outside of the Coles College of Business in their degree programs. Written permission from the director of the program and from the academic coordinator of the Coles College graduate programs prior to taking the class is required.

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

### Georgia WebMBA

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The Georgia WebMBA offers qualified and highly motivated students the opportunity to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree online through a consortium of five University System of Georgia institutions. The Coles College of Business and the other Georgia WebMBA participant school and colleges are accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (<http://www.aacsb.edu>).

### Program Description

The Georgia WebMBA is a professional degree providing a broad base of general business knowledge that prepares graduates for middle- and upper-level management positions. The program seeks to develop in its students an understanding of managerial behavior and decision-making within the economic, social, and political environments of business operations. Students will have the opportunity to improve their communication and leadership abilities, their analytical and decision-making skills, and their effectiveness at developing working relationships with subordinates, peers, supervisors, and external constituents. The Georgia WebMBA program is cohort-based meaning that students who begin the program at the same time constitute a cohort. Each cohort progresses through the program together taking the same courses in the same sequence.

Georgia WebMBA admission is competitive with a limited cohort. Successful candidates typically have undergraduate grades and GMAT scores well above the general requirements noted below.

Two three-semester-hour Georgia WebMBA courses are offered in each of the five consecutive 14-week semesters. Students must complete ten prescribed graduate business courses for a total of 30 credit hours plus a program orientation. Every course is not offered each semester, so students should take courses in sequence, two courses per cohort, to complete the degree in five semesters. Course offerings will be announced at the Georgia WebMBA student orientation. (See the "Mandatory Orientation" section below for details.) For course descriptions, visit <http://www.webmbaonline.org>.

While extenuating career or life events may require a student to work closely with the program director to make any necessary adjustments, most students complete all 10 courses in five sequential semesters.

## General Requirements for Admission to the Georgia WebMBA

Admission to the MBA program is granted to those persons showing high promise of success in graduate business study. Applicants' portfolios are reviewed as a part of a competitive process based on the following components:

- Professional Experience
- Academic Background
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

### Transfer Credit

The program allows, but does not encourage, a maximum of six semester hours from an AAC-SB accredited graduate institution. The transfer of credit for course work completed at another institution will be approved only under the following conditions:

1. The course was completed at an institution accredited by AACSB at the time of transfer.
2. A minimum grade of "B" was received in the course.
3. The course was restricted to graduate students only.
4. The content of the course corresponds to that of a course required or permitted in the student's program at Kennesaw State University.
5. The credit to be considered for transfer will not be more than six years old at the time the student enters Kennesaw State University.

Students must submit a request for consideration of transfer credit to the program director during their first semester at KSU. The request must indicate the specific course(s) for which transfer credit is sought. An official transcript from the institution at which the course was taken and a course description from the catalog the year the course was taken must be submitted. A course outline may also be required.

### KSU Course Substitutions

The six-hour transfer-credit limit includes courses earned at KSU and courses completed at another institution. The KSU program director will advise on and have final authority on any requests to use KSU courses as substitutions for required Georgia WebMBA courses. While remaining flexible to work and life changes, the director typically encourages students to take the prescribed Georgia WebMBA courses to preserve the integrity of the overall learning experience.

### Mandatory Orientation

Students are required to attend a two-day orientation. Any admitted student who does not attend is disqualified from continuing in the program. The orientation focuses on team building, program expectations, interaction with faculty and administrators, and hands-on learning with WebCT, the distance learning technology platform used in the program. New students also have the chance to interact with students from other program cohorts. A second non-credit residential meeting, held concurrently with the orientation, is required for each student team. It consists of one day on which seasoned student teams or team representatives present special topics and demonstrate learned knowledge and skills and best practices.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Each Georgia WebMBA student must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completing program requirements. The student must contact the program director of the school to which they were admitted and request a petition to graduate.

## Admission Criteria for Non-Degree Students

The program does not admit non-degree seeking students.

## Readmission to the Georgia WebMBA

Any graduate student who has a break in attendance of six semesters or more must apply for readmission to the Georgia WebMBA program. Students applying for readmission must meet all admissions criteria in place at the time of readmission and they must re-enter at the lock-step point in the program where they stopped attending previously. For details on readmitting, see Readmission to Graduate Study in the Graduate Admission section of this catalog.

## Georgia WebMBA

### Foundation Requirements

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**Notes:**

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4. Admission to the MBA, MAcc, or WebMBA program is required to enroll in these courses;
5. Students may choose to take the equivalent undergraduate business courses in order to meet Foundation requirements.

**Course Requirements**

- WMBA 1000 - Georgia WebMBA Orientation
- WMBA 6000 - Human Behavior in Organizations
- WMBA 6010 - Managerial Accounting
- WMBA 6030 - Global and International Business
- WMBA 6040 - Managerial Decision Analysis
- WMBA 6050 - Strategic Marketing
- WMBA 6060 - Managerial Finance
- WMBA 6070 - Entrepreneurship: New Ventures
- WMBA 6080 - Management Information Systems
- WMBA 6100 - Production and Operations Management
- WMBA 6110 - Business Strategy

**Program Total (30 Credit Hours)****Coles Executive MBA**

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The Coles Executive MBA (EMBA) is designed for working professionals with aggressive business goals. In only 18 months, approximately one weekend an month, Coles EMBA provides the strategic business and leadership skills needed to achieve personal and professional success. Coles' cutting-edge global teaming experience, program-long executive coaching, and customized curriculum are just a few of the differences that lead to its internationally ranked and accredited status. Be a commanding business leader with a Coles Executive MBA.

**Requirements for Admission to Coles Executive MBA**

Admission to the Coles Executive MBA Program is based on a competitive process which includes consideration of the following:

- Completed Executive MBA application.
- Baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University (See "Admission Criteria for Applicants Without an Undergraduate Degree" below).

- Official transcripts.
- A minimum of six (6) years of relevant post-graduate professional experience as evidenced by a current resume.
- Two letters of recommendation speaking to leadership, teaming, and/or other professional qualifications.
- Completion of an interview with the appropriate Coles EMBA Program Director.

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Program Fees

The cost for the 18-month program is \$52,500.00. This fee includes a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 which is due upon acceptance to the program. The remaining \$52,000 is prorated over the entire program. Contact the EMBA Admissions Office for complete details and all items included in the tuition amount.

## Transfer Credit

The Coles Executive MBA is a cohort based, lock-step curriculum program. Students enrolled in the Coles Executive MBA program will not be given program credit for courses taken at other institutions.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MBA student must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. Petitions to graduate will be processed and sent to each student by the EMBA programs office for student completion.

## Admission Criteria for Non-Degree Student

The Coles EMBA Admissions Office at Kennesaw State University will consider a limited number of applications from individuals without an undergraduate degree based on the following (in addition to the other requirements outlined above):

- Ten years of significant business experience.
- An acceptable GMAT score.
- A minimum of 60 semester hours of undergraduate course work from an accredited institution.
- A panel interview with three faculty members which results in a favorable recommendation by all three.
- Final review and approval by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Students admitted to the EMBA program without an undergraduate degree shall number no more than 5% of the final class headcount.

## Coles Executive MBA

The Coles College Executive MBA Program allows an individual to earn an MBA degree without interrupting his or her career. Students become members of a “cohort” class – grouped into separate teams -- which remains in tact for the duration of the Program. The functionally-

integrated curriculum is delivered by a team of graduate faculty who teach exclusively in the Executive MBA Program and who, like the students, themselves have significant business experience in addition to their academic credentials.

Unlike other MBA Program formats, the Coles College Executive MBA curriculum is truly customized for mid-career executives seeking a value-based educational experience to augment their career accomplishments to date and achieve personal future career goals. In addition to a traditional business acumen foundation, the integrated curriculum differentiates itself in three important areas: 1) a strong focus on teaming as a part of the overall learning experience; 2) program-long personal coaching, including training of each student's personal coach; and 3) a unique global business learning component involving a seven-month joint project with students from the largest Executive MBA Program in Eastern Europe. All graduate-level course prerequisites are incorporated into the Program curriculum.

The Program delivery augments traditional in-class lectures with adult-learning activities such as case study exercises, directed discussions, and team projects and presentations. A state-of-the-art technology platform provides for on-line (and Internet-accessible) communications via computer laptops provided to the students. Incorporating this technology into the Program allows students to ask questions and receive feedback from faculty and other students prior to and after readings and cases are discussed in class. As a result, in-class time is utilized more efficiently and effectively. The platform also provides an effective electronic student-to-student collaboration tool for general class communications and team assignments.

The Program schedule is designed to minimize the time an individual must be away from their work activities and home. Classes are held generally one weekend per month, on Saturday and Sunday, with a few "residency" sessions of longer duration (e.g., the international portion of the program involving travel to Europe). The entire 18-month schedule is provided in advance, so the professional can more easily coordinate his or her business and personal commitments with their responsibilities as students in the Program.

## **Business Administration/Information Systems Dual Master's Degree**

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The Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Information Systems (MBA/MSIS) Program is a dual degree offered by the Coles College of Business Administration and the College of Science and Mathematics. The objective of this program is to allow students who are interested in information systems and business to concurrently register in both MBA and MSIS programs. The relationship between information technology and success in the business enterprise makes this program innovative and attractive to students wishing to become IT leaders. Specifically, documented expertise in these related areas provides graduates with opportunities for advancement and career mobility in areas such as project management, information technology, strategy, management, and information security.

### **Program Admission Requirements:**

To be admitted into the dual degree program, the applicant must specify the option at the time of application to the Graduate School. Students interested in applying for the MBA/MSIS dual

degree program should consult with either the MSIS Director or the MBA Director with regard to admission requirements and required courses.

## General Admission Requirements for the MBA/MSIS Dual Degree Program

1. Submission of application to the graduate admission office and a non-refundable application fee;
2. Baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University;
3. Academic background (approved by MBA and MSIS program directors);
4. GMAT;
5. Three letters of recommendation;
6. Professional experience (Note: Personal interviews will be conducted whenever possible and responsible work, community service, and leadership experience will be considered.).

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Business Administration/Public Administration Dual Master's Degree

The program consists of a minimum of 51 hours of graduate study, of which 27 hours are in areas of Business Administration and 24 hours are in the areas of Public Administration. Additional credit hours may be taken depending on each student's academic background or areas of concentration in the MPA Program. It generally takes approximately three years to earn both degrees as a full-time student.

Students will be required to take the core courses from both the MBA and the MPA programs.

### Core courses

#### MBA

- ACCT 8000 - Accounting Insights for Managers
- ECON 8010 - Resource Allocation and Decision Analysis
- FIN 8020 - Business Finance
- MGT 8040 - Managing the Value Chain
- MGT 8050 - Managing and Leading Work Behavior
- MGT 8999 - Strategic Management: An Integrative, Capstone Experience
- MKTG 8030 - Strategic Marketing

#### MPA

- PAD 6200 - Fundamentals of Public Administration and Public Service
- PAD 6250 - Research Methods and Computer Applications
- PAD 6350 - Public Service Budgeting
- PAD 6450 - Governmental Relations
- PAD 6500 - Policy Analysis
- or
- PAD 6600 - Program Evaluation

- PAD 6700 - Human Resource Management in Public Service
- PAD 7995 - Public Service Practicum  
or
- PAD 7985 - Internship in Public Service

## Electives

Students are required to select and complete 9 credit hours of elective courses that best fit their career and personal goals in either program to complete their study. This could include pursuit of one of the MPA concentrations. Public services are delivered primarily through two channels: government agencies and nonprofit organizations. In consultation with the faculty and the program director, students may develop their specific areas of administrative expertise by selecting an appropriate combination of courses within designated concentrations.

### Governmental Administration

Required:

- PAD 7455 - Administrative Law

Students will select three from the following:

- CM 7100 - Introduction to Conflict Management
- MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making
- PAD 7120 - Health Policy
- PAD 7130 - Regional Politics and Policy
- PAD 7150 - Contemporary Public Issues
- PAD 7230 - Local Governance and City Management
- PAD 7250 - Leadership and Ethics in Public Service
- PAD 7390 - Public Financial Management
- PAD 7430 - Regional and Local Planning

### Nonprofit Administration

Required:

- PAD 7100 - Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector
- PAD 7180 - Nonprofit Governance and Administration

Students will select two of the following:

- CM 7100 - Introduction to Conflict Management
- MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making
- PAD 7120 - Health Policy
- PAD 7130 - Regional Politics and Policy
- PAD 7150 - Contemporary Public Issues
- PAD 7250 - Leadership and Ethics in Public Service

### Information Systems Administration

Required:

- IS 8100 - Advanced IT Project Management
- IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems
- IS 8700 - Information Systems Policy and Strategy



# Communication

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## Program Description

The M.A. in Integrated Global Communication (MAIGC) at Kennesaw State University is a professional-oriented, 33-hour, four semester graduate program that features: The only global communication master's program in the Southeast, an innovative curriculum that offers a balance of theory and skills important for a professional master's program, a cohort model that builds collaboration and leadership skills, a summer international experience where students will be immersed in foreign cultures, study global organizations or attend classes at a foreign institution and a capstone experience that features a team-oriented professional project for a global client.

## Admissions and Curriculum

Admission to the program requires:

- An earned BA or BS degree in communication or a related field from an accredited college or university;
- A Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score;
- Official transcripts;
- Evidence of English language proficiency;
- Letter of application'
- Two-page resume';
- Work example and 500-word personal statement;
- Three letters of recommendation.

Prior experience in communication practices is preferred, but excellent applicants without communication-related experience will be considered. The curriculum follows a lock-step cohort model. All students will take the same courses each semester, except for the summer international experience. Hours per semester: 9 hours first fall, 9 hours spring, 6 hours summer international experience, and 9 hours final fall. Classes are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on week-nights. Application deadline is June 1.

## Tuition

The all-inclusive tuition will cover most costs associated with enrolling and taking classes in the MAIGC, including the summer international experience. In-state tuition rate is charged for all students regardless of residency. This all-inclusive tuition covers: KSU tuition and most fees for all four semesters; textbooks, technology, and most learning materials for all four semesters; and round trip travel for the summer international experience.

## Transfer Credit

The MAIGC curriculum follows a lock-step cohort model. The transfer of credit for course work completed at another institution will be reviewed on an individual basis by the program director.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MAIGC student must petition to graduate before the June 30 deadline. Students should contact the program administrator or director for the petition to graduate form.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### Integrated Global Communication, MA

#### Year One: Fall (9 credit hours)

- COM 7100 - Survey of Global Communication
- COM 7200 - Communication Theory
- COM 7300 - International Public Relations

#### Year One: Spring (9 credit hours)

- COM 7400 - Communication Research Methods
- COM 7500 - Communication for Multinational Corporations
- COM 7600 - Communication and Technology Seminar

#### Year One: Summer (6 credit hours)

Choose one of the following:

- COM 7700 - Integrated Global Communication Directed Study
- COM 7710 - Integrated Global Communication Practicum
- COM 7720 - Integrated Global Communication Study Abroad
- COM 7730 - Integrated Global Communication Study Tour

**Year Two: Fall (9 credit hours)**

- COM 7800 - Colloquium in Global Communication
- COM 7900 - Integrated Global Communication Capstone

**Program Total (33 credit hours)**



# Computer Science

## About the Program

The M.A. in Integrated Global Communication at Kennesaw State University is a professional-oriented, 33-hour, four semester graduate program that features:

- The only global communication masters program in the Southeast
- A location in one of the nation's most vibrant global business and media centers
- An innovative curriculum that offers a balance of theory and skills important for a professional masters program
- A cohort model that builds collaboration and leadership skills
- A summer international experience where students will be immersed in foreign cultures, study global organizations or attend classes at a foreign institution
- A capstone experience that features a team-oriented professional project for a global client

## Admissions and Curriculum

Admission to the program requires an earned BA or BS degree in communication or a related field from an accredited college or university

- GRE score
- Official transcripts
- Evidence of English language proficiency
- Letter of application
- Two-page resume'
- Work example and 500-word personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Prior experience in communication practices is preferred, but excellent applicants without communication-related experience will be considered.
- The curriculum follows a lock-step cohort model. All students will take the same courses each semester, except for the summer international experience. Hours per semester : 9 hours first fall, 9 hours spring, 6 hours summer international experience, and 9 hours final fall.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### Computer Science, MS

#### NON-THESIS MODEL (Breadth Option):

12 - 18 hours of required computer science core coursework  
 12 hours of electives/internship/coop/study-abroad  
 6 hours of Advanced Topics

#### THESIS MODEL (Depth Option):

12 - 18 hours of required computer science core coursework  
 6 hours of electives/Internship/coop/study-abroad  
 3 hours of Advanced Topics  
 9 hours of Thesis minimum

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY CS MODEL:

12 - 18 hours of required computer science core coursework  
 9 hours of interdisciplinary graduate coursework from one of the following areas:

- Applied Statistics
- Information Systems

6 hours of electives/internship/coop/study-abroad  
 3 hours of Advanced Topics

#### Required Common Core (12-18 Credit Hours)

Students must satisfy the requirements of topic coverage in each of the following 6000-level core course areas, as approved by the program director.

- CS 6010 - Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures
- CS 6020 - Modern Computing Systems
- CS 6030 - Agile Software Design & Modern Languages
- CS 6040 - Computing Security
- CS 6050 - Advanced Database Systems
- CS 6060 - Wireless and Mobile Computing

#### Electives

- CS 7010 - Modeling and Simulation
- CS 7015 - Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- CS 7020 - Game Design and Development
- CS 7030 - Mobile Device Application Development
- CS 7040 - Digital Forensics
- CS 7050 - Data Warehousing and Mining
- CS 7060 - Mobile Intelligence

- CS 7070 - Advanced Networking Protocols
- CS 7090 - Internship
- CS 7099 - Special Topics in Computer Science
- Graduate Level Interdisciplinary Coursework, for which the student meets the prerequisites

## **Advanced Topics (Research & Project Courses)**

Advanced Topics courses are seminar/research/project courses led by a faculty member. Content will include individual and group project work, readings, internet work, self-study, seminar participation, presentations, hybrid teaching, and online content. MS-CS students are required to attend and present in the department colloquium/seminar as part of their work in advanced topics courses. With permission of the program director, each course may be taken twice.

- CS 7810 - Advanced Topics in Modeling and Simulation
- CS 7820 - Advanced Topics in Data Game Design
- CS 7830 - Advanced Topics in Software Engineering
- CS 7850 - Advanced Topics in Mining and Intelligence
- CS 7855 - Advanced Topics in Database Systems
- CS 7860 - Advanced Topics in Wireless & Mobile Computing



# Conflict Management

## International Conflict Management, Ph.D.

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### International Conflict Management Ph.D. Program Description

This interdisciplinary in-residence program is designed to meet the global demand for scholar-practitioners to address the complex array of international conflict and security challenges. Following rigorous substantive and methodological preparation, applied experience in the field, college-level teaching experience, competency in a foreign language, and the successful completion of their dissertation research, program graduates will be ready to compete for tenure-track university faculty appointments and a wide range of operational positions in government, non-governmental agencies and the private sector including the global business community.

### General Requirements for Admission to the Ph.D. Program

Applicants are required to submit portfolios of documents as evidence of their qualifications. Qualified applicants are recommended for admission based on the International Conflict Management (INCM) Program Admissions Committee evaluation of the submitted materials. The MA/MS degree in a related discipline is highly recommended as the basic requirement. In exceptional cases, a BA/BS degree in the field may be considered. Evidence of relevant full-time work experience or international experience is strongly recommended, but not required.

To be considered for admission to the INCM Ph.D. program, the following application materials must be submitted by applicants electronically through the KSU Graduate Admissions Office via the Online Application at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/application.html> (documents can be uploaded):

1. Application Fee. Non-refundable \$60.
2. Applicants can apply for Financial Aid and Assistantships which are awarded upon review by the Program Admissions Committee. KSU Assistantships provide a stipend and cover both in-state and out-of-state tuition, however student fees will still remain the responsibility of the student. KSU Financial Aid options are available at [http://www.kennesaw.edu/financial\\_aid/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/financial_aid/).

3. Resume or CV, showing the chronological progression of educational and work experiences including any additional information relevant to support the application.
4. Statement of Intent describing the applicant's interest in the study of international conflict management and any relevant experiences and an outline of how the Ph.D. program could further those interests.
5. Writing Sample demonstrating writing and analytical abilities related to higher education or professional experience. This writing sample is preferred in English, however will be accepted in another language accompanied by an English translation. There are no length requirements, however longer samples (e.g., a senior or master's thesis) should be accompanied by an abstract or executive summary.
6. Letters of Recommendation from three references, at least two of which describe the applicant's qualifications, motivation and prospects for success in the program. The references will be sent an email with a link to a reference form to be completed electronically.
7. Transcripts from all post-secondary educational institutions. Although unofficial transcripts may be uploaded online, applicants still need to submit official transcripts. Transcripts from foreign institutions must be accompanied by an official evaluation. Transcripts may be evaluated at any of the credentialed evaluation services listed at [www.naces.org/members.htm](http://www.naces.org/members.htm). Evaluations must include a course-by-course listing and a calculation of the applicant's GPA.
8. Official GRE scores from within the last five years.
9. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) scores for all applicants who are not native speakers of English ([www.ets.org/toefl/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/) (minimum score of 88) or the IELTS [www.ielts.org/](http://www.ielts.org/) (minimum score of 6.5)), unless: they come from exempt countries; have graduated from a college or university in the United States accredited in a manner accepted by KSU; or who have studied successfully for at least one year at a university in which English was the medium of instruction.

## Transfer Credit

Students are eligible to transfer a maximum of 24 graduate credit hours completed previously in an accredited graduate program at another institution into the program towards their required 60 total credit hours.

## Program Structure and Degree Requirements

Completion of the INCM Ph.D. requires 60 semester hours of doctoral coursework - including an international field experience - proficiency in a foreign language (no degree credit) and 15 semester hours of dissertation research, writing, and defense. In addition, program completion requirements include a portfolio review, comprehensive exam, dissertation proposal approval, and dissertation defense. The program provides students maximum flexibility to tailor their education to topical and regional interests and the demands of the global job market. Depending on their career objectives, students are strongly encouraged to develop a specific disciplinary or topical focus.

## Degree Completion

Students will be allowed to graduate when all degree requirements have been fulfilled.

## Conflict Management, MS

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### MSCM Program Mission

The Master of Science in Conflict Management (MSCM) is designed to train students to be conflict resolution practitioners in varied environments. The curriculum includes courses in theory, research, design skills and practice skills. It offers field study opportunities. Students select a specific environment and develop a substantive specialty.

### MSCM Program Description

The primary objective of the MSCM is to produce students who: (1) understand the nature of conflict from the perspective of multiple disciplines; (2) understand the continuum of responses to conflict; (3) possess the necessary skills to facilitate the management of various types of conflict; (4) demonstrate the ability to analyze and research conflict in an organizational environment; (5) demonstrate the ability to design conflict intervention procedures and strategies appropriate to a particular situation or environment; (6) demonstrate the ability to evaluate the efficacy of a given intervention or system of interventions; and (7) successfully participate in conflict management on a practical level in one or more specific environments.

The Master's program prepares students to identify and pursue opportunities for a new career based on conflict management expertise. The MSCM also provides students with enhanced credentials to pursue career advancement in an existing work environment.

### General Requirements for Admission to MSCM Program

The MSCM Graduate Admissions Committee determines the eligibility of each person who applies for admission to the MSCM program. Admission will be granted only to students showing high probability of success in postgraduate study.

To be considered for admission to the MSCM program, the following application materials must be gathered by the student and submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, MD#9109, Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591:

1. Application Form and Fee: An online graduate application is available at [www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/graduate\\_admissions.html](http://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/graduate_admissions.html) and should be filled out by the student. A fee of \$60 must be paid at time of application.
2. Transcripts: Official transcript for a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum grade point average of 2.80 on a 4.0 scale. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate courses must be submitted.
3. Test Score: Applicants must submit a test score of 800 on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (verbal, quantitative) and 3.5 on the Analytical Writing section of the General Test; 475 on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT); or 151 on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Test requirements are waived for applicants who have earned an advanced degree. Scores which are still available under the scoring in effect prior to October 1, 2005, will continue to be considered for admission to the MSCM program.

4. Letter of Intent: An application letter that states the applicant's interest and goals for the MSCM and the potential use of the degree.
5. Résumé: A current résumé is required.
6. Recommendations: Two letters of recommendation that address the applicant's potential for graduate study and use of the MSCM degree from employers, supervisors, or professors familiar with the applicant's ability.
7. Immunization Requirement: see Graduate Admission.

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

Consideration is given to the applicant's academic record, test scores, letters of recommendation, résumé, and typed personal statement and objectives. However, when there is a conflict in the predictions of success from the GPA and test score, exceptions may be made if the applicant's educational background, excellence in performance in business and professional activities, creativity and leadership, or experience in the field of alternative dispute resolution indicates success in the program. In reviewing the academic work of applicants, the junior / senior adjusted grade point average for all applicants will be considered. In cases where the applicant has done additional accredited undergraduate work beyond the bachelor's degree or has done accredited graduate work, the most recent two-year adjusted GPA will be used in the admissions consideration.

An applicant will not be admitted until a completed application, application fee, letter of intent, current résumé, two letters of recommendation, valid Immunization Certificate, official test score, and official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate courses have been received and evaluated.

Only students classified as MSCM degree students are permitted to enroll in the regular MSCM courses. However, any student admitted to graduate study at KSU may enroll in Special Topic CM courses (CM 8900).

## Transfer Credit

Students are not allowed to transfer credit into the MSCM program. If a student has already completed accredited general mediation or family mediation training, that skills training may be waived once they are accepted into the program. Additional credits may be required to compensate for the waived course(s).

## Provisional

Provisional acceptance is not permitted within the MSCM program due to the cohort model of education.

## Readmission

Students are encouraged to enter the program at a time when their successful completion of the program is likely. If a student in good standing has to drop out of the program, he/she may be permitted to return later to the program at the same point in the program.

## Grade Expectations

Academic Policies: Expectations for Satisfactory Level Student Performance in Graduate Catalog.

## Academic Exclusion

If a graduate student earns nine credit hours of grades below B, or three failing grades in satisfactory/unsatisfactory courses, or if a graduate student on probation earns a semester or

summer grade-point average below 3.0, that student will be dismissed from further graduate study at KSU and will not be eligible for readmission as a graduate student.

A student who wishes to appeal after the first exclusion must submit a letter describing the situation and stating the reasons for requesting the appeal to the appropriate graduate program director who will forward his/her recommendation to the dean of the graduate college. The dean of the graduate college will then notify the appropriate graduate program director, the office of the registrar and the student of his/her decision. The decision of the dean of the graduate college is final and students may not appeal a second exclusion.

## Degree Completion

Students will be allowed to graduate when all degree requirements have been fulfilled.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MSCM student must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. A petition will be prepared and distributed to each MSCM student by the administrative director.

## Non-Degree Admission

Only students classified as MSCM degree students are permitted to enroll in the regular MSCM courses. However, any student admitted to graduate study at KSU may enroll in Special Topic CM courses (CM 8900).

## Financial Information and Assistance for MSCM Program

1. **Premium Pricing:** The cost of the program is \$25,225, which includes tuition, books and class materials, orientation retreat, meals on class weekends, travel for the study abroad or attendance at a professional conference, membership in a professional organization and a subscription to an ADR journal. The cost includes a non-refundable application acceptance fee of \$500 which is due upon official notification of acceptance in order to reserve a place in the program. NOTE: Insurance premiums associated with health insurance required by the University for all international students are not included in the cost of the program;
2. **Financial Aid:** All MSCM applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid in the event of an emergency that could prevent them from fulfilling their commitment to the program. See Financial Aid in Tuition, Expenses, and Financial Aid;
3. **Fee Schedule and Deadlines:** Tuition is pro-rated over the length of the program with a payment of \$6,181.25 due on or before the first day of class each semester;
4. **Payment of Fees:** Payment of the \$500 application acceptance fee is due on notification of acceptance to the program. Payment of this fee and the \$6,181.25 semester tuition fee can be made by check to the MSCM administrative director. Payment by credit card can be made only online for an additional service fee of 2.75% or approximately \$170.
5. **Refund Policy:** After 11:45 p.m. on the last day to drop/add courses (see the Academic Calendar for specific semester dates), there is no refund for withdrawing from a course, which would still leave a student enrolled at KSU. The student must completely withdraw from all classes for the semester in order to receive a refund. To withdraw from a course, a student must complete an online withdrawal.

Kennesaw State University reserves the right to change its fees, charges, rules, and regulations at the beginning of any semester and without prior notice.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### International Conflict Management, Ph.D.

#### Core Seminars (12 hours)

- INCM 9001 - Theories and Analysis in International Conflict Management
- INCM 9002 - International Relations: Theory, System, and Practice
- INCM 9005 - Economics of Conflict
- INCM 9006 - Intercultural Dynamics in International Conflict Management

#### Core Research Method Requirements (9 hours)

- INCM 9101 - Fundamentals of Research Design
- INCM 9102 - Quantitative Methods
- INCM 9103 - Qualitative Methods

#### Research Method Electives (3 Credit Hours)

- INCM 9210 - Advanced Quantitative Methods
- INCM 9230 - Advanced Qualitative Methods
- INCM 9250 - International Program and Management Evaluation
- INCM 9290 - Special Topics in Research Methods

#### Faculty Research & Dissertation Colloquia (2 Credit Hours)

- INCM 9004 - Faculty Research Colloquium
- INCM 9600 - Dissertation Proposal Colloquium

#### Program Curricular Electives (31 Credit Hours)

- INCM 9320 - Essentials of International Negotiation: Theory and Practice
- INCM 9330 - Foundations and Issues in International Political Economy
- INCM 9340 - Transnational Civil Society and Conflict
- INCM 9350 - Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping, and Reconciliation
- INCM 9370 - International Project Management
- INCM 9380 - Sustainable Development
- INCM 9410 - Comparative Conflict Management Policies of International Organizations
- INCM 9430 - Post-Agreement Reconstruction
- INCM 9450 - Current Conflicts
- INCM 9451 - Conflicts in Africa
- INCM 9510 - Related Study of a Selected Regional Area
- INCM 9530 - Related Study of a Selected Topical Area
- INCM 9550 - Related Course Directed Study
- INCM 9601 - Case Writing and Case Teaching
- INCM 9602 - Peacebuilding Assessment
- INCM 9603 - Essentials of Mediation
- INCM 9604 - Nonviolent Resistance
- INCM 9605 - College and University Teaching
- INCM 9606 - Security System Reform (SSR)

- INCM 9607 - Strategy Development
- INCM 9608 - Elections & Electoral Systems Design

### **International Experience (required) (3 Credit Hours)**

- INCM 9700 - International Experience

### **Dissertation Research (15 Credit Hours)**

- INCM 9900 - Ph.D. Dissertation Research

### **Program Total (75 hours)**

## **Conflict Management, MSCM**

### **Core Courses (36 Credit Hours)**

- CM 7205 - Basic Mediation Training Clinic
- CM 7210 - Foundations and Theories of Conflict Management: Conflict Theory
- CM 7220 - Foundations and Theories of Conflict Management: Negotiation Theory
- CM 7230 - Foundations and Theories of Conflict Management: ADR Continuum
- CM 7305 - Advanced Conflict Management Skills Clinic
- CM 7310 - Critical Knowledge and Skills of Conflict Management: Interpersonal, Inter-group, and Community Conflict and Workplace/Organizational Conflict
- CM 7320 - Critical Knowledge and Skills of Conflict Management: Public Policy Disputes, Cross-Cultural and International Conflict Resolution
- CM 7400 - Conflict Management Research Methods
- CM 7500 - Conflict Management Systems Design
- CM 7600 - Study of a Specific Conflict Management Environment
- CM 7705 - Advanced Applied Skills Training
- CM 7710 - The Practice of Conflict Management: Field Experience  
or
- CM 7715 - The Practice of Conflict Management: Field Experience
- CM 7720 - The Practice of Conflict Management: Field Study and Internship Reports

### **Program Total (36 Credit Hours)**



# Education

Graduate programs in education offered by Kennesaw State University are fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and meet the Georgia Professional Standards Commission Program Standards.

## **Collaborative Development of Expertise in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership**

The Professional Teacher Education Unit (PTEU) at Kennesaw State University is committed to developing expertise among candidates in initial and advanced programs as teachers and leaders who possess the capability, intent and expertise to facilitate high levels of learning in all of their students through effective, research-based practices in classroom instruction, and who enhance the structures that support all learning. To that end, the PTEU fosters the development of candidates as they progress through stages of growth from novice to proficient to expert and leader. Within the PTEU conceptual framework, expertise is viewed as a process of continued development, not an end-state. To be effective, teachers and educational leaders must embrace the notion that teaching and learning are entwined and that only through the implementation of validated practices can all students construct meaning and reach high levels of learning. In that way, candidates are facilitators of the teaching and learning process. Finally, the PTEU recognizes, values and demonstrates collaborative practices across the college and university and extends collaboration to the community at large. Through this collaboration with professionals in the university, the public and private schools, parents and other professional partners, the PTEU meets the ultimate goal of assisting Georgia schools in bringing all students to high levels of learning.

The Bagwell College of Education offers a Doctor of Education in Teacher Leadership for Learning (Ed.D.), a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership for Learning (Ed.D.), a Specialist in Teacher Leadership for Learning (Ed.S), and an Educational Specialist in Leadership for Learning (Ed.S.). In addition, the college also offers a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree with programs of study in Adolescent Education (4 -12), Educational Leadership, Early Childhood Education (P-5), and Inclusive Education (P-12). In collaboration with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Science and Mathematics, the Bagwell College of Education offers the Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree with programs of study in Secondary (6-12) English Education, Mathematics Education, Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Physics Education, and the P-12 certification areas of Art Education, Chinese Education, Spanish Education, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Certified teachers may apply for admission to pursue non-degree course work leading to endorsements in Coaching, Computer Science, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Inclusive Education, Preschool Inclusive Education, Reading and Teacher Leader.

The Kennesaw State University PTEU Faculty are committed to quality undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs grounded in the liberal arts tradition. Programs developed and implemented through multiple collaborations integrate strong academic preparation, pedagogical study, and school-based professional experiences. The programs foster development of knowledge, skills, and dispositions required of the effective teacher leader. The faculty develop educators who exhibit strong commitment to professional growth and excellence through scholarship, service, and research, and who serve the needs of diverse learners in a dynamic, pluralistic, and technological society.

In graduate programs, the PTEU prepares effective teachers and leaders who extend their understanding of the theoretical and methodological aspects of their disciplines and profession, who examine education and their teaching and leadership in the broader context of theory and research, and who employ this knowledge in making decisions as instructional leaders that enhance the education program for all students and advance knowledge in their field.

## General Policies

Policy on Work in Schools for all Degree Programs, Certificate and Endorsement Programs  
All degree programs, certificate and endorsement programs in education require students to apply their learning in diverse school settings. Students who do not hold a clear renewable teaching, leadership or service certificate in Georgia must pass a criminal background check prior to enrolling in a degree program, certificate or endorsement program. For information and details, visit the KSU Center for Education Placements & Partnerships at <https://education.kennesaw.edu/cepp/>.

## Policy on Research in Public Schools

Any student who intends to complete research on human subjects as a requirement for graduate work in education is required to comply with Kennesaw State University's policies related to research on human subjects. Candidates are also required to comply with policies established by public and private institutions and/or school districts in which they will conduct research. Visit the KSU Institutional Review Board's website at [www.kennesaw.edu/irb/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/irb/) for more information.

## Doctor of Education in Teacher Leadership for Learning

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The Doctor of Education in Teacher Leadership for Learning and the Educational Specialist in Leadership for Learning are designed for experienced educators. The programs are delivered in cohorts offered through a combination of on-campus, on-site, and on-line learning experiences specifically designed to maximize collaboration with professional colleagues and peers. Instruction involves the use of a variety of instructional methods including, but not limited to, problem-based learning, modules, case-studies, research and individual projects. Application of learning to school-based issues and problems is a critical component of these applied programs. Candidates in the programs are required to be employed as teachers or administrators in a school district.

## Program Admission Requirements for the Ed.D.

Applicants accepted into the program are expected to formally confirm their intent to enroll with the entering cohort in January in order to reserve their place in the program.

Expected qualifications for applicants to be considered for admission will typically include:

1. an earned master's degree in professional education or a related field;
2. a clear and renewable Georgia Teaching Certificate or equivalent;
3. current full-time employment as a professional educator with at least five years of teaching or administrative experience or both in K-12 education for Ed.D. (four years for Ed.S), and
4. a Graduate Aptitude & Achievement Index Score of at least 3500. The Graduate Index Score = (GRE Quantitative Score + GRE Verbal Score) x GPA for the master's degree.

Applicants to the program must submit the following.

1. Official transcripts of all college coursework, undergraduate and graduate, showing evidence of completion of a master degree or its equivalent in a related field.
2. Official scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam within the last five years.
3. All relevant professional teaching and/or administrative certificates.
4. Professional Profile detailing related professional qualifications.
5. Reflections on Leadership for Learning.
6. Official request for consideration of transfer courses.

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Transfer Credit

If accepted to the programs, up to 15 post-master's graduate semester hours of comparable transfer credit for the Ed.D. and nine post-master's graduate semester hours for the Ed.S. may be accepted toward completion of the requirements. Transfer credit will not be accepted for the core course requirements that are central to the program's distinctive focus and development of its cohort experience. Consequently, transfer credit considerations are typically restricted to courses in the concentration, guided electives, and the initial course in applied research methods. Decisions about the acceptability of transfer credit will be made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the concentration advisor and director of the doctoral program.

## Admission Process

The admissions process for the doctoral degree consists of multiple levels of review and is a highly competitive process.

The final evaluation of applicant files is conducted by the Bagwell College of Education's Doctoral Admissions Committee. That committee, composed of doctoral program faculty representatives, employs rubrics to systematically evaluate the merits of each applicant's admission file. The Committee's recommendation for admission into the Ed.D. program is based upon the Committee's collective professional judgment of the overall merits of the applicant's case in the context of the quality of the applicant pool and the availability of openings for doctoral student supervision with the faculty in each of the program's areas of concentration. Consequently, the more qualified applicants there are for a limited number of new student openings, the more competitive the selection process becomes.

A critical aspect of the final level of review is the applicant's interview with concentration faculty. The final pool of qualified applicants for admission is identified in each concentration. These applicants are notified and an individual interview with concentration faculty is scheduled. The interview is structured with a predetermined set of questions to which the applicant responds. International applicants may meet the interview requirement through videoconference or teleconference. The interview is not waived for international applicants.

The determination of the merits of each applicant's case is focused on a number of key variables. These variables provide evidence of a candidate's potential to successfully complete a specialized academic program at the highest level of scholarly study, including an original research study that makes a major contribution to the field in the area of school improvement and increased student learning. Those factors include: related undergraduate and graduate degrees (master's required); academic performance and achievement; professional teaching and administrative certifications; professional employment in K-12 schools; verbal and writing skills; quantitative and problem solving skills; evidence of teaching effectiveness, evidence of educational leadership; compatible educational philosophies and professional ethics; and other related contributions and achievements of note.

## Teacher Leadership for Learning, Ed.D.

The program of study for the Ed.D. is planned to span approximately four years of consecutive enrollment for a total of 75 hours minimum. However, some candidates may progress at a faster rate having received some transfer credit for previous graduate work. In addition, since candidates move through the program as a member of a committed cohort support, feedback, peer review and editing of their work and research is an expected art of the candidates experiences in the program. These support mechanisms for research and writing of the dissertation provide additional support so that some candidates may complete the dissertation phase faster than the one year allocated. After successful completion 33 hours (18 hours of common core courses and 15 hours of concentration courses), candidates are awarded the Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership for Learning.

Candidates for the Ed.D. in Teacher Leadership for Learning from all concentrations complete a minimum of 75 hours of study in four areas. The areas are:

- Common Core in Teacher Leadership for Learning (27)
- Concentration (27)
- Guided Electives (12)
- Dissertation (9)

## Program Total (Ed.D.) (Minimum 75 Credit Hours)

Notes:

The Ed.D. degree has five concentrations as listed below:

1. Adolescent Education–English/Language Arts
2. Adolescent Education–Mathematics
3. Early Childhood & Elementary Education
4. Inclusive Education
5. Instructional Technology

## Ed.D. Common Core in Teacher Leadership for Learning (27 Credit Hours)

The focus in the Common Core is for candidates to develop shared leadership expertise by building networks of influence and working across boundaries. Candidates are introduced to and develop an understanding of the foundation of Distributed School Leadership. Through collaborative case study and problem based learning experiences embedded in the context of schools, candidates enrolled in all the concentrations work together to tackle the challenges faced by teachers and teacher leaders in today's P-12 schools. Candidates develop an understanding of and proficiency in a variety of distributed leadership roles and demonstrate their expertise as required by the program's eight Performance Outcomes.

The courses are:

- EDL 8000 - Foundations of Distributed Leadership for Learning
- EDUC 8100 - Advanced Study of Learning
- EDUC 8300 - Intercultural Communication and Global Learning
- EDRS 8000 - Applied Quantitative & Qualitative Research
- EDL 8100 - Critical Issues in School Transformation
- EDRS 8900 - Applied Field Research
- EDRS 9100 - Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
- EDRS 9200 - Advanced Quantitative Research Methods
- EDUC 9800 - Doctoral Seminar

## Ed.D. Concentration Options (27 Credit Hours)

The focus of the Concentration is to deepen and broaden the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of the candidates in their content. To be a mentor, to empower others, and to support and sustain change within schools, graduates must be viewed as strong content leaders by their colleagues. Candidates have five concentration options in the Ed.D. program—Adolescent Education-Mathematics, Adolescent Education-English/Language Arts, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Inclusive Education, and Instructional Technology. Each option is composed of a Concentration Core and Concentration Electives. The description of these options and the courses of study are provided below.

### Concentration Descriptions and Courses

#### Adolescent Education - English/Language Arts (27 Credit Hours)

The Ed.D. in Adolescent Education—English/Language Arts concentration is designed for educators who are currently certified to teach English, Language Arts, or a closely related field (for example, reading or communications) at the middle or secondary level and who have previously successfully completed a Master's degree from a reputable institution of higher learning in graduate-level English, English Education, Language Arts, or a closely related field. Graduates of the program are leaders for learning because they possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles in P-12 schools. The concentration is aligned with NCATE and PSC Unit Standard 1, as well as with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards. Consistent with the Bagwell College of Education's Conceptual Framework—the Collaborative Development of Expertise in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership—graduates of the program are prepared to serve as collaborative experts in the content area of English/Language Arts and to be effective advocates, agents, mentors, and models and to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles.

## Adolescent Education Core (12 Credit Hours from the following)

- EDAD 8100 - Curriculum Theory & Practice in Middle & Secondary Schools
- EDAD 8200 - Supervision, Mentoring, and Advocacy in Middle and Secondary Schools
- EDAD 8300 - Critical Analysis & Educational Policy for Teacher Leaders
- EDAD 8400 - Internship in Teacher Development or Teacher Education
- EDAD 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
- EDAD 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study

## English/Language Arts (15 Credit Hours)

### English/Language Arts Core: Required Courses (9 Credit Hours)

- ENED 8310 - Applied Theory and Research in Writing
- ENED 8701 - Applied Research and Theory in Literature
- ENED 9400 - Designing and Conducting Research in English/Language Arts Education

### English/Language Arts Core: Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)

Select 6 hours from the following, with the approval of the English/Language Arts Faculty Advisor.

- ENED 8741 - Digital Media and Pedagogies in English/Language Arts Education
- ENED 8998 - Internship in English/Language Arts Education
- ENED 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning
- ENED 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study in English/Language Arts Education
- ENED 9375 - English/Language Arts Program Assessment
- PRWR 6280 - Business and Technical Editing
- PRWR 6500 - Teaching Writing in High Schools and Colleges
- PRWR 6650 - Introduction to Literacy Studies
- PRWR 6750 - Teaching Writing to Speakers of Other Languages
- PRWR 6860 - Intercultural Communication in Context
- PRWR 7550 - Advanced Applied Writing

## Adolescent Education - Mathematics (27 Credit Hours)

The Adolescent Education- Mathematics concentration is designed for educators who are currently certified to teach mathematics at the middle or secondary level and who have previously successfully completed coursework in graduate level mathematics. Graduates of the program are leaders for learning because they possess the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles in P-12 schools. The concentration is aligned with NCATE and PSC Unit Standard 1, as well as with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards. Consistent with the Bagwell College of Education's Conceptual Framework, the Collaborative Development of Expertise in Teaching, Learning and Leadership, graduates of the program are prepared to serve as collaborative experts in the content area of mathematics and to be effective advocates, agents, mentors and models and to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles.

## Adolescent Education Core (12 Credit Hours)

- EDAD 8100 - Curriculum Theory & Practice in Middle & Secondary Schools
- EDAD 8200 - Supervision, Mentoring, and Advocacy in Middle and Secondary Schools
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- EDAD 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
- EDAD 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study

## Mathematics (15 Credit Hours)

- MATH 7700 - Elementary Set Theory
  - MATH 7712 - Discrete Mathematics
  - MATH 7713 - Statistics and Data Analysis
  - MATH 7714 - Geometry from Multiple Perspectives
  - MATH 7717 - Elementary Number Theory
  - MATH 7718 - Functions and Analytic Techniques
  - MATH 7900 - Special Topics
  - MATH 7950 - Directed Study
  - MAED 7701 - History of Mathematics
  - MAED 7715 - Mathematical Problem Solving
  - MAED 7716 - Math Studies
  - MAED 7719 - Technology and Mathematics
  - MAED 7751 - Mathematics Teaching and Learning
  - MAED 8900 - Research Methods and Critique in Mathematics Education
  - MAED 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
  - MAED 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study
- or
- Courses in Applied Statistics (with advisor approval)

## Early Childhood Education (27 Credit Hours)

The Early Childhood & Elementary Education concentration is designed for teachers in Pre-K through fifth grade. This program of study provides the skills necessary for elementary and early childhood education teachers to become active members in a variety of distributed leadership roles at the elementary school level or district level. Candidates in this concentration develop in-depth knowledge and skills in the areas of curriculum and instruction. Through their ability to synthesize and apply the latest research in curriculum decision making, they demonstrate leadership as change agents for students and education.

The concentration is aligned with NCATE and PSC Unit Standard 1 and is consistent with the Bagwell College of Education conceptual framework. Graduates demonstrate leadership by being models of the profession and experts in teaching and instructional leaders. They demonstrate leadership as mentors to support and guide pre-service teachers to improve teaching and learning for all.

Graduates will be advocates for curriculum improvement while specializing in the art and craft of teaching. Through a thorough theoretical base of curriculum development, understanding of global education issues, and an appreciation for the philosophical inquiry and ethical issues in education, graduates will be leaders for learning. The ECEE teacher-leader will become the change agent of tomorrow's schools.

## Early Childhood and Elementary Education Core (12 Credit Hours)

- ECE 8100 - Philosophical and Ethical Foundations for Teacher Leaders
- ECE 8120 - Critical Analysis of Instruction and Learning
- ECE 8140 - Current Critical Issues in Elementary Education
- ECE 8160 - Assessment of and for Learning

## Early Childhood and Elementary Education Concentration Electives (15 Credit Hours)

Select 15 hours from the following:

- ECE 8110 - Contemporary Curriculum Inquiry
- ECE 8150 - Technology Enriched Curriculum
- ECE 9100 - Cognitive Processes and Educational Practice
- ECE 9120 - Mentoring Future Teacher Leaders
- ECE 9140 - Internship for Developing Teacher Leaders
- ECE 9220 - Curriculum Decision Making (K-5)
- or
- ECE 9230 - Curriculum Decision Making (Birth- 8yrs)
- ECE 9250 - Teacher Leaders and School Reform
- ECE 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
- ECE 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study

## Inclusive Education (27 Credit Hours)

The focus of the concentration in Inclusive Education is to prepare teacher leaders who are committed to creating educational environments that ensure that all students, including those with disabilities or those who are culturally and linguistically diverse or both, have equitable opportunities for achieving high academic standards in the state-approved curriculum. The program of study is predicated on the assumption that in successful schools, teachers collectively hold a powerful belief system of high expectations that rejects deficit assumptions about students, their cultures, abilities, and life circumstances. Graduates of Inclusive Education will demonstrate the knowledge, skills and dispositions to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles within P-12 schools, state and federal government agencies, or private not-for-profit agencies that serve students with disabilities or those who are culturally and linguistically diverse. The program's courses, designed experiences, and embedded assessments are tightly aligned with eight key performance outcomes which represent the invitational and inclusive nature of distributed leadership as a framework within which formal and informal leaders address and act on complex P-12 issues:

- Foster an organizational culture that facilitates development of a shared vision, a plan for school improvement, and increased learning for all students;
- Implement sustainable educational change and process improvement;
- Create 21st century learning environments that advance best practices in curriculum, instruction, and assessment;
- Engage in applied research that supports data-driven planning and decision-making for the improvement of schools and learning;
- Build collaborative relationships, teams, and community partnerships that communicate and reflect distributed leadership for learning;
- Embrace diversity by demonstrating intercultural literacy and global understanding;
- Facilitate professional learning and development that enhance and improve professional practice and productivity;
- Exercise professionalism and ethical practice.

The program emphasized eight essential components of preparation, including: (a) recognition of one's own ethnocentrism and ideological and philosophical platform; (b) knowledge of students' cognitive, learning, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds; (c) understanding of the broader social, economic and political context in schools; (d) ability and willingness to use culturally appropriate, positive behavior management strategies; (e) commitment to building differentiated schools and classrooms that are intentionally inviting and inclusive; (f) under-

standing and use of research-based practices in general education environments; (g) the ability to analyze school-wide, complex problems and resolve issues such that all teachers, students and parents are supported and successful; and (h) and understanding of global issues in education and how they translate into successful educational outcomes for all students.

## Inclusive Education Core (12 Credit Hours)

- INED 8310 - Inclusive Policies and Practices in Special Education
- INED 8315 - Supervision, Mentoring and Collegial Coaching in Special Education
- INED 8340 - Planning, Implementing & Assessing Instruction for Diverse Learners
- INED 8350 - Increasing Achievement of Diverse Learners Through Practical Application

## Inclusive Education Electives (15 Credit Hours)

Select 15 hours from the following:

- EDRD 8360 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners
- EDRD 8365 - Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities
- INED 8305 - Critical Issues in Administering Special Education Programs
- INED 8320 - Special Education Administrative Internship
- INED 8325 - Creating Culturally Responsive Schools
- INED 8330 - Creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms
- INED 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
- INED 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study

## Instructional Technology (27 Credit Hours)

The focus of the Instructional Technology concentration is to deepen and broaden the knowledge and skills of candidates in this area of study. The Instructional Technology concentration prepares elementary, secondary and middle grades teachers to be leaders in the use of technology for standards-based instruction and assessment. Instructional Technology emerges from the concept of teacher leadership as its primary emphasis is to support the development of teachers in their efforts to use emerging technologies to increase student achievement. The program of study prepares teachers to model best practices in the use of instructional technologies and provides high-quality professional learning experiences for other educators. This course of study is designed to meet the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) standards for receipt of a T-6 (Ed.S.) and a T-7 (Ed.D.) certificate.

The concentration is aligned to the Technology Facilitation standards developed by National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). These standards are designed to help candidates “exhibit knowledge, skills, and dispositions equipping them to teach technology applications; demonstrate effective use of technology to support student learning of content; and provide professional development, mentoring, and basic technical assistance for other teachers who require support in their efforts to apply technology to support student learning” (ISTE/NCATE, 2002).

Candidates address these performance standards in the context of collaborative inquiry with peers and faculty during class discussions and course assignments. Course assignments focus on promoting teacher leadership through the development of high-quality, technology-based curriculum resources and facilitating the effective uses of technology for standards-based instruction and assessment of student learning. Candidates continue their study of distributed leadership and the distinct responsibilities of the eight roles of school leaders as they manifest in the context of supporting an instructional technology program in a school/ district.

Assignments also build candidates' understanding of how to lead, design and implement high-quality professional learning for educators and to navigate the change process connected with introducing a technological innovation into a learning environment. Additionally, courses will require candidates to interact with a broader community of researchers and practitioners through the review of published literature in the field and the participation in professional learning organizations.

## Instructional Technology Core (15 Credit Hours)

- ITEC 8400 - Instructional Design and Technology
- ITEC 8410 - Technology, Professional Learning, and Change
- ITEC 8420 - Evaluating K-12 Instructional Technologies
- ITEC 8430 - Technology and Student Assessment
- ITEC 8440 - Planning and Implementing Instructional Technology Programs

## Instructional Technology Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours from the following:

- ITEC 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
- ITEC 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study
- ITEC 9400 - Research and Theory in Instructional/Educational Technology
- ITEC 9410 - Instructional Leadership and Technology Facilitation
- ITEC 9420 - Evaluating Professional Learning and Technology Implementation
- ITEC 9430 - Designing and Facilitating Online Learning

## Guided Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Candidates use guided electives to expand their content expertise and influence in schools and to provide pathways to additional career opportunities. Candidates may elect to take courses in content areas other than their major concentration. They may decide to deepen their knowledge of intercultural communication and global learning by selecting study abroad opportunities. Finally, they may seek additional endorsements and deepen their expertise in high need areas such as ESOL and reading, delve deeply into timely critical issues through seminars or in-depth scholarly research, or investigate special topics offered in the critical issues courses outside of their own concentration. Candidates select these hours in consultation with their major advisor.

## Dissertation (Minimum 9 Credit Hours)

Dissertation topics and research must be focused on developing and documenting policies and practices positively impacting student learning. The dissertation must clearly link to at least one of the eight roles of Distributed School Leadership which serve as thematic organizers. Candidates collaborate with and rely on support from peers, faculty and P-12 professionals for review of the literature, research and design recommendations, editing and feedback.

- ECE 9900 - Dissertation
- EDAD 9900 - Dissertation
- EDL 9900 - Doctoral Dissertation
- EDUC 9900 - Dissertation
- ENED 9900 - Dissertation
- INED 9900 - Dissertation
- ITEC 9900 - Dissertation
- MAED 9900 - Dissertation

## Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership for Learning

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The Educational Leadership for Learning Educational Doctorate (EdD) in Leadership for Learning is designed for experienced educators. The program will be delivered through a combination of on-campus seminars, school/district based performance, and on-line learning experiences.

Expected qualifications for applicants to be considered for admission will include:

1. Earned Educational Specialist in education or a related field;
2. Georgia PL-6 certification or L-6 certification or comparable certificate from another state in keeping with Georgia reciprocity agreements and as outlined by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission;
3. Graduate Aptitude & Achievement Index Score of at least 3500 (Graduate Index Score = GRE Quantitative Score plus GRE Verbal Score times GPA for all post-master's work; and
4. Current full time employment as a professional educator with at least five years of teaching and/or administrative experience in P-12 education.

Applicants to the program must submit the following:

1. Official transcript of college coursework, both undergraduate and graduate from the degree granting institutions;
2. Evidence of completion of Educational Specialist degree or its equivalent in a related field;
3. Georgia certification or documentation of appropriate certification as approved by the department;
4. Copies of Official scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam within the past five years;
5. All relevant professional teaching and/or administrative certificates;
6. Professional Profile detailing related professional qualifications;
7. Reflections on Leadership; and
8. Official request for consideration of transfer courses

## Transfer of Credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted for the core course requirements that are central to the program's distinctive focus. Consequently, transfer credit considerations will typically be restricted to courses in the concentration, guided electives, and the initial course in applied research methods. Decisions about the acceptability of transfer credit will be made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the concentration advisor and Director of the Doctoral and Specialists Programs.

## Educational Leadership for Learning, Ed.D.

### Core Courses for All Concentrations (12 Credit Hours)

- EDRS 9100 - Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
- EDRS 9200 - Advanced Quantitative Research Methods
- EDUC 8100 - Advanced Study of Learning
- EDUC 9800 - Doctoral Seminar

### Required Concentration Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- EDL 9881 - Special Education and Advanced School Law
- EDL 9882 - Educational Planning for Transformation
- EDL 9883 - Performance for Educational Executives: Politics, Power, and Policy
- EDL 9884 - Emerging Trends in Instructional Leadership, Curriculum, and Evaluation

### Elective Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- EDL 8860 - Transition Between Building and System Levels
- EDL 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)
- EDL 9310 - Educational Facilities
- EDL 9320 - Media, Community, and Public Relations
- EDL 9330 - Comparative Education
- EDL 9340 - Ethics for Educational Leaders
- EDL 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study
- EDL 9360 - Beyond Policy: Reforming Schools Through Learner-Centered Education and Leadership
- XXX XXXX - Advisor-approved elective
- EDL 9370 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: Exploring the Literature
- EDL 9380 - Economics of Education

### Dissertation (Minimum 9 Credit Hours)

- EDL 9900 - Doctoral Dissertation

### Program Total (45+ Credit Hours)

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Candidates may enroll in the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) program in Teacher Leadership for Learning as a stand alone degree. All concentrations in the Ed.S. lead to a T-6 certificate

except the Educational Leadership concentration, which, upon approval from the Professional Standards Commission leads to either an L-6 or PL-6 certificate. Candidates for the Ed.S. must complete 18 hours of the Common Core and 15 hours in the Concentration. If accepted to the program, candidates may request up to 9 hours of graduate work beyond the M.Ed. to be applied toward the Ed.S. degree. Transfer credit is not accepted for the core course requirements that are central to the program's distinctive focus and to the development of the program's cohort experience. Consequently, transfer credit considerations are typically restricted to courses in the concentration, guided electives, and the initial course in applied research methods. However, final decisions about the acceptability of transfer credit are made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the concentration advisor and director of the doctoral and specialist programs.

Expected qualifications for applicants to be considered for admission will typically include:

1. an earned master's degree in professional education or a related field;
2. a clear and renewable Georgia Teaching Certificate or equivalent;
3. current full-time employment as a professional educator with at least 4 years of teaching or administrative experience or both in K-12 education;
4. a Graduate Aptitude & Achievement Index Score of at least 3000. The Graduate Index Score = (GRE Quantitative Score + GRE Verbal Score) x GPA for the master's degree.

Applicants to the program must submit the following:

1. official transcripts of college coursework, undergraduate and graduate, showing evidence of completion of a master's degree or its equivalent in a related field;
2. official scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam within the last five years;
3. all relevant professional teaching and/or administrative certificates;
4. professional profile detailing related professional qualifications;
5. reflections on Leadership for Learning;
6. official request for consideration of transfer courses.

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Teacher Leadership for Learning, Ed.S.

### Program Total (33 Credit Hours)

#### Ed.S. Common Core in Teacher Leadership for Learning (18 Credit Hours)

The focus in the Common Core is for candidates to develop shared leadership expertise by building networks of influence and working across boundaries. Candidates are introduced to and develop an understanding of the foundation of Distributed School Leadership. Through collaborative case study & problem based learning experiences embedded in the context of schools, cohorts of candidates, regardless of concentrations work together to tackle the tough, ambiguous challenges prevalent in today's P-12 schools. Candidates develop an understanding of and proficiency in a variety of distributed leadership roles and demonstrate their expertise as required in the eight Performance Outcomes.

The Common Core courses are:

- EDL 8000 - Foundations of Distributed Leadership for Learning
- EDL 8100 - Critical Issues in School Transformation
- EDRS 8000 - Applied Quantitative & Qualitative Research

- EDRS 8900 - Applied Field Research
- EDUC 8100 - Advanced Study of Learning
- EDUC 8300 - Intercultural Communication and Global Learning

## Ed.S. Concentration Options (15 Credit Hours)

The focus of the Concentration is to deepen and broaden the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of the candidates in their content. In order to be a mentor, to empower others, and to support and sustain change within schools, graduates must be viewed as strong content leaders by their colleagues. Candidates have five concentration options in the Ed.S. program—Adolescent Education-Language Arts, Adolescent Education- Mathematics, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Inclusive Education, and Instructional Technology. The description of these options and the courses of study are provided below.

### Adolescent Education

#### Adolescent Education Core (9 Credit Hours)

- EDAD 8100 - Curriculum Theory & Practice in Middle & Secondary Schools
- EDAD 8200 - Supervision, Mentoring, and Advocacy in Middle and Secondary Schools
- EDAD 8300 - Critical Analysis & Educational Policy for Teacher Leaders
- EDAD 8400 - Internship in Teacher Development or Teacher Education
- EDAD 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)

#### Adolescent Education Teaching Fields or Tracks (6 Credit Hours)

### Adolescent Education - English/Language Arts (6 Credit Hours)

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- ENED 8310 - Applied Theory and Research in Writing
- ENED 8701 - Applied Research and Theory in Literature

### Mathematics (6 Credit Hours)

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Framework, the Collaborative Development of Expertise in Teaching, Learning and Leadership, graduates of the program are prepared to serve as collaborative experts in the content area of mathematics and to be effective advocates, agents, mentors and models and to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles.

- MATH 7700 - Elementary Set Theory
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- MAED 7900 - Special Topics
- MAED 7950 - Directed Study
- MAED 8900 - Research Methods and Critique in Mathematics Education  
or
- Courses in Applied Statistics (with advisor approval)

### **Early Childhood and Elementary Education (15 Credit Hours)**

The Early Childhood & Elementary Education concentration is designed for teachers in Pre-K through fifth grade. This program of study provides the skills necessary for elementary and early childhood education teachers to become active members in a variety of distributed leadership roles at the elementary school level or district level. Candidates in this concentration develop in-depth knowledge and skills in the areas of curriculum and instruction. Through their ability to synthesize and apply the latest research in curriculum decision making, they demonstrate leadership as change agents for students and education.

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with disabilities or those who are culturally and linguistically diverse or both, have equitable opportunities for achieving high academic standards in the state-approved curriculum. The program of study is predicted on the assumption that in successful schools, teachers collectively hold a powerful belief system of high expectations that rejects deficit assumptions about students, their cultures, abilities, and life circumstances. Graduates of Inclusive Education will demonstrate the knowledge, skills and dispositions to serve in a variety of distributed leadership roles within P-12 schools, state and federal government agencies, or private not-for-profit agencies that serve students with disabilities or those who are culturally and linguistically diverse. The program's courses, designed experiences, and embedded assessments are tightly aligned with eight key performance outcomes which represent the invitational and inclusive nature of distributed leadership as a framework within which formal and informal leaders address and act on complex P-12 issues:

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The program emphasized eight essential components of preparation, including: (a) recognition of one's own ethnocentrism and ideological and philosophical platform; (b) knowledge of students' cognitive, learning, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds; (c) understanding of the broader social, economic and political context in schools; (d) ability and willingness to use culturally appropriate, positive behavior management strategies; (e) commitment to building differentiated schools and classrooms that are intentionally inviting and inclusive; (f) understanding and use of research-based practices in general education environments; (g) the ability to analyze school-wide, complex problems and resolve issues such that all teachers, students and parents are supported and successful; and (h) understanding of global issues in education and how they translate into successful educational outcomes for all students.

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- INED 8315 - Supervision, Mentoring and Collegial Coaching in Special Education
- INED 8330 - Creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms
- INED 8340 - Planning, Implementing & Assessing Instruction for Diverse Learners
- INED 8350 - Increasing Achievement of Diverse Learners Through Practical Application

### **Instructional Technology (15 Credit Hours)**

The focus of the Instructional Technology concentration is to deepen and broaden the knowledge and skills of candidates in this area of study. The Instructional Technology concentration prepares elementary, secondary and middle grades teachers to be leaders in the use of technology for standards-based instruction and assessment. Instructional Technology emerges from the concept of teacher leadership as its primary emphasis is to support the development of teachers in their efforts to use emerging technologies to increase student achievement. The program of study prepares teachers to model best practices in the use of instructional technologies and provides high-quality professional learning experiences for other educators. This course of study is designed to meet the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) standards for receipt of a T-6 (Ed.S.) and a T-7 (Ed.D.) certificate.

The concentration is aligned to the Technology Facilitation standards developed by National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). These standards are designed to help candidates “exhibit knowledge, skills, and dispositions equipping them to teach technology applications; demonstrate effective use of technology to support student learning of content; and provide professional development, mentoring, and basic technical assistance for other teachers who require support in their efforts to apply technology to support student learning” (ISTE/NCATE, 2002).

Candidates address these performance standards in the context of collaborative inquiry with peers and faculty during class discussions and course assignments. Course assignments focus on promoting teacher leadership through the development of high-quality, technology-based curriculum resources and facilitating the effective uses of technology for standards-based instruction and assessment of student learning. Candidates continue their study of distributed leadership and the distinct responsibilities of the eight roles of school leaders as they manifest in the context of supporting an instructional technology program in a school/district. Assignments also build candidates’ understanding of how to lead, design and implement high-quality professional learning for educators and to navigate the change process connected with introducing a technological innovation into a learning environment. Additionally, courses will require candidates to interact with a broader community of researchers and practitioners through the review of published literature in the field and the participation in professional learning organizations.

- ITEC 8400 - Instructional Design and Technology
- ITEC 8410 - Technology, Professional Learning, and Change
- ITEC 8420 - Evaluating K-12 Instructional Technologies
- ITEC 8430 - Technology and Student Assessment
- ITEC 8440 - Planning and Implementing Instructional Technology Programs

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The Educational Specialist Educational Leadership for Learning Performance-Based (PL-6) EdS program is designed for experienced educators.

- Candidates in the program are required to be employed as teachers or administrators in a school district.
- Candidates must be referred for admissions by their respective schools/districts, and Kennesaw State University must hold a Performance-Based partnership with the referring district.

## Program Admission Requirements

Expected qualifications for applicants to be considered for admission will include: 1) an earned master’s degree in professional education or a related field; 2) a Georgia leadership certificate (L-5 or equivalent or above) or other appropriate Georgia state requirements, 3) current full-time employment as a professional educator with at least four years of teaching and/or administrative experience in P-12 education and 4) a Graduate Aptitude & Achievement Index Score

of at least 3000 (Graduate Index Score = GRE Quantitative Score plus GRE Verbal Score times GPA for the master's degree). See Note below regarding GACE exam and 6 credit hour preservice.

Applicants to the program must submit the following:

1. Official transcripts of all college coursework, undergraduate and graduate.
2. Evidence of completion of Master degree or its equivalent in a related field.
3. Copies of Official scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam within the last five years and copies of GACE for Leadership scores if applicable.
4. All relevant professional teaching and/or administrative certificates.
5. Professional Profile detailing related professional qualifications.
6. Reflections on Leadership for Learning.
7. Official request for consideration of transfer courses.

If accepted to the program, up to nine post-master's graduate semester credit hours of comparable transfer credit may be accepted toward completion of the requirements for the EdS. Transfer credit will not be accepted for the core course requirements that are central to the program's distinctive focus on Distributed Leadership. Consequently, transfer credit considerations will typically be restricted to courses in the concentration, guided electives, and the initial course in applied research methods. Decisions about the acceptability of transfer credit will be made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the concentration advisor and Director of the Doctoral and Specialists Programs.

\*Note: Until September 1, 2011, candidates must have passed the Leadership GACE (NL-5) for admissions. After September 1, 2011, candidates who do not hold an MEd in Educational Leadership will be required to take 6 hours of preservice coursework in lieu of the Leadership GACE (NL-5). The preservice coursework must be completed prior to enrolling and completing any other program courses.

## **Educational Leadership for Learning, Ed.S. (Performance-Based)**

### **Core Courses (9 Credit Hours)**

- EDL 8000 - Foundations of Distributed Leadership for Learning
- EDRS 8000 - Applied Quantitative & Qualitative Research
- EDRS 8900 - Applied Field Research

### **Educational Leadership Residency Courses (18 Credit Hours)**

- EDL 8300 - Intercultural Communication and Global Learning
- EDL 8810 - Vision and Governance
- EDL 8820 - Managing the Physical Environment
- EDL 8830 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction
- EDL 8840 - Professional Learning
- EDL 8850 - Managing Human Resources

### **Optional**

As needed for candidates who move from one area to another:

- EDL 8860 - Transition Between Building and System Levels

## As Needed: Pre-Service (6 Credit Hours)

- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement
- EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics

## Program Total (27-36 Credit Hours + Pre-Service, if needed)

### M.Ed. in Adolescent Education

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The Master of Education degree program in Adolescent Education prepares secondary and middle grades teachers to be expert teacher-leaders. It is a content focused, standards based program which meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission standards for the degree and is fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The program of study is also aligned with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and meets the Board of Regents Principles which state that “graduate programs for teachers who are already certified will focus on both strengthening their content knowledge and ... deepen(ing) their understanding of teaching and learning so as to be prepared to seek National Board Certification, should they choose to do so. (BOR Principle #4)

Course work emphasizes scholarly rigor through research and engagement in a variety of field-based action research projects. Technology and multicultural considerations are infused throughout the program. This Masters program does not lead to Middle Grades or Secondary Education Certification. Persons interested in adding Middle Grades or Secondary certification areas should contact the Professional Standards Commission for guidance in meeting specific certification requirements.

## General Requirements for Admission to M.Ed. in Adolescent Education

1. Valid teaching certificate (clear renewable) in Middle Grades or Secondary Education in the concentration for which one is applying.
2. A 1-2 page personal statement describing one’s beliefs about education at the middle grades or secondary level and one’s professional goals relative to the Master of Education in Adolescent Education degree.
3. Professional résumé documenting education, teaching experience, volunteer, and service accomplishments, and record of leadership.
4. Two letters of recommendation that address applicant’s success in teaching and ability for success in graduate study, and commitment to adolescent learners.
5. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities the applicant has attended showing evidence of a bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 2.75 from an accredited institution.
6. Completed graduate application with application fee.

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admissions section of this catalog.*

## Full Standing

Applicants who meet all admission requirements including all of the above criteria will be reviewed for admission to full standing in the degree program. The review will be made by the program admission committee and will consider all application materials in assessing the applicant's potential for success in the program.

## Degree Requirements

The requirements for completion of an M.Ed. degree in Adolescent Education include

1. completion of a minimum of 36 hours of approved graduate course work;
2. completion of a minimum of 27 semester hours of the minimum 36 hours in full standing at Kennesaw State University;
3. an earned cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 in all graduate course work at Kennesaw State University;
4. successful completion of a professional portfolio; and
5. no grades below "C".

## Portfolio

The portfolio requirements resemble, in part, those required by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The purpose of the portfolio is to implement a systematic, reflection-in-action approach to problem solving and decision making. This process is designed to document the candidate's development of expertise as a teacher-leader. A primary goal of the portfolio is to document the candidate's impact on student achievement. The portfolio provides a detailed authentic picture of the candidate's professional practice and reflective analysis of the integration of courses taken supported by theory and research literature. Changes in classroom practice as well as in oneself are documented.

## Transfer Credit

Graduate courses taken at other accredited institutions must be evaluated and approved by the program coordinator. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credit (with grades of "B" or better) may be applied toward a degree program. No courses will be accepted for transfer credit if they are more than five years old at the time of evaluation. Transfer credit includes all course work accepted into the M.Ed. program prior to admission in full standing (maximum nine semester hours), whether earned at another institution or at Kennesaw State University.

## Petition to Graduate

Each M.Ed. candidate must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. The Petition to Graduate form can be found online at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad).

## Adolescent Education, M.Ed.

### Program of Study

Candidates for the M. Ed. in Adolescent Education take a combination of courses in the professional sequence, content, and elective areas. Candidates may take elective courses in an endorsement field and add the respective endorsement to their certificate. Candidates are strongly urged to meet with their advisors during the first semester of study to plan their programs. Total number of hours in the program must equal 36 with at least 15 hours in the professional sequence, 12 hours in the teaching field.

### Professional Sequence (15 Credit Hours)

- EDUC 7700 - Reflective Inquiry
- EDUC 7703 - Advanced Studies of the Adolescent Learner  
or
- EDUC 7702 - Best Practices in Secondary Schools
- EDUC 7752 - Perspectives in Diversity and Multiple Literacies for Teaching and Learning  
or
- EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing
- EDUC 7705 - Assessment and Evaluation in the Content Area
- EDUC 7741 - Educational Research
- EDUC 7797 - The Portfolio

### Teaching Fields (12-18 Credit Hours)

#### English/Language Arts

- ENGL 7701 - Topics in Literature
- ENGL 7709 - Workshop for Teachers of Writing
- ENGL 7710 - Writing on Teaching
- ENGL 7711 - Multicultural Literature in English
- ENGL 7721 - Author Studies
- ENGL 7731 - Language Studies in English
- ENGL 7735 - Introduction to Composition Studies
- ENGL 7741 - Technology and Media in English and Language Arts
- ENGL 7750 - English Studies in the Schools
- EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature
- EDRD 7717 - Reading Assessment and Instruction

#### Mathematics

- MATH 7700 - Elementary Set Theory
- MAED 7701 - History of Mathematics
- MATH 7712 - Discrete Mathematics
- MATH 7713 - Statistics and Data Analysis
- MATH 7714 - Geometry from Multiple Perspectives
- MAED 7715 - Mathematical Problem Solving
- MAED 7716 - Math Studies
- MATH 7717 - Elementary Number Theory
- MATH 7718 - Functions and Analytic Techniques
- MAED 7719 - Technology and Mathematics
- MAED 7751 - Mathematics Teaching and Learning

## Science

- SCED 7750 - Contemporary Issues in Science Education
- SCI 7726 - Life Science
- SCI 7727 - Physics
- SCI 7728 - Earth Science
- SCI 7729 - Astronomy

## Social Studies

- GEOG 7701 - Peoples of the World
- HIST 7710 - Local History Research and Resources
- HIST 7720 - Continuity and Change in Selected Nation/State
- HIST 7730 - Minorities in America
- HIST 7740 - Economy and Society
- POLS 7705 - Political Ideologies
- SSED 7750 - Current Issues in Social Science Education

## Language and Literacy

With approval of advisor, please select courses from the following:

- EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature
- EDRD 7716 - Young Adult Literature in Middle and Secondary Schools
- EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing
- EDRD 7717 - Reading Assessment and Instruction
- EDRD 7720 - Introduction to Literacy Coaching in Middle and Secondary Schools
- INED 7781 - Cultural Issues for ESOL Teachers
- INED 7782 - Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teacher
- INED 7783 - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL

## Electives (6-9 Credit Hours)

Candidates are encouraged to use elective hours to add an endorsement to the teaching certificate OR to add additional coursework in their primary content areas. Candidates should meet with the advisor during the first semester OR prior to enrolling to plan the course of study.

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

# Master of Education in Elementary and Early Childhood Education

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The Master of Education in Elementary and Early Childhood Education meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission standards for the degree and is fully accredited by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Through a cohort model, the Master of Education program in Elementary and Early Childhood Education prepares early childhood (P-5) teachers to become accomplished classroom instructional leaders. Examples of leadership for the classroom teacher may include the development of exemplary skills teaching content areas for diverse populations, and development of skills in classroom-based research. Outside the classroom, accomplished classroom instructional leaders may share their knowledge and skills through conference presentations, collegial exchanges, published articles, and mentoring. Coursework will address content and pedagogical strategies that represent best practices to enhance student learning including diverse populations, ESOL, and students with disabilities. Topics and collaborative projects will be presented through instructional inquiry that includes exploration of excellence in teaching, and demonstration of instructional leadership. Candidates will be engaged in a variety of classroom projects focused on curriculum decision making to improve student achievement. Many of the processes and explorations in which candidates are involved will provide the groundwork for future development toward applying for National Board Certification.

## Program of Study

The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education is designed specifically for Accomplished Classroom Instructional Leaders. The program allows students who are fully certified (P-5) to earn a M.Ed. in four semesters. The program is delivered in an entirely online or mostly face-to-face delivery method; students choose which format they prefer. The program is aligned with principles from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and school improvement plans. The final phase of the program involves the candidates in a culminating, enriching, and rewarding capstone experience. For the culmination of the program, candidates complete their development of a professional portfolio that includes evidence relevant to many of the National Board Certification requirements.

Candidates are strongly urged to contact the program coordinator or cohort coordinator prior to the first semester of study to plan their programs, especially any endorsement courses that they may wish to take.

### First Phase: Integrated Instructional Inquiry (9 Credit Hours)

The first semester is designed as a time of instructional inquiry. As candidates develop new insights, they explore the knowledge and skills of education, research, and multiple assessment strategies, curriculum programs, and technology implementation for student achievement. The purpose of the instructional inquiry phase is to prepare candidates for successful classroom instructional leadership at the advanced level. These candidates gain an in-depth understanding of pedagogy that represents best practices; content knowledge based on local, state, and national standards; instructional technology; globalization; and applied educational research methodology. The acquired advanced understanding will allow candidates to use inquiry, investigation, exploration, and reflection to prepare educational environments that support all children's learning as they implement multiple methods and strategies to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population.

#### 1st Semester

- ECE 7511 - Inquiry: Educational Research and Prospectus
- ECE 7514 - Inquiry: Essentials of Technology Strategies and Skills & Introduction to E-portfolio
- Elective chosen from one of the endorsement / certification programs (i.e., reading, ESOL, coaching, etc.)

## Second Phase: Teaching Excellence (18 Credit Hours)

During this phase of the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education, candidates explore models of teaching excellence based on curriculum content integration (including mathematics, social studies, language arts, and science) and local, state, and national standards, as well as assessment modifications, and environmental modifications that enhance student achievement. The purpose of the second phase is to prepare candidates for successful instructional leadership at the advanced level as well as the facilitation of student learning through integration of the curriculum, and the practice of action research to validate instructional decisions for all students. The candidates reflect on their teaching and practice to make informed adjustments that enhance and extend student achievement. Focusing on the implementation of their prospectus, the candidates work as teacher researchers in the design, assessment, and efficacy of curriculum on the achievement of students. The foci of candidate interactions include the integration of subject matter and the exploration, assessment, and redesign of models of instruction.

### 2nd Semester

- ECE 7525 - Teaching Number, Operations, and Algebraic Thinking (P-5)
- ECE 7531 - Research and Implementation in Classroom I
- Elective chosen from one of the endorsement/certificate programs (i.e., reading, ESOL, coaching, etc.)

### 3rd Semester

- ECE 7530 - Integrated Models of Instruction II
- ECE 7543 - Research III
- Elective chosen from one of the endorsement/certificate programs (i.e., reading, ESOL, coaching, etc.)

## Third Phase: Accomplished Classroom Instructional Leader (9 Credit Hours)

During the third and final phase of this Master of Education in Early Childhood Education program, candidates demonstrate their instructional leadership skills through the completion of their personal portfolio. The National Board Professional Teaching Standards is addressed in the portfolio where appropriate through the inclusion of empirical evidence. The candidates collectively mentor the newest entering cohort members and collaborate with colleagues in the dissemination of knowledge, skills, and dispositions acquired and enhanced through action research and teacher as researcher activities. Phase three reflects the newly acquired professional facilitator skills of the accomplished classroom instructional leader.

### 4th Semester

- ECE 7513 - Diversity and Global Education
- ECE 7560 - Capstone Course for the E-portfolio and Conference
- ECE 7706 - Trends and Issues in Science for Early Childhood Education

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

## Montessori Concentration

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The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education offers a concentration in Montessori Early Childhood Education ages 2.5–6 years old. This concentration prepares candidates to offer children many more opportunities for self-development, within an enriched, scientifically designed prepared learning environment. The Montessori Early Childhood Education ages 2.5–6 years old concentration provides candidates with instruction, modeling and mentoring experiences through which they will acquire the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to work successfully with young children. Upon completion of the extensive and engaging field work experiences, graduates will be competent to expertly provide young children with developmentally appropriate educational experiences which will significantly increase all levels of student achievement.

### General Requirements for Admission to M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education

The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education is designed for accomplished classroom instructional leaders. The Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education Graduate Admission Committee in the Bagwell College of Education determines the eligibility of each person who applies for admission. To be considered for admission to the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (Grades P-5) a candidate must submit the following:

1. the online graduate application.
2. official transcripts from each college attended, including those institutions where degrees were not earned. Official transcripts are those in a university-sealed envelope. Transcripts should reflect at least a bachelor's degree with at least a 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
3. a copy of your valid teaching certificate P-5 (clear renewable only). You must hold certification in Early Childhood or Elementary Education to be considered for this program or receive permission of the chair.
4. two administrator recommendation forms. These forms and their directions are located in the online graduate application. Please do not submit letters of recommendation. Only the forms located via the graduate application will be accepted. These two forms of recommendation must come from an educational professional who has taught or supervised your work and who can write with authority about your abilities as an educator.
5. a Letter of Commitment.
6. a personal profile.

*\*International applicants have additional requirements and each case is reviewed by the Graduate Admissions Committee. See Graduate Admissions section of this catalog.*

Admission to a cohort group is competitive and is open to a limited number of candidates. An applicant will not be considered for admission unless all application requirements are met by the specified deadline. Admission decisions are competitive and are made by the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education Graduate Admissions Committee. The decision from the Graduate Admissions Committee is communicated in writing to the applicants. There is no provisional admission status.

## Transfer Credit

Candidates enrolled in the M.Ed. for in Early Childhood Education will not be given credit for graduate courses taken at other institutions.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Licensure Requirements

A Teaching Certificate in Early Childhood or Elementary Education is required. Provisional Certificates are not accepted.

## Non-Degree Candidates

Students classified as non-degree students are not permitted to enroll in the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education. This program will not provide graduate-level course work for certification renewal purposes.

## Petition to Graduate

Each M.Ed. candidate must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. The Petition to Graduate form can be found online at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad).

## Montessori Concentration

### First Phase: Integrated Instructional Inquiry (9 Credit Hours)

- ECE 7511 - Inquiry: Educational Research and Prospectus
- ECE 7514 - Inquiry: Essentials of Technology Strategies and Skills & Introduction to E-portfolio
- ECE 7700 - Scientific Foundations of Early Childhood Education

### Second Phase: Teaching Excellence (18 Credit Hours)

- ECE 7531 - Research and Implementation in Classroom I
- ECE 7543 - Research III
- ECE 7710 - Physical Development and Enhanced Control of Movement
- ECE 7720 - Sensorial Foundations of Intellectual Life
- ECE 7730 - Development of Language and Literacy Skills
- ECE 7740 - The Early Preparation of the Mathematical Mind

### Third Phase: Accomplished Classroom Instructional Leader (9 Credit Hours)

- ECE 7513 - Diversity and Global Education
- ECE 7560 - Capstone Course for the E-portfolio and Conference
- ECE 7731 - Competence in the Preparation and Presentation of Language Materials

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

## Master of Education in Educational Leadership

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The M.Ed. in Educational Leadership is designed to prepare and develop educational leaders to direct school improvement toward higher levels of student learning and achievement. The program allows experienced educational professionals to earn an M. Ed. in six semesters while continuing their careers. Candidates complete six semesters of course work taught by full-time graduate faculty and experienced school personnel. The program is delivered in cohorts offered on campus and occasionally off site. Completion of the program leads to an NL-5 certificate in Educational Leadership.

During the course of study, candidates develop a personal, professional portfolio including Board of Regents, Professional Standards Commission, and NCATE standards. A field experience is embedded into each semester's work to provide synthesis of the practical and theoretical knowledge necessary for today's educational leader. At the conclusion of the program, candidates will possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to lead schools to higher levels of achievement for all students. Candidates can select from two concentrations in Educational Leadership: Ethics & Multicultural Leadership or Technology Leadership.

The M.Ed. in Educational Leadership prepares educational leaders to:

- facilitate the development of programs responsive to the strengths and needs of Georgia's increasingly diverse population and ever-changing society;
- set high expectations for all students in the school or system, organizing curriculum, instruction, and assessment to yield high student achievement;
- use data on student learning and achievement to benchmark and monitor progress toward continuous improvement;
- lead schools using standards-based objectives, results-based performance management, and continuous improvement, and;
- work collaboratively with school communities, including students, parents, and staff members, service agencies and non-profit organizations.

## General Requirements for Admission to M.Ed. in Educational Leadership

The M. Ed. in Educational Leadership is designed for experienced educational professionals and is limited to current practitioners who have successfully completed at least two years of full-time work in the field.. The Department of Educational Leadership Graduate Admission Committee in the Bagwell College of Education determines the eligibility of each applicant. To be considered for admission to the Master of Education Program of Study in Educational Leadership a candidate must possess the following:

1. a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
2. cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or above on all undergraduate and any graduate work completed (GRE scores may be considered if GPA is below 2.75)
3. a professional résumé documenting education, experience, and a record of leadership activities
4. a completed mentor form from a current administrator
5. a Georgia Teaching Certificate or equivalent
6. two years successful contractual experience as an educational professional in the public schools
7. a completed evaluation and statement of support from two administrators

Admission to a cohort group is competitive and open to a limited number of candidates. The decision from the Graduate Admissions Committee is communicated in writing to the applicants. An applicant will not be considered for admission until all application requirements are met by the specified deadline. If admission is denied upon the first review, the applicant must contact the Office of Graduate Admissions to update his or her application for review in a future semester.

### Transfer Credit

Graduate courses taken at other accredited institutions must be evaluated and approved by the program coordinator or department chair. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credit (with grades of "B" or better) may be applied toward a degree program. No courses will be accepted for transfer credit if they are more than five years old at the time of evaluation or have been used in completing another degree. Transfer credit includes all course work accepted into the M.Ed. program prior to admission in full standing (maximum nine semester hours), whether earned at another institution or at Kennesaw State University.

### Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

### Non-Degree Candidates

Students classified as non-degree students are not permitted to enroll in the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership. This program will not provide graduate level course work for certification renewal purposes.

### Petition to Graduate

Each M.Ed. candidate must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. The candidate should contact their program to request a petition. The Petition to Graduate form can be found online at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad/).

## Educational Leadership, M.Ed.

### Programs of Study

#### Ethics & Multicultural Concentration

The Ethics and Multicultural concentration prepares candidates to make leadership decisions based on legal and ethical principles promoting educational equity. Through a cohort model, the Master of Education program in Educational Leadership prepares dynamic, high-performing leaders for our diverse, technologically complex society with the knowledge and skills to create learning environments that support teacher success in bringing students from diverse groups to high levels of learning. The courses and their typical order of rotation is as follows:

##### Semester I

- EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice
- EDL 7105 - Technology Leadership and Vision in Schools

##### Semester II

- EDL 7200 - Leading Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- EDL 7205 - Leading Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

##### Semester III

- EDL 7300 - Research in Educational Leadership
- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement

##### Semester IV

- EDL 7400 - Leading Professional Learning and Change
- EDL 7405 - Human Resources for School Leaders

##### Semester V

- EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics
- EDL 7505 - Ethical Leadership

##### Semester VI

- EDL 7600 - School Operations and Community Relations
- EDL 7605 - School Leadership in Multicultural Contexts

#### Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

#### Technology Leadership Concentration

The concentration in Technology Leadership prepares leaders to inspire a shared vision for the comprehensive use of technology in 21st century schools. Candidates will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure that curricular design, instructional strategies, assessment methods, and learning environments are integrated with appropriate technologies to maximize teaching and learning. Candidates will discover how to use technology to collect and analyze

data, interpret results, and communicate findings to improve instructional practice and student achievement. In addition, candidates will learn to apply technology to enhance their own professional practice and to increase the productivity of others.

The Master of Education in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Technology Leadership prepares and develops administrators with an advanced level of expertise in educational technology to direct school improvement toward higher levels of student learning and achievement. It is designed for participants who have a T-4 Teaching Certificate. This program enables experienced educators to complete the Master's program in six semesters. Candidates complete 36 hours of specialized course work taught by full-time graduate faculty and experienced instructional technology specialists. The program is delivered in cohorts offered in a blended format, both on campus and on-line.

Candidates will demonstrate competency of the National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators (NETS-A), as well as the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) standards and the Georgia Board of Regents (BOR) strands. With this background, candidates will be equipped to serve in any number of leadership positions within a school/district requiring an "L-certificate," such as an assistant principal or principal, as well as in leadership positions that require knowledge and expertise in educational technology. The Educational Leadership Department works in collaboration with the GaDOE Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC) to provide the technical expertise and resources to offer this innovative program in Technology Leadership. State-of-the-art facilities and knowledgeable faculty make this program highly attractive to individuals seeking a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. The courses and their typical order of rotation is as follows:

### **Semester I**

- EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice
- EDL 7105 - Technology Leadership and Vision in Schools

### **Semester II**

- EDL 7200 - Leading Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- EDL 7205 - Leading Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

### **Semester III**

- EDL 7300 - Research in Educational Leadership
- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement

### **Semester IV**

- EDL 7400 - Leading Professional Learning and Change
- EDL 7405 - Human Resources for School Leaders

### **Semester V**

- EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics
- EDL 7510 - Improving Productivity and Practice with Technology

### **Semester VI**

- EDL 7600 - School Operations and Community Relations
- EDL 7610 - Managing and Supporting Technology in Schools

### **Program Total (36 Credit Hours)**

## Master of Education in Inclusive Education

### Individualized Curriculum/Special Education Concentration

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The Master of Education in Inclusive Education, with a concentration in Individualized General Curriculum (special education) meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAP-SC) standards for certification of Individualized General Education Program and endorsement in the content area of Reading as well as the national standards established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and is part of KSU's teacher education unit fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

### Program Admission Requirements

General Requirements for Admission to Master of Arts in Teaching for MAT in Special Education General Curriculum:

- Online graduate application & application fee;
- All official transcripts from each college attended showing, at minimum, a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with an adjusted undergraduate GPA of 2.75;
- Passing scores on the GACE Basic Skills Assessment Exam (Three sections: Reading, Writing, Mathematics) (<http://www.gace.neinc.com>) required in Georgia. You may be exempted from this test by SAT scores of at least 1000 (verbal and math), ACT scores of at least 43 (English and math), or GRE scores of at least 1020 (verbal and quantitative). Check with the certification officer at 770-423-6043 for exemption scores if you took the SAT prior to 1995 or ACT prior to 1989. Please see the Professional Standards Commission ([www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com)) Website for alternative exemption tests;
- A one-to-two page, typed personal statement in support of the application explaining what led to your decision to become a (special) educator;
- Two letters of recommendation from two sources capable of assessing interpersonal skills applicable to teaching and/or potential for graduate work. Should address potential as a (special) educator or success in graduate studies and be on school or business letterhead;
- A clear criminal background. For details visit the KSU Office of Field Experiences' website at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/ofe](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/ofe);
- A professional resume detailing educational background and work experience;
- International applicants only: For additional admissions requirements, please see <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/international.html>

In addition to the core requirements for all MAT concentrations, admission to the special education program requires:

- Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (General Test) (waived for students with prior graduate degrees);
- A face-to-face or telephone interview with special education faculty;
- All candidates will be required to complete an undergraduate reading course (if not already completed) prior to admittance or during the first two semesters of the MAT in Special Education program.

The admission process will be competitive, limiting each special education cohort to 20 candidates. Applications will be evaluated based upon the extent to which they meet or exceed the admissions criteria. The Graduate Special Education Admissions Committee will make the final decisions for acceptance

## TESOL concentration

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The Master of Education in Inclusive Education, with a concentration in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) standards for the degree and is part of KSU's teacher education unit fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

## General Requirements for Admission to M.Ed. in Inclusive Education

Candidates are admitted in cohort groups. Individualized General Curriculum concentration begins in summer semesters.

Applicants for the degree program must be fully certified teachers (ECE, MGE, SED, P-12) in the State of Georgia and meet the general admission requirements for the Master of Education in Inclusive Education program.

Applicants for the concentration in Individualized General Curriculum must demonstrate they have met competencies in human growth and development, teaching students with exceptionalities, and teaching reading. Applicants for the concentration in TESOL must demonstrate they have met competencies in human growth and development and teaching students with exceptionalities. Specific requirements are:

1. Valid Georgia certificate (clear renewable) in a teaching field;
2. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities an applicant has attended showing evidence of a bachelor's degree with minimum GPA of 2.75 from an accredited institution;
3. Full or part-time employment as teacher in public or private school;
4. Official GRE scores. No minimum score is required, but the applicant's GRE scores will be considered in the review process;
5. Professional résumé documenting education, teaching experience, volunteer, and service accomplishments, and record of leadership
6. Two letters of recommendation that address applicant's success in teaching and ability for success in master's degree studies
7. Teaching essay and statement of professional goals.

Additional requirements for concentration in Individualized General Curriculum:

1. Three years successful contractual experience as an educational professional in the public schools;
2. PSC designation of "highly qualified" (if available).

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Full Standing

Applicants who meet all admission requirements including all of the above criteria will be reviewed for admission to full standing in a degree program. The review will be made by the program admission committee in March for admission to cohort beginning in the summer and will consider all application materials in assessing the applicant's potential for success in the program.

## Transfer Credit

Graduate courses taken at other accredited institutions must be evaluated and approved by the program coordinator or department chair. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credit (with grades of "B" or higher) may be applied toward a degree program. No courses will be accepted for transfer credit if they are more than five years old at the time of evaluation. Transfer credit includes all course work accepted into the M.Ed. program prior to admission in full standing (maximum nine semester hours), whether earned at another institution or at Kennesaw State University.

## Degree Requirements

The minimum requirements for completion of an M.Ed. degree in Inclusive Education include:

1. completion of a minimum of 36 hours of approved graduate course work;
2. completion of a minimum of 27 semester hours of the minimum 36 hours in full standing at Kennesaw State University;
3. an earned cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 in all graduate course work at Kennesaw State University with no more than two C's in coursework toward this degree;
4. successful completion of INED 7790 and presentation of a professional portfolio. (See SPE portfolio handbook).

## E-portfolio

An e-portfolio serves as a permanent record of the candidate's professional growth while working toward a Master of Education in Inclusive Education degree. The e-portfolio encourages the Kennesaw State University candidate as learning facilitator to implement a systematic, reflection-in action approach to problem solving and decision making. E-portfolio assignments are integrated in each course syllabus. The e-portfolio provides a detailed authentic picture of the candidate's professional practice and reflective analysis of the integration of courses taken supported by theory and research literature. Changes in classroom practice as well as in oneself are documented. Impact on student achievement is documented. Candidates enroll in a capstone course (INED 7790) to support development of an e-portfolio and presentation during the candidate's final semester of study.

## Petition to Graduate

Each M.Ed. candidate must submit a Petition to Graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. The Petition to Graduate form can be found online at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad/).

## Inclusive Education, M.Ed.

### Programs of Study

#### Individualized Generalized Curriculum Concentration

The Master of Education in Inclusive Education, with a concentration in Individualized General Curriculum (special education) meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAP-SC) standards for certification of Individualized General Education Program and endorsement in the content area of Reading as well as the national standards established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and is part of KSU's teacher education unit fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

The Master of Education in Inclusive Education-Individualized Generalized Curriculum prepares professional teacher leaders with advanced knowledge, skills and understanding of:

- Characteristics, procedures, curriculum and instructional methods for students with disabilities
- Assessment, documentation, communication and accommodations for students with disabilities
- Ethical services for students with disabilities from preschool to adulthood
- Collaborative structures serving students with disabilities
- Adolescent literacy development;
- Teaching reading and writing to adolescents;
- Meeting the needs of students who read at diverse levels; and
- Strategies to facilitate all students' learning from content area texts.

The program uses a cross-categorical model that reflects the needs of teachers serving students with disabilities in P-12 inclusive classroom settings. Course work emphasizes the similarities and highlights the differences among students with disabilities and includes a life-span perspective addressing issues from preschool through transition to post-secondary or employment. The course sequence includes courses that link theory and practice through field experience and culminates with a supervised internship. The requirements for the degree of Master of Education in Inclusive Education may be met by completing an approved program of 36 semester hours of graduate course work, including preparing and presenting a portfolio documenting professional growth.

Candidates are admitted in cohort groups and take courses with the cohort group to maximize acquisition of skills and interaction with each other.

#### Professional Sequence (18 Credit Hours)

- INED 7741 - Educational Research
- INED 7770 - Psychoneurological and Medical Issues in Inclusive Education
- INED 7780 - Collaborative Practices
- EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature
- EDRD 7717 - Reading Assessment and Instruction
- EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing

#### Teaching Field (15 Credit Hours)

- INED 7705 - Legal and Educational Foundations for Diverse Learners
- INED 7715 - Characteristics of Diverse Learners
- INED 7720 - Positive Behavior Management Strategies
- INED 7730 - Assessment of Diverse Learners
- INED 7760 - Curriculum Development for Diverse Learners

## Capstone Experience (3 Credit Hours)

- INED 7790 - Documenting Professional Growth
- INED 7970 - Special Education Practicum III

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

## Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Concentration

The Master of Education in Inclusive Education, with a concentration in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) standards for the degree and is part of KSU's teacher education unit fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The Master of Education in Inclusive Education, with a concentration in TESOL uses a collaborative model that reflects the needs of teachers to serve English language learners in P-12 inclusive educational settings. Course work emphasizes the commonalities and differences of the instructional needs of diverse students and highlights specific practices to foster language acquisition while simultaneously teaching content.

Class assignments are predominantly performance-based and require KSU graduate students to document the impact of their instruction on the achievement of their P-12 students in content aligned with the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS).

The requirements for the M.Ed. in Inclusive Education: TESOL may be met by completing an approved program of 36 semester hours of graduate course work, including a field experience component and preparing and presenting a professional portfolio.

## Plan of Study

### Fall I (6 Hours)

- INED 7781 - Cultural Issues for ESOL Teachers
- INED 7782 - Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teacher

### Spring I (6 Hours)

- INED 7783 - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL
- EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature

### Summer I (6 Hours)

- INED 7741 - Educational Research
- INED 7750 - Language, Power, and Pedagogy

### Fall II (6 Hours)

- INED 7760 - Curriculum Development for Diverse Learners
- INED 7780 - Collaborative Practices

**Spring II (6 Hours)**

- INED 7731 - Assessment of English Language Learners
- INED 7981 - TESOL Internship

**Summer II (6 Hours)**

- INED 7790 - Documenting Professional Growth

**Program Total (36 Hours)****Master of Education in Instructional Technology**

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The Master of Education program in Instructional Technology prepares teachers to direct school improvement toward higher levels of student learning and achievement through the use of instructional technology. It is designed for participants who have a T-4 Teaching Certificate. This program enables experienced teachers to complete the master's program in six semesters. Candidates will complete 33 hours of specialized course work taught by full- and part-time graduate faculty and experienced technology specialists. The program will be delivered in cohorts both on-campus and online.

The program will be delivered in six semesters. Field-experiences are required throughout the program of study and consist of implementing course projects at a candidate's current work setting. During the course of study, participants will develop a classroom or school-based instructional technology capstone project to be implemented and completed as part of the program requirements. Candidates will be expected to develop, present, and defend their capstone and professional portfolio providing evidence that they have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to master the Professional Standards Commission and International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Technology Facilitation standards.

**General Requirements for Admission to M.Ed. in Instructional Technology**

The M. Ed. in Instructional Technology is designed for experienced educational professionals and is limited to current practitioners who have successfully completed at least one year of full-time teaching in the field. The Department of Instructional Technology Graduate Admission Committee in the Bagwell College of Education determines the eligibility of each applicant. To be considered for admission to the Master of Education Program of Study in Instructional Technology a candidate must possess the following:

1. The applicant must hold a baccalaureate degree and a valid T-4 Teaching Certificate in Georgia or a departmentally-approved equivalent. (The Department of Instructional Technology recognizes and appreciates that many independent schools and 21st century learning environments do not require educators to hold traditional state teaching certification. In such instances, the department will make a case-by-case determination as to whether the educator's qualifications are sufficiently equivalent to a traditional teaching certification and/or whether the educator has the background necessary to ensure successful completion of the program.)

2. The applicant must submit a professional resume documenting education, teaching experiences, and record of instructional technology experiences.
3. The applicant must have at least one year of teaching experience before enrolling in the program.
4. The applicant must submit a statement of support from a current principal or another current school or district administrator.
5. The applicant must submit one Mentor form from a current administrator, Instructional Lead Teacher, Instructional Technology Specialist, teacher, etc. at the building or district levels with instructional technology knowledge and experience.
6. The applicant must exhibit a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or above (4.0 scale).

Admission to a cohort group is competitive and open to a limited number of candidates. The decision from the Graduate Admissions Committee is communicated in writing to the applicants. An applicant will not be considered for admission until all application requirements are met by the specified deadline. If admission is denied upon the first review, the applicant must contact the Office of Graduate Admissions to update his or her application for review in a future semester.

## Transfer Credit

Graduate courses taken at other accredited institutions must be evaluated and approved by the program coordinator or department chair. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credit (with grades of "B" or better) may be applied toward a degree program. No courses will be accepted for transfer credit if they are more than five years old at the time of evaluation or have been used in completing another degree. Transfer credit includes all course work accepted into the M.Ed. program prior to admission in full standing (maximum nine semester hours), whether earned at another institution or at Kennesaw State University.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

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## Instructional Technology M.Ed.

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The program will be delivered in six semesters through the use of direct instruction, online collaboration, cohort planning, and individual projects based on relevant and authentic problems experienced in today's schools. Field-experiences are required throughout the program

of study. During the course of study, participants will develop a classroom or school-based instructional technology capstone project to be implemented and completed as part of the program requirements. Candidates will be expected to develop, present, and defend their capstone and professional portfolio providing evidence that they have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to master the Professional Standards Commission and International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Technology Coach standards.

## Required Courses (36 Credit Hours)

Course sequence may vary depending on the semester in which the candidate enrolls as well as the endorsement chosen by the candidate.

### Semester I

- ITEC 7400 - 21st Century Teaching and Learning
- ITEC 7410 - Instructional Technology Leadership

### Semester II

- ITEC 7430 - Internet Tools in the Classroom
- ITEC 7445 - Multimedia and Web Design and Development in Education

### Semester III

- ITEC 7305 - Data Analysis and School improvement
- Elective

### Semester IV

- ITEC 7460 - Professional Learning and Technology Innovation
- Elective

### Semester V

- ITEC 7470 - Educational Research
- Elective

### Semester VI

- ITEC 7480 - Introduction to Online Learning
- ITEC 7500 - Capstone Experience and Portfolio

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

## Master of Arts in Teaching

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The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree leads to initial certification of well-qualified candidates and prepares them to be teacher-leaders. The MAT is standards-based and meets the requirements of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission requirements, and the Georgia Board of Regents. Our innovative teacher preparation programs respond to state needs and contribute to the learning and achievement of Georgia's increasingly diverse public school population. The responsibility for teacher education is shared by faculty in the College of the Arts, Bagwell College of Education, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Science and Mathematics, and the Graduate College, in collaboration with master teachers and administrators in local schools.

Course work emphasizes scholarly rigor through research and engagement in a variety of field-based action research projects and supervised practicum and internships. Technology and multicultural considerations are infused throughout the programs. These master's degrees lead to initial certification and are not appropriate for teachers who hold clear, renewable certificates. Currently, there are seven Master of Arts in Teaching programs, including Secondary English (6-12), Secondary Mathematics (6-12), and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (P-12), Secondary Biology (P-12), Secondary Chemistry (6-12), Secondary Physics (6-12), and Art Education (P-12).

### General Requirements for Admission to Master of Arts in Teaching

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; prerequisite courses and/or a specific bachelor's degree may be required depending on the concentration area of interest;
2. An adjusted undergraduate GPA of 2.75;
3. Passing scores on the GACE Basic Skills Assessment Exam (Three sections: Reading, Writing, Mathematics) (<http://www.gace.nesinc.com>) required in Georgia. You may be exempted from this test by SAT scores of at least 1000 (verbal and math), ACT scores of at least 43 (English and math), or GRE scores of at least 1030 (verbal and quantitative). Check with the certification officer at 770-423-6043 for exemption scores if you took the SAT prior to 1995 or ACT prior to 1989. Please see the Professional Standards Commission ([www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com)) Website for alternative exemption tests;
4. Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (General Test) or Miller Analogies Test (this requirement is waived for students with a prior graduate degree);
5. Letters of recommendation from two sources capable of assessing interpersonal skills applicable to teaching and/or potential for graduate work. These recommendations should be on school or business letterhead;
6. A one-to-two page, typed personal statement in support of the application explaining what led to your decision to become an educator;
7. A clear criminal background. For details visit the KSU Office of Field Experiences' website at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/ofe](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/ofe);
8. A resume detailing educational background and work experience;
9. An interview with program faculty may be required.

*\*Individual programs have additional admission requirements. See “Additional Admission Requirements” in each of the following programs section which follow.*

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Full Standing

All application materials will be reviewed by the program admission committee in assessing the applicant’s potential for success in the program. Admissions will be competitive.

Accelerated Bachelors to Masters (ABM) Degree Option for the Master of Arts in Teaching Qualified KSU undergraduate students may qualify for the ABM Degree option. Contact the program coordinator listed in specific degree areas below for more information and refer to the section of the graduate catalog that describes the requirements for consideration.

## Degree Requirements

The requirements for completion of the Masters of Arts in Teaching include:

1. completion of a minimum of 48 hours of approved graduate course work with no grades below “C” (See Academic Policies of Graduate Catalog for more information about grades of “C” and below.);
2. completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours of the minimum 48 hours in full standing at Kennesaw State University;
3. an earned cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 in all graduate coursework at Kennesaw State University;
4. successful completion of all field experiences; and
5. successful completion of a professional portfolio.

## Portfolio and Capstone Project

The portfolio is designed to document the candidate’s development of expertise as a teacher-leader and the candidate’s impact on student achievement. The portfolio provides a detailed picture of the candidate’s growth as a professional and reflective analysis of the integration of courses taken supported by theory and research literature. The Capstone Project is an opportunity for candidates to develop expertise in an area related to the teaching of their discipline.

## Transfer Credit

Graduate courses taken at other accredited institutions must be evaluated and approved by the program coordinator. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credit (with grades of “B” or better) may be applied toward a degree program. No courses will be accepted for transfer credit if they are more than five years old at the time of evaluation. Transfer credit includes all course work accepted into the MAT program prior to admission in full standing (maximum nine semester hours), whether earned at another institution or at Kennesaw State University.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MAT candidate must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. The Petition to Graduate form can be found online at [www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad/](http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad/).

## Master of Arts in Teaching-Art Education

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Additional Admissions Requirements for the MAT in Art Education:

- A bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, the professional undergraduate education degree in art, or a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a major in visual art from an accredited institution, and submission of portfolio.

## Art Education, M.A.T

### Professional Sequence

- ARED 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, Classroom Management in Art Education
- ARED 6200L - Art Education Practicum II
- ARED 7730 - Art Education Portfolio
- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality

### Teaching Field - Art

- ARED 6250 - Materials, Methods, & Management for Art Education Classrooms P-5
- ARED 6251 - Materials, Methods, & Management for Art Education Classrooms 6-12
- ARED 6300L - Art Education Practicum III
- ARED 7701 - Special Topics in Art Education
- ARED 7702 - Inclusion in Art Education
- ARED 7703 - Technology & Computer Applications
- ARED 7704 - Intercultural Art Education
- ARED 7705 - Contemporary Issues in Visual Arts
- ARED 7706 - Theory and Criticism in Art Education
- ARED 7720 - Research in Art Education

### Program Total (48 hours)

### Typical Five-Semester Schedule of Coursework

#### Summer I (12 hours)

- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality
- ARED 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, Classroom Management in Art Education
- ARED 7705 - Contemporary Issues in Visual Arts

**Fall I (12 hours)**

- ARED 6200L - Art Education Practicum II
- ARED 6250 - Materials, Methods, & Management for Art Education Classrooms P-5
- ARED 6251 - Materials, Methods, & Management for Art Education Classrooms 6-12
- ARED 7702 - Inclusion in Art Education

**Spring (9 hours)**

- ARED 7701 - Special Topics in Art Education
- ARED 7704 - Intercultural Art Education
- ARED 7706 - Theory and Criticism in Art Education

**Summer II (6 hours)**

- ARED 7703 - Technology & Computer Applications
- ARED 7720 - Research in Art Education

**Fall II (9 hours)**

- ARED 6300L - Art Education Practicum III
- ARED 7730 - Art Education Portfolio

**Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary English (6-12)**

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Additional Admissions Requirements for the MAT in English:

- A bachelor's degree in English from an accredited institution or completion of 18 pre-requisite hours in English with a 2.75/4.0 GPA.

**Secondary English (6-12), M.A.T.****Professional Sequence (15 Credit Hours)**

- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality
- EDUC 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Classroom Management
- EDUC 6300 - Reflective Inquiry and Action Research
- EDUC 6400 - Capstone Seminar

## Teaching Field-English (33 Credit Hours)

- ENED 6414 - Teaching Secondary English I
- ENED 6414L - Practicum II
- ENED 6475 - Teaching Secondary English II
- ENED 6475L - Practicum III
- ENGL 7701 - Topics in Literature
- ENGL 7721 - Author Studies
- ENGL 7731 - Language Studies in English
- ENGL 7735 - Introduction to Composition Studies
- ENGL 7741 - Technology and Media in English and Language Arts
- ENGL 7750 - English Studies in the Schools

Note:

Other courses may count in the Teaching Field areas with the approval of the advisor.

## Program Total (48 Credit Hours)

## Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary Mathematics (6-12)

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Additional Admissions Requirements for the MAT in Mathematics:

- A bachelor's degree in mathematics from an accredited institution or completion of Calculus I, II, III and an additional upper-level mathematics course with grades of "C" or better.

## Secondary Mathematics (6-12), M.A.T.

<http://math.kennesaw.edu/academics/grad/MAT/index.html>

## Professional Sequence (15 Credit Hours)

- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality
- EDUC 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Classroom Management
- EDUC 6300 - Reflective Inquiry and Action Research
- EDUC 6400 - Capstone Seminar

## Teaching Field-Mathematics (at least 24 Credit Hours)

- MAED 6416 - Teaching Secondary Mathematics I
- MAED 6416L - Practicum II
- MAED 6475 - Teaching Secondary Mathematics II
- MAED 6475L - Practicum III
- Candidates must meet National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Georgia Professional Standards Commission standards in the following areas by either taking the courses listed below or by showing successful completion of a course equivalent to one of those listed below (as determined by an advisor) at the undergraduate or graduate level, taken within the last six years with a grade of "C" or better.
- MATH 7495 - Advanced Perspectives on School Mathematics
- MATH 7712 - Discrete Mathematics
- MATH 7713 - Statistics and Data Analysis
- MATH 7714 - Geometry from Multiple Perspectives
- MATH 7717 - Elementary Number Theory
- MATH 7718 - Functions and Analytic Techniques

## Program Total (39-48 Credit Hours)

## Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary Science (6-12)

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Additional Admissions Requirements for the MAT in Secondary Science (6-12):

- Official scores on the GACE Content Assessments in the subject area for which a candidate seeks certification from KSU (biology, chemistry, or physics) are required as part of the application packet. A failing score on the Content Assessments does not necessarily disqualify a candidate from admission into the MAT-Science program; however, additional coursework may be required as part of his/her program of study. A passing score on the GACE Content Assessments, although not by itself sufficient for admission to the program, will exempt the candidate from additional coursework outside of that outlined in the MAT Science program of study in the Graduate Catalog.
- Upon the review of a complete application by an MAT Admissions Committee, admission may be at one of two levels, MAT-Interest or Admission to Candidacy.
  - MAT-Interest: for individuals who possess a bachelor's degree in the content area (e.g., chemistry, biology, or physics) or related field from an accredited institution, but who require additional content area coursework to meet prerequisites and/or to achieve an adjusted GPA of 2.75 in courses related to the major. Once coursework is completed and the GACE Basic Skills Assessment and Content Assessments tests have been passed, students may apply for Admission to Candidacy.
  - Admission to Candidacy: for individuals who possess a bachelor's degree in the content area (e.g., chemistry, biology, or physics) or a related field (e.g., environmental science, engineering, or geology) from an accredited institution, who have completed prerequisite coursework, who possess an adjusted GPA of 2.75 in courses related to the major, and who have passed or exempted the GACE Basic Skills Assessment tests.

## Secondary Science (6-12), MAT

### Professional Sequence (15 hours)

- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality
- EDUC 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Classroom Management
- EDUC 6300 - Reflective Inquiry and Action Research
- EDUC 6400 - Capstone Seminar

### \*Content Area Courses (9-18 hours)

Note: Upon admission, students will declare a certification area in Chemistry, Biology, or Physics, and, in consultation with their program coordinator, select courses to total 9-18 credit hours among the content area courses listed below.

#### Chemistry

- CHEM 5010 - Medicinal Chemistry
- CHEM 5400 - The Teaching and Learning of Chemistry
- CHEM 5700 - Environmental Chemistry
- CHEM 5800 - Forensic Analytical Chemistry
- CHEM 6310 - Advanced Topics in Analytical Chemistry
- CHEM 6420 - Identification of Organic Compounds
- CHEM 6440 - Polymer Chemistry
- CHEM 6XXX: Advanced Topics in Chemistry (Organic, Inorganic, Physical, Biochem)
- CHEM 7900 - Special Topics

#### Physics

- PHYS 5100 - Classical Mechanics and Applications
- PHYS 5305 - Physics of the Micro World and the Cosmos
- PHYS 5340 - Electronics
- PHYS 5400 - Electricity & Magnetism with Applications
- PHYS 7950 - Directed Study

#### Biology

- BIOL 5327 - Medical Genetics
- BIOL 5380 - Evolutionary Biology
- BIOL 6465 - Immunology
- BIOL 6486 - Bioethics
- BIOL 7950 - Directed Study

#### Science for Secondary School Instructors

- SCI 7724 - Environmental Science
- SCI 7725 - Chemistry
- SCI 7726 - Life Science
- SCI 7727 - Physics
- SCI 7728 - Earth Science
- SCI 7729 - Astronomy

## Teaching of Science (15 hours)

- SCED 6416 - Teaching of Science (6-12)
- SCED 6417 - Teaching of Science (6-12) Practicum
- SCED 6475 - Science Teaching Practicum II

## Program Total (39-48 hours)

## Typical Four-Semester Schedule of Coursework

### Summer I (9 hours)

- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality
- SCI 77XX (3 hours)\*

### Fall (15 hours)

- EDUC 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Classroom Management
- SCED 6416 - Teaching of Science (6-12)
- SCED 6417 - Teaching of Science (6-12) Practicum
- Content I (3 hours)\*
- SCI 77XX (3 hours)\*

### Spring (12 hours)

- EDUC 6300 - Reflective Inquiry and Action Research
- SCED 6475 - Science Teaching Practicum II
- Content II (3 hours)\*

### Summer II (9 hours)

- EDUC 6400 - Capstone Seminar
- Content III (3 hours)\*
- SCI 77XX (3 hours)\*

## Master of Arts in Teaching-**TESOL** (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

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### Additional Admission Requirements for the MAT in TESOL:

1. An interview with a member of the TESOL faculty;

2. Full or part-time employment in a P-12 setting that includes English language learners (ELLs) is advisable. If a candidate is not employed in P-12 setting that includes ELLs, field experiences will be arranged through the Office of Field Experiences;
3. All candidates will be required to complete an undergraduate reading course either prior to admittance or during the first semester of the MAT TESOL program.

## Non-Degree Graduate Study in Education

Applicants who wish to take graduate courses but do not want to pursue a degree program may be admitted to non-degree graduate study.

Students admitted to non-degree programs in education must consult with the Office of Graduate Study in Education to plan their programs. Kennesaw State University does not guarantee the transferability of these courses to other colleges or programs of study.

Classification as a non-degree student cannot be used to:

1. Earn initial teacher certification. (Note that a recommendation for initial Georgia teacher certification from Kennesaw State University requires the completion of a teacher preparation program at the undergraduate level. Students interested in obtaining initial Georgia teaching certification should contact the Teacher Education Advisement Center for program information at 770-423-6105);
2. Satisfy more than 9 semester hours of credit toward meeting the requirements of a master'd degree in the Bagwell College of Education.

## Admission Criteria

1. Baccalaureate degree from an acceptably recognized accredited college or university;
2. A minimum undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale). Candidate must obtain and submit official transcripts from each college attended, including those institutions where degrees were not earned.

Note: Candidates interested in seeking the Online Teaching Endorsement from the PSC must hold a clear renewable teaching certificate or Technical Specialist (TS) Certificate (Level 4 or higher) or Permit (Level 4 or higher) from Georgia in any teaching field. (PSC 505-3-.85) Candidates interested in seeking the Online Teaching Certificate from KSU do not need a clear and renewable teaching certification.

## Non-degree to Degree Status

A student who wishes to change from nondegree to degree status must follow all the procedures and meet all the requirements specified for the degree program. A maximum of nine semester hours of graduate credit with grades of B or better earned as a non-degree student may be applied toward the requirements of an M.Ed. and Ed.S. degrees and up to 15 semester hours for the Ed.D. degree. Approval to apply non-degree hours toward a degree must be obtained from the program coordinator or department chair of the program to which one is applying. Non-degree candidates completing the Online Teaching Certificate/Online Teaching Endorsement who subsequently wish to transfer credit for the endorsement into a graduate degree program at Kennesaw State University must meet the admission requirements as outlined for that degree; be fully admitted to the degree program; and have approval from the program coordinator of the degree program to transfer the non-degree endorsement courses to the program of study.

## Academic Requirements

Non-degree graduate students are expected to maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in their course work. For information on academic requirements related to GPA, refer to the Academic Policies section of the Graduate Catalog.

## Academic Warning

The first time a graduate student earns a grade lower than “B” in any graduate or undergraduate course, that student will be placed on academic warning and advised of the consequences that will result if additional grades lower than a “B” are earned.

The second time a non-degree graduate student earns a grade lower than “B”, that student will be given a second letter of warning indicating that the next grade below a “B” will result in permanent academic exclusion from graduate course work at Kennesaw State University. For more information, refer to the Academic Policies section of the Graduate Catalog.

## Academic Probation

If the cumulative graduate grade-point average drops below 3.0 or the undergraduate GPA falls below 2.0, that student will be placed on academic probation and advised of the significance and potential consequences of this action. For students on probation, semester and summer term GPAs of 3.0 for graduate course work and 2.0 for undergraduate course work are required. Students can have their probationary status removed by raising their cumulative GPA to at least 3.0 graduate and 2.0 undergraduate by the end of the next 12 hours of required course work.

## Academic Exclusion

Non-degree graduate students in education will be dismissed from further graduate study at Kennesaw State University and will not be eligible for readmission as a graduate student under the following conditions.

1. failing to raise the cumulative GPA to at least 3.0 graduate and 2.0 undergraduate by the end of the next 12 hours of course work following academic probation; or
2. failing to achieve a semester or summer term GPA of 3.0 graduate and 2.0 undergraduate while on academic probation; or
3. earning any combination of three grades less than “B” in graduate course work or “C” in undergraduate course work.

## Add-On or Renewal Certification

Students seeking add-on certification or renewing an expired or out-of-state certificate must contact the Georgia Professional Standards Commission in order to obtain a written evaluation of required course work prior to advisement and registration at Kennesaw State University.

Students renewing a current Georgia certificate should contact their employing school system to identify appropriate course work prior to advisement and registration at Kennesaw State University.

## TESOL, M.A.T.

### Professional Sequence (21 Credit Hours)

- Undergraduate Reading course, if no reading courses on university/college transcripts.
- EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning
- EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality
- EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing
- INED 7741 - Educational Research
- INED 7750 - Language, Power, and Pedagogy
- INED 7760 - Curriculum Development for Diverse Learners
- INED 7780 - Collaborative Practices

### Teaching Field (21 Credit Hours)

- Guided Elective (can be taken in any semester where fewer than 9 credits are taken). If a candidate wants to receive the Reading Endorsement at the end of the program, he/she must take EDRD 7719 as the guided elective.
- INED 7731 - Assessment of English Language Learners
- INED 7781 - Cultural Issues for ESOL Teachers
- INED 7782 - Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teacher
- INED 7783 - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL
- INED 7980 - MAT TESOL Practicum
- EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature

### Capstone Experience (6 Credit Hours)

- INED 7790 - Documenting Professional Growth
- INED 7981 - TESOL Internship

## Educational Add-On and Certificate-Only Programs

Kennesaw State University offers graduate level add-on and certificate-only programs for experienced educators in the fields of Inclusive Education, Instructional Technology, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Educational Leadership, Preschool Special Education, Reading, and Teacher Support Specialist for candidates holding a valid teaching license. Each of these programs meets the Georgia Professional Standards Commission standards. All programs are fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Applicants for the add-on programs must be fully certified teachers in the State of Georgia (ECE, MGE, SED or P-12) and meet the general admission requirements for non-degree graduate study. Applicants for inclusive education add-on programs must demonstrate they have met competencies in human growth and development, teaching children with exceptionalities, and teaching reading.

Approval of applicants to the Instructional Technology Certificate/Instructional Technology Certificate-Only program will be made using the following criteria:

1. The applicant must hold at least a master's degree and a valid T-4 Teaching Certificate in Georgia or a departmentally-approved equivalent. (The Department of Instructional Technology recognizes and appreciates that many independent schools and 21st cen-

ture learning environments do not require educators to hold traditional state teaching certification. In such instances, the department will make a case-by-case determination as to whether the educator's qualifications are sufficiently equivalent to a traditional teaching certification and/or whether the educator has the background necessary to ensure successful completion of the program.)

2. The applicant must submit a professional resume documenting education, teaching experiences, and record of instructional technology experiences, and record of instructional technology experiences.
3. The applicant must have at least one year of teaching experience before enrolling in the program.
4. The applicant must submit a statement of support from a current principal or another current school or district administrator.
5. The applicant must submit one mentor form from a current administrator, Instructional Lead Teacher, Instructional Technology Specialist, teacher, etc. at the building or district levels with instructional technology knowledge and experience.
6. The applicant must exhibit a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or above (on a 4.0 scale).

## Education to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement

The ESOL endorsement prepares certified teachers to teach in ESOL classrooms and to work with students in regular classrooms who are native speakers of other languages. The program includes course work in cultural issues, applied linguistics and methods and materials for teaching ESOL, and a practicum experience. The program consists of nine semester hours and a 3-credit hour practicum.

### Required courses

- INED 7781 - Cultural Issues for ESOL Teachers
- INED 7782 - Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teacher
- INED 7783 - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL

### Program Total (9 Credit Hours)

## Educational Leadership Certification-Only Program

The Department of Educational Leadership prepares dynamic, high-performing leaders for our diverse, technologically complex society who have the knowledge and skills to build learning communities focused on student achievement. The goal is to produce graduates who are able to create learning environments that support teacher success in bringing students from diverse groups to high levels of learning.

### Program Admission Requirements:

- Complete online Graduate Application;
- Obtain and submit official transcripts from each college attended, including those institutions where degrees were not earned. Official transcripts are those in a university-sealed envelope. Transcripts should reflect at least a Master's degree from an accredited institution;
- Obtain and submit a copy of current, valid Teaching Certificate;

- Obtain and submit two Evaluation and Statement of Support Forms from two administrators;
- Obtain and submit one Mentor Form from a current administrator;
- Obtain and submit a Professional Resume documenting education, work experience, volunteer and service accomplishments, and record of leadership activities.

## Courses

- EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice
- EDL 7200 - Leading Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement
- EDL 7400 - Leading Professional Learning and Change
- EDL 7405 - Human Resources for School Leaders
- EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics
- EDL 7600 - School Operations and Community Relations

## Program Total (21 Credit Hours)

# Educational Leadership Performance-Based Certification Only

## Required Courses (18 Credit Hours)

- EDL 8300 - Intercultural Communication and Global Learning
- EDL 8810 - Vision and Governance
- EDL 8820 - Managing the Physical Environment
- EDL 8830 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction
- EDL 8840 - Professional Learning
- EDL 8850 - Managing Human Resources

## Optional

### As needed for candidates who move from one area to another:

- EDL 8860 - Transition Between Building and System Levels

### As Needed: Pre-Service (6 Credit Hours)

- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement
- EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics

## Inclusive Education (Individualized General Curriculum) Certification-Only Program

The program uses a cross-categorical model which reflects the needs of teachers serving diverse learning needs in P-12 educational setting. The program prepares teachers to meet the educational needs of students within a single inclusive education classroom and/or inclusive general education classroom setting. Course work emphasizes the similarities and highlights the differences among students with diverse learning needs and includes a life-span perspec-

tive addressing issues from preschool through transition to post-secondary or employment. The course sequence includes courses that link theory and field experience and culminates with a supervised internship. The certification program prepares professional teacher leaders with advanced knowledge of characteristics, procedures, methods and techniques of assessment for students with mild disabilities.

## Required courses

- INED 7705 - Legal and Educational Foundations for Diverse Learners
- INED 7715 - Characteristics of Diverse Learners
- INED 7720 - Positive Behavior Management Strategies
- INED 7730 - Assessment of Diverse Learners
- INED 7760 - Curriculum Development for Diverse Learners
- EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing
- INED 7770 - Psychoneurological and Medical Issues in Inclusive Education
- INED 7780 - Collaborative Practices
- INED 7970 - Special Education Practicum III

## Program Total (27 Credit Hours)

## Preschool/Special Education Certification-Only Program

The Preschool/Special Education Certification-Only Program prepares professional teacher leaders with advanced knowledge of characteristics, language development, procedures, methods and techniques of assessment for preschool students with special education needs.

### Courses

- INED 7746 - Models of Development and Procedures for Assessment
- INED 7747 - Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Curricular Design and Methods of Intervention
- INED 7748 - Language Learning & Emergent Literacy

## Program Total (9 Credit Hours)

## Reading Endorsement

Departments within the Bagwell College of Education offer graduate courses in literacy to give classroom teachers additional training to meet the literacy needs of students at the early childhood, middle childhood, and secondary school levels. Courses which apply to Georgia's Reading Endorsement for classroom teachers focus on understanding readers' and the reading process, linking assessment and instruction, and using instructional strategies in specific content courses.

Successful completion of the following three courses certifies teachers in reading at the grade-level(s) of their current teaching certificates. The program presupposes certification at least at the bachelor's level.

## Required courses

- EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature
- EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing
- EDRD 7717 - Reading Assessment and Instruction

## Program Total (9 Credit Hours)

## Educational Assessment and Measurement Certificate

Departments within the Bagwell College of Education offer graduate courses in assessment to give school and teacher leaders additional training to meet learning and accountability needs. Courses which apply to the assessment certificate focus on effective classroom assessment for learning, effective use of school data for school improvement, and the concepts and principles underlying large-scale educational testing.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants who wish to take graduate courses but do not want to pursue a degree program may be admitted to non-degree graduate study.

Students admitted to non-degree programs in education must consult with the Office of Graduate study in Education to plan their programs. Kennesaw State University does not guarantee the transferability of these courses to other colleges or programs of study.

## Classification as a non-degree student cannot be used to:

1. Earn initial teacher certification. (Note that a recommendation for initial Georgia teacher certification from Kennesaw State University requires the completion of a teacher preparation program at the undergraduate level. Students interested in obtaining initial Georgia teaching certification should contact the Teacher Education Advisement Center for program information at (770) 423-6105;
2. Satisfy more than 9 semester hours of credit toward meeting the requirements of a master's degree in the Bagwell College of Education.

## Admission Criteria

1. Baccalaureate degree from an acceptably recognized accredited college or university;
2. A minimum undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale);
3. A clear and renewable Teaching Certification.

## Non-degree to Degree Status

A student who wishes to change from non-degree to degree status must follow all the procedures and meet all the requirements specified for the degree program. A maximum of nine semester hours of graduate credit with grades of "B" or higher earned as a non-degree student may be applied toward the requirements of M.Ed. and Ed.S. degrees and up to 15 semester hours for the Ed.D. degree.

## Course Offering Schedule and Plan of Study

### Semester I

- EDUC 7705 - Assessment and Evaluation in the Content Area

### Semester II

- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement

### Semester III

- EDUC 7710 - Principles, Trends, and Issues in Standardized Educational Testing

## Program Total (9 Credit Hours)

## Online Teaching Certificate

The scheduling of course offerings is planned to span a consecutive period of three semesters for a total of nine credit hours. Successful completion of the courses listed in the plan of study below will result in a Graduate Online Teaching Certificate for all candidates.

### 1st Semester

- ITEC 7480 - Introduction to Online Learning

### 2nd Semester

- ITEC 7481 - Designing and Developing Online Learning

### 3rd Semester

- ITEC 7482 - Facilitating Online Learning

## Program Total (9 Credit Hours)

## Coaching Endorsement

The Coaching Endorsement program is designed for experienced educators. Instruction will involve the use of a variety of instructional methods including, but not limited to, problem-based learning, modules, case-studies, simulation, field experiences, research, and individual projects. Application of learning to school-based issues and problems is a critical component of this applied program.

### Program of Study

- EDCO 7010 - Introduction to Coaching
- EDCO 7020 - Using Data for Coaching
- EDCO 7030 - Applied Coaching: Developing, Implementing, and Maintaining a Coaching Plan

## Program Total: 9 credit hours

## Teacher Leadership Endorsement

The Teacher Leadership Endorsement program is designed for experienced educators. Instruction will involve the use of a variety of instructional methods including, but not limited to, problem-based learning, modules, case-studies, simulation, field experiences, research and individual projects. Application of learning to school-based issues and problems is a critical component of this applied program.

### Graduate Degree Candidates

Currently-enrolled KSU students may apply for admission to the Teacher Leadership Endorsement while enrolled in programs that lead to a T-5 certificate or higher.

### Non-Degree Candidates

The Teacher Leadership Endorsement program employs a holistic evaluation of non-degree candidates for admission to the program, which considers the candidate's teaching or professional experience, prior graduate or undergraduate coursework, the faculty's belief in the candidate's likely success in the program, and other factors relevant to the university, college, and program mission. Candidates wishing to obtain the Teacher Leadership Endorsement as non-degree students typically meet the following admission requirements:

- earned bachelor's degree in teaching or a closely related field
- clear, renewable Georgia T-5 certification (or comparable from another state)
- 2.75 GPA on prior academic work
- Letter of Support Form from supervisor (e.g. principal, assistant principal, department chair, or grade level chair)
- prior P-12 teaching and /or leadership experience

Non-degree candidates completing the Teacher Leadership Endorsement who subsequently wish to transfer credit for the endorsement into a graduate degree program at Kennesaw State University must meet the admission requirements as outlined for that degree; be fully admitted to the degree; and have approval from the program coordinator of the degree program to transfer the non-degree endorsement courses to the program of study. General requirements for applying to graduate study are outlined below; however, specific graduate programs may have additional application requirements.

- complete the online graduate application
- submit official transcripts from each college attended, including those institutions where degrees were not earned
- obtain and submit a copy of Georgia Teaching Certification (clear, renewable) or comparable
- submit signed Letter of Support Form
- additional requirements apply for international candidates: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/intlreqtsnew.html>

### Program of Study

- EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice
- EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement
- EDUC 7725 - Best Practices in Teaching and Learning in Content Field

### Program Total (9 hours)

## **Instructional Technology Certificate-Only Program**

The scheduling of course offerings is planned to go over a consecutive period of three semesters covering a total of 21 hours. The sequence may vary depending on the semester of entry. Successful completion of the courses listed in the degree program will result in an S-5 Service Certificate in Instructional Technology in the State of Georgia.

### **1st Semester**

- ITEC 7400 - 21st Century Teaching and Learning
- ITEC 7430 - Internet Tools in the Classroom

### **2nd Semester**

- ITEC 7410 - Instructional Technology Leadership
- ITEC 7445 - Multimedia and Web Design and Development in Education

### **3rd Semester**

- ITEC 7305 - Data Analysis and School improvement
- ITEC 7460 - Professional Learning and Technology Innovation
- ITEC 7500 - Capstone Experience and Portfolio

### **Program Total (21 Credit Hours)**

# Information Systems

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## Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS)

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### MSIS Program Description

The Master of Science in Information Systems will help prepare tomorrow's technology leaders to succeed in the global environment. The program emphasizes the strategic importance of technology and the development of qualified and capable leaders for the global organization. The curriculum covers the importance of leadership and IT strategy through two capstone courses: IS Strategy and IT Leadership. These courses should be taken during the latter half of the student's program of study.

With evening, online, and hybrid classes, the MSIS program gives students the opportunity to engage in significant professional development, without disruption of their careers.

### General Requirements for Admission to the MSIS Program

MSIS program admission requires:

- Baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University;
- Acceptable cumulative undergraduate adjusted grade-point average on a 4.0 scale;
- Acceptable scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE);
- A current resume;
- A Statement of Interests describing the applicant's reasons for pursuing an MSIS degree at Kennesaw State University;
- Additional requirements for International Students as specified by the University.

*International applicants have additional requirements. See Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Non-Degree Admission

The MS in Information Systems program does not admit students as non-degree, nor are non-degree students allowed to enroll in MS in Information Systems courses.

## Transfer Credit

A student may transfer up to six (6) semester hours of graduate courses taken at an accredited institution, providing the transfer hours are made prior to the last 30 hours of course work. Special hardship cases, such as job transfers, will be decided on an individual basis by the program director.

The transfer of credit for course work completed at another institution will be approved only under the following conditions:

- The course work was completed at a regionally accredited institution;
- A minimum grade of 'B' was received in the course;
- The course was restricted to graduate students only;
- The content of the course corresponds to that of a course required or permitted in the student's program at KSU; and
- The credit to be considered for transfer will not be more than five years old at the time the student enters.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Each MSIS student must petition to graduate one semester prior to completing program requirements. Students should contact the program director for information on petitioning to graduate.

## Foundation Requirements

Foundation requirements are the knowledge and skills of a broad set of information systems disciplines including database, web/application development, and statistics. Academic preparation, industry experience, or certification in these areas is necessary prior to advanced study in IT leadership. A bachelor's degree in information systems, computer information systems, or management information systems typically satisfies all foundation requirements. A bachelor's degree in business may satisfy some/all of the foundation requirements.

This table summarizes the information systems foundation requirements and options for satisfying them.

Foundation requirements are satisfied by successfully completing...	...or by completing undergraduate course(s) with a grade of "C" or better in...	...which is the KSU equivalent of...	...or by satisfactory work experience or certification including...
Web/ Application Development	Web Development I or Application Development I	IS 3260 or IS 3280	Website Administrator Programmer

Database systems management	Data Management I	IS 3080	Database Administrator
SQL Server, Oracle, or Access certification	Statistics Inferential statistics	ECON 2300 or STAT 3010	n/a

## NOTES:

1. Undergraduate courses used to satisfy the foundation courses must be from an institution accredited in a manner acceptable to the Coles College of Business;
2. Foundation requirements must be satisfied at the beginning of the MSIS program, typically within the first semester of study;
3. Enrollment in 8000-level graduate courses is restricted, based on foundations required, until foundation requirements are met.

## Information Systems MSIS

### Core Requirements (27 Credit Hours)

The Informatics course must be completed in the student's first semester of coursework. The IS Strategy and IT Leadership courses should be completed in the student's last two semesters of work.

- IS 8005 - Informatics (Must be completed in student's first semester in MSIS)
- IS 8100 - Advanced IT Project Management
- IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems
- IS 8300 - Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Planning
- IS 8400 - Enterprise Process Models
- IS 8500 - Emerging Technologies
- IS 8600 - Global IS Management
- IS 8700 - Information Systems Policy and Strategy (Capstone Experience - should be taken in the student's last two semesters in the MSIS)
- IS 8800 - IT Leadership (Capstone Experience - should be taken in the student's last two semesters in the MSIS)

### Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Students must take three courses (9 semester hours) of elective credit. The MSIS program offers students the unique flexibility to design their own areas of interest by taking a variety of elective courses, such as Business, Statistics, Leadership, Accounting, Professional Writing, Governance, and Information Systems. Students may decide to design custom concentrations in one of the following:

- Information Security
- Data Mining/Business Intelligence
- Accounting/IT Auditing
- Business/Global IT Management
- Advanced IT Project Management
- Leadership
- Statistics/SAS

Since prior permission is required to take courses outside of the department, students should contact the program director before they register for non-MSIS courses.

- IS 8900 - Special Topics in Information Systems
- IS 8910 - Special Projects in Information Systems
- IS 8916 - Cooperative Education
- IS 8918 - Internship
- IS 8920 - IT Customer Relationship Management
- IS 8930 - Information Security Administration

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

## Business Administration/Information Systems Dual Master's Degree

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The Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Information Systems (MBA/MSIS) Program is a dual degree offered by the Coles College of Business Administration. The objective of this program is to allow students who are interested in information systems and business to concurrently register in both MBA and MSIS programs. The relationship between information technology and success in the business enterprise makes this program innovative and attractive to students wishing to become IT leaders. Specifically, documented expertise in these related areas provides graduates with opportunities for advancement and career mobility in areas such as project management, information technology, strategy, management, and information security.

### Program Admission Requirements:

To be admitted into the dual degree program, the applicant must specify the option at the time of application to the Graduate School. Students interested in applying for the MBA/MSIS dual degree program should consult with the program coordinator with regard to admission requirements and required courses.

### General Admission Requirements for the MBA/MSIS Dual Degree Program

1. Submission of application to the graduate admission office and a non-refundable application fee;
2. Baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University;
3. Academic background (approved by MBA and MSIS program directors);
4. Acceptable scores on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
5. Three letters of recommendation (optional);
6. Professional experience (Note: Personal interviews will be conducted whenever possible and responsible work, community service, and leadership experience will be considered.).

*\*International applicants have additional requirements; see Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

## Program Requirements

The program consists of a minimum of 51 hours of graduate study, of which 27 hours are in areas of Business Administration and 24 hours are in Information Systems. Additional credit hours may be taken depending on each student's academic background. It generally takes approximately three years to earn both degrees as a full-time student.

Students will be required to take the core courses from both MBA and MSIS programs as well as two electives in the Coles College of Business.

### MBA

- ACCT 8000 - Accounting Insights for Managers
- ECON 8010 - Resource Allocation and Decision Analysis
- FIN 8020 - Business Finance
- MGT 8040 - Managing the Value Chain
- MGT 8050 - Managing and Leading Work Behavior
- MGT 8999 - Strategic Management: An Integrative, Capstone Experience
- MKTG 8030 - Strategic Marketing
- Plus two electives from the Coles College of Business

### MSIS

- IS 8005 - Informatics
- IS 8700 - Information Systems Policy and Strategy
- IS 8800 - IT Leadership

### Plus five from the following:

- IS 8100 - Advanced IT Project Management
- IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems
- IS 8300 - Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity Planning
- IS 8400 - Enterprise Process Models
- IS 8500 - Emerging Technologies
- IS 8600 - Global IS Management
- Students may also be required to take foundational courses in business and/or information systems as specified by the program directors.

## Graduate Certificate Program in Information Security and Assurance

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### Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited in a manner acceptable by Kennesaw State University
- Acceptable cumulative undergraduate adjusted grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Acceptable scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) OR the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

- A current résumé.
- A Statement of Interests describing the applicant's reasons for pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Information Security and Assurance at Kennesaw State University

*Additional requirements for International Students as specified by the University.*

## Information Security and Assurance Certificate

The graduate certificate program in information security and assurance is designed for both technology and non-technology graduate students. It encompasses four existing courses:

### Required for certificate: (12 Credit Hours)

- IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems
- IS 8300 - Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity Planning
- IS 8930 - Information Security Administration

### One elective from:

- IS 8900 - Special Topics in Information Systems
- IS 8910 - Special Projects in Information Systems
- IS 8918 - Internship
- Other course as approved by the certificate coordinator

# Integrative Biology

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## Program Description

Integrative biology is an emerging scientific paradigm that assembles concepts and information from different disciplines (e.g. genetics, physiology, and behavior) and from different scales (e.g. molecules, cells, populations, ecosystems) to produce a more complete understanding of biological systems and to better answer some of the great scientific questions of our day. The Master of Science in Integrative Biology (MSIB) is a 36 credit hour graduate program requiring that each graduate student generate a thesis based on original research. While students center their research within a particular area of biology based on faculty expertise, students are trained in an integrative paradigm through required coursework and by the structure of thesis committees where at least one of the three members is from outside the supervising professor's subdiscipline.

In addition to a thesis generated by original research, the degree will require 36 credit hours total: 11 credit hours of Thesis Research, 12 credit hours of required graduate courses (including two Graduate Seminar experiences), and another 13 credit hours of graduate-level electives (maximum of two 6000-level courses can be applied toward the degree). Maximum credit as "Research for Master's Thesis" applicable toward degree is eleven credit hours. The student's thesis committee may require additional remedial course work (these will not count toward the degree, nor will they be counted as hours needed to qualify for teaching assistantships).

## General Requirements for Admission

1. Successful candidates will typically have completed requirements for the bachelor degree at an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University. Adequately prepared applicants should demonstrate core competency as reflected by the record of undergraduate coursework in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, with a degree focus in one of these areas. An applicant who is deemed deficient by the admissions committee may be admitted into the program under the condition that the missing undergraduate courses be taken in addition to the graduate program requirements.
2. Successful candidates will typically have scores on the Quantitative Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning sections on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) above the 50% rank.

3. Successful candidates will typically have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
4. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's potential to complete successful graduate work.
5. Applicants must submit a cover letter (Statement of Interest) indicating research area of interest, KSU faculty that could potentially supervise within the area of interest, career goals, and background information that may be relevant to succeeding in the MSIB program.
6. Prior to final submission of materials for application, successful candidates will typically have conversed with (via email, telephone, or in person) at least one tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Biology and Physics concerning potential thesis research projects and the willingness of the faculty member to accept graduate students.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

Candidates of the MSIB program must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of their degree requirements.

# Integrative Biology, MS

## Required Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- BIOL 7100 - Professional Aspects in Biology
- BIOL 7200 - Integrative Biology
- BIOL 7300 - Research Methods Across Biology
- BIOL 7500 - Current Topics in Integrative Biology Seminar

## Electives (13 Credit Hours)

A maximum of two 6000-level courses can be applied toward the degree.

- BIOL 6350 - Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
- BIOL 6410 - Cell and Molecular Biology
- BIOL 6413 - Advanced Evolutionary Analysis
- BIOL 6420 - Plant Physiology
- BIOL 6422 - Plant Ecology
- BIOL 6460 - Medical Microbiology
- BIOL 6475 - Virology
- BIOL 6486 - Bioethics
- BIOL 6490 - Special Topics
- BIOL 7333 - Ecological Physiology
- BIOL 7400 - Multidisciplinary Approaches to Ecological Questions
- BIOL 7478 - Molecular and Microbial Approaches to Pathogenesis
- BIOL 7634 - Cell Signaling
- BIOL 7638 - Computational Biology

- BTEC 6100 - Molecular Genetics
- BTEC 6800 - Diagnostics Microbiology
- CHEM 6510 - Advanced Topics in Biochemistry
- STAT 8125 - Design and Analysis of Human Studies

### **Thesis (11 Credit Hours)**

- BIOL 7990 - Research for Master's Thesis

### **Program Total (36 Credit Hours)**



# International Policy Management

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The Master of Science in International Policy Management (MSIPM) is an applied, cohort model program designed for those who seek greater practical understanding of the Global Arena. The program will prepare leaders in the private and public sectors to understand the political and economic dynamics of the international arena, assess political risk and regulatory environment in which organizations function, and deal with the cultural nuances inherent to the global negotiation process. All courses are taught online with the exception of IPM7760 / Global Experience and IPM 7765 / Capstone: Practicum or Thesis.

## General Requirements for Admission to the MSIPM Program

To be considered for admission to the MSIPM, applicants must submit the following credentials to the KSU Graduate Admissions office:

1. Submission of an application to the graduate admission office and a non-refundable fee;
2. A baccalaureate or KSU-approved equivalent degree from an accredited college or university;
3. Graduate Record Exam – GRE (verbal, quantitative and analytical) or Graduate Management Admissions Test – GMAT scores;
4. An application letter outlining the student's goals for work in the program, including a rationale for why/how this program will meet the applicant's professional needs;
5. A writing sample of about 5 pages, which may come from previous course work at the undergraduate level or graduate level from professional (work-related) writing that reveals the applicant's writing ability;
6. Two letters of recommendation.

*International applicants have additional requirements. See Graduate Admission section of this catalog. For online programs, I-20s will not be issued.*

Admission decisions are based on overall evaluation of all these elements.

## Mandatory Orientation

Students are required to attend a two-day orientation held on the Kennesaw State University campus. Any admitted student who does not attend may be disqualified from continuing in the program. The orientation focuses on program expectations, interaction with faculty and administrations, and hands-on learning with GeorgiaView Vista, the distance learning technology platform used in the program.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

MSIPM candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of their degree requirements.

## International Policy Management, MS

The MSIPM program is a 33 semester-hour course of study that uses a cohort or learning community-style of course delivery. Students admitted to the program will begin as a group in fall semester of year one and complete the program by December of the final fall semester in year two. Courses are offered only once during each cohort cycle. Dropping out for a semester, or not taking a full load, will delay graduation.

### Year One: Fall (9 Hours)

- IPM 7720 - World Politics and Governance
- IPM 7725 - Comparative Policy and Politics
- IPM 7740 - Strategic Negotiation and Decision-Making

### Year One: Spring (9 Hours)

- IPM 7730 - International Conflict Management
- IPM 7735 - International Development: Policy and Practice
- IPM 7745 - International Political Economy

### Year One: Summer (9 Hours)

- IPM 7750 - Global Trade: Policy and Practice
- IPM 7755 - Political Risk Management
- IPM 7756 - Global Regulatory Policy

### Year Two: Fall (6 Hours)

- IPM 7765 - Capstone: Practicum or Thesis

### Program Total (33 Hours)

# Leadership and Ethics

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The Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics, a 15 semester-hour graduate student program taught in a mix of online and face-to-face formats, is designed to prepare students for ethical leadership in a variety of disciplines. Guided by leadership and ethics theory, the Certificate program provides a unique opportunity to explore the interface and interdependence of leadership and ethics and apply this learning to professional encounters. The knowledge and skills gained from the Certificate will assist students to be better prepared for leadership positions in business, education, health care, non-profit, or community work and offers an extra dimension to a Master's level education or professional life. Certificate completion yields a marketable dimension to a college degree compared to uncertified peers and ethically-conscious organizations value graduates with this additional education.

## Admission Requirements to the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics

- Bachelor's degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Minimum combined score of 190 on the verbal and quantitative categories and 3.5 on the analytical writing category of the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) OR a minimum score of 450 on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). Applicants may make a formal request to waive this requirement only when the applicant has completed another graduate degree program and an appropriate transcript is submitted in support of the request.
- International applicants may have additional requirements. Consult the KSU Graduate Admissions catalog.
- A current resume.

Admission decisions are based on an overall evaluation of all these elements.

## Grades in Graduate Courses

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Leadership and Ethics Certificate

### Courses for the Exclusive Program

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

### Choose five of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Masters in Accounting (MAcc) Students

### Required courses:

- ACCT 8190 - Accounting Strategies for Decision-Making in a Global Environment
- ACCT 8215 - Leadership and Professional Skills  
and
- ACCT 8310 - Travel Experience in Financial Reporting and Auditing  
or
- ACCT 8320 - Travel Experience in Taxation

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics

- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Arts in American Studies (MAST) Students

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

### Choose two of the following:

- AMST 7200 - American Cultural Movements
- AMST 7220 - Passages to America
- AMST 7320 - America in Transnational Context
- AMST 7430 - Identities and Social Groups

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Arts In Professional Writing (MAPW) Students

### Required courses:

- PRWR 6260 - Managing Writing in Organizations
- PRWR 6860 - Intercultural Communication in Context

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Coles Master of Business Administration (MBA) Students

### Option 1

Required courses:

- MGT 8050 - Managing and Leading Work Behavior
- MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making

Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

### Option 2

Required courses:

- MGT 8050 - Managing and Leading Work Behavior
- MGT 8840 - Reinventing Business Leadership
- MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making

Choose two of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Educational Leadership (MEd) Students

Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics

- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

**Choose two of the following:**

- EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice
- EDL 7405 - Human Resources for School Leaders
- EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics
- EDL 7505 - Ethical Leadership

or

## **Concentration in Educational Technology**

**Required courses:**

- EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice
- EDL 7405 - Human Resources for School Leaders

**Choose three of the following:**

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## **Certificate Requirements for Master of Executive Business Administration (MBA) Students**

**Required courses:**

- GBA 7212 - Principles of Leadership
- GBA 7222 - The Business of Teaming and Coaching

**Choose three of the following:**

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Public Administration (MPA) Students

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

Choose two of the following:

- CM 7100 - Introduction to Conflict Management
- PAD 6700 - Human Resource Management in Public Service
- PAD 7250 - Leadership and Ethics in Public Service

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Science in Conflict Management (MSCM) Students

Students pursuing the MSCM must complete their Master's degree before taking the required 9 credit hours of ILEC courses. Courses taken in the MSCM satisfy requirements needed, so no additional MSCM courses are needed for this certificate program.

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) Students

### Required course:

- IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics (IS 8800 substitutes for ILEC 8810)
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context

- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

**Choose one of the following:**

- IS 8300 - Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Planning
- IS 8600 - Global IS Management
- IS 8800 - IT Leadership

### **Certificate Requirements for Master of Science in International Policy Management (MSIPM) Students**

Students pursuing the MSIPM must complete their Master's degree before taking the required 9 credit hours of ILEC courses. Two of the three MSIPM courses listed below will apply to the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics.

**Choose three of the following:**

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

**Choose two of the following:**

- IPM 7720 - World Politics and Governance
- IPM 7730 - International Conflict Management
- IPM 7740 - Strategic Negotiation and Decision-Making

### **Certificate Requirements for Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Students**

**Required courses:**

- NURS 7780 - Seminar in Conflict Management & Ethics of Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NURS 8863 - Thesis/Research Project

**Choose three of the following:**

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership

- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

## Certificate Requirements for Master of Social Work Students

### Required courses:

- SW 7700 - Social Work Foundations: Diversity, Social Justice and Ethics
- SW 8713 - Advanced Field Placement IV

### Choose three of the following:

- ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics
- ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership
- ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
- ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics
- ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics
- ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad
- ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics
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Note:

For additional information about the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, go to <http://www.kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute>.

# Nursing

## Doctor of Nursing Science

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The Doctorate of Nursing Science (DNS) is a research-focused applied doctorate and graduates are prepared as scholars with inquiry skills of a researcher, and the leadership skills necessary to influence health processes, outcomes, and policy.

DNS graduates are expected to engage in a variety of career options such as: faculty in schools or colleges of nursing, directors and investigators in nursing-related evaluation programs, leaders in health care delivery settings, and leaders in development of effective health care systems. Upon successful completion of the DNS program, graduates will be able to:

- Synthesize knowledge of the theoretical foundations of nursing and related fields;
- Integrate acquired knowledge into a philosophical and intellectual frame of reference that can be applied to nursing education and practice-based solutions to health and health care problems;
- Advance the body of nursing knowledge by identifying gaps in the knowledge base of practice, conducting applied research and evaluation of nursing interventions and health care outcomes, and disseminating evidence-based solutions to problems within health care.;
- Demonstrate leadership, analytical, and collaborative strategies in the development and implementation of population-based health care models and health care responses to health disparities locally and globally;
- Demonstrate leadership, analytical, and collaborative strategies in the development and implementation of innovative and outcome focused nursing curriculum models incorporating nursing, philosophy, and education theories to facilitate student learning and success.

## General Requirements for Admission to the DNS Program

DNS admission requires:

1. Official transcripts of all previous college work, graduate and undergraduate;
2. Master's degree with a major in nursing from a nationally accredited institution;
3. Official GRE scores of 500 Verbal, 500 Quantitative, and 3.5 (minimum) analytic writing (or the equivalent on the newly normed version). GRE scores will be considered from applicants whose scores are more than 5 years old (GRE reporting limit), who can produce "official documentation" of their scores;
4. A current license to practice professional nursing in the United States. (Nursing credentials of international students will be assessed individually);
5. A course in statistics;
6. A course in research at the graduate level;
7. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can address the applicant's abilities to do doctoral level work (hold a doctoral degree or equivalent);
8. A curriculum vitae or resume;
9. A written statement of personal and professional interests and goals related to nursing doctoral study (1-2 pages in length);
10. Personal interview with program faculty.

### Transfer Credit

If accepted into the program, up to 15 post-master's graduate semester hours of comparable transfer credit for the DNS may be accepted toward completion of the requirements. Transfer credit will not be accepted for the core course requirements that are central to the program's distinctive focus. Consequently, transfer credit considerations are typically restricted to elective courses and possibly statistics courses. Decisions about the acceptability of transfer credit will be made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the doctoral advisor and director of the doctoral program.

## Nursing Science, DNS

The Doctor of Nursing Science (DNS) is designed to prepare nurse educators and scholars for leadership roles in nursing education, health policy related to vulnerable populations, and applied research. The graduate will function as a nurse leader with expertise in nursing and healthcare phenomena related to evidence-based practice, the investigative skills of an applied researcher, and the leadership skills for influencing health care systems, particularly related to population-based health disparities. The curriculum focuses on nursing education and health policy within the context of health disparities and population based health care. Coursework will prepare the graduate to evaluate and influence nursing practice and health care delivery systems, and to educate the next generation of nurses through various faculty roles.

The curriculum, based on AACN Indicators of Quality in Research-Focused Doctoral Programs in Nursing (2001), will follow the traditional doctoral education format consisting of core nursing courses, elective and support courses, and the conduct of an individually developed comprehensive applied research dissertation. The program is 60 credit hours composed of 6 hours of statistics, 33 hours of core nursing coursework, 9 hours of electives (one specified in education elective), and 12 hours (minimum) dissertation credit. All students take coursework in the two program foci: Leadership in Nursing Education and Leadership in Responses to Health Disparities. Students may attend the program full-time (9 hours per semester) or part-time (6 hours per semester).

## Common Nursing Core Courses (21 hours)

- NURS 9000 - Structure of Scientific Inquiry
- NURS 9005 - Theoretical Basis of Nursing
- NURS 9010 - Bioethical Issues
- NURS 9015 - Applied Quantitative Scholarly Inquiry
- NURS 9025 - Applied Qualitative Scholarly Inquiry
- NURS 9035 - Practicum in Applied Nursing Research
- NURS 9100 - Health Policy

## Concentration Cores (12 hours)

### Leadership in Responses to Health Disparities

- NURS 9105 - Philosophical Foundations of Responses to Health Disparities
- NURS 9110 - Sociopolitical Theories/Models in Health Disparities

### Leadership in Nursing Education Track

- NURS 9205 - Philosophical Foundations of Nursing Education
- NURS 9210 - Curriculum Theories/Models in Nursing Education

## Elective and Support Courses (15 hours)

### Electives

One must be specified as an education elective. Courses may be chosen from new or existing courses. New courses include:

- NURS 9300 - Special Topics
- NURS 9310 - Directed Study

### Support Courses

- STAT 9100 - Statistic Methods I
- STAT 9200 - Statistic Methods II

## Dissertation (12 hours minimum)

- NURS 9400 - Dissertation
- NURS 9405 - Dissertation Seminar

## Program Total (60 hours)

## WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and the Advanced Care Management and Leadership Programs

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The WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program and the Advanced Care Management and Leadership Program are advanced degree programs that build on the background of experienced registered nurses to prepare them to function as advanced caregivers in a variety of leadership roles in the emerging world of collaborative health care.

Housed in the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, the MSN programs maintain close community ties with a variety of health care agencies and providers.

### General Requirements for Admission to the MSN Programs

MSN admission requires:

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited institution with a satisfactory GPA of at least 3.0.
2. Professional Experience:
  1. WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program (Family Nurse Practitioner) requires a minimum of three years full-time professional experience as a registered nurse as documented in a professional résumé. This experience must have occurred within the last five years and have involved direct patient care. Preference will be given to those candidates with a greater amount of professional experience.
  2. Advanced Care Management and Leadership Program (Nursing Education Leadership, and Nursing Administration/Health Policy) requires a minimum of one year full-time experience as a registered nurse as documented in a professional resume. Experience must have occurred in the last five years and have involved direct patient care. Preference will be given to those candidates with a greater amount of experience.
  3. Current RN licensure in the state of Georgia.
  4. The GRE is required of all applicants to the MSN program.
  5. A formal statement of personal goals for the program not to exceed one typed page.
  6. An undergraduate physical assessment course.
  7. An undergraduate research course.
  8. An undergraduate statistics course.

*International applicants have additional requirements. See Graduate Admission section of this catalog.*

Admission decisions are based on overall evaluation of all these elements.

### Transfer Credit

Up to 15 quarter hours or nine semester hours of graduate work from other accredited institutions may be transferred. This work must correspond to the Kennesaw State University MSN curriculum. Decisions regarding this transfer will be made by the program director. The credit to be considered for transfer will not be more than five years old at the time the student enters.

## Course Repeat Policy

A student may repeat any individual course in the MSN curriculum only once. Earning a grade of less than “B” in a course the second time it is taken will result in being dropped from the program.

## Grades

Students must earn a grade of “B” or better in every course in order to progress in the program.

## Petition to Graduate

MSN candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to the semester in which they complete their degree requirements. Petition to graduate forms are available in the program director’s office.

## WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, MSN

The WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program is fully accredited by CCNE, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. This professional degree prepares experienced registered nurses to sit for certification as a family or adult nurse practitioner. The program builds on the background of professional nurses to prepare them to function as primary care givers in the emerging collaborative world of health care.

### Course Designation Core Courses (14 Credit Hours)

- NURS 7715 - Professional Advanced Role Development and Health Care Issues
- NURS 7725 - Health Care Theory
- NURS 7735 - Advanced Health Assessment, Health Maintenance and Health Promotion
- NURS 7745 - Theoretical Foundations, Research Applications, and Outcome Evaluations I
- NURS 7755 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NURS 7765 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing

### Areas of Concentration

#### Family (8 Credit Hours)

- NURS 8800 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Adults
- NURS 8805 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Children
- NURS 8830 - Clinical Management of Reproductive Health

#### Adult (8 Credit Hours)

- NURS 8800 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Adults
- NURS 8830 - Clinical Management of Reproductive Health

**Residency (15 Credit Hours)**

- NURS 8850 - Primary Care Residency I
- NURS 8851 - Primary Care Residency II
- NURS 8852 - Primary Care Residency III
- NURS 8853 - Primary Care Residency IV
- NURS 8854 - Primary Care Clinical Project

**Program Total (40 Credit Hours)****Advanced Care Management and Leadership, MSN**

The MSN in Advanced Care Management and Leadership, a 40-semester hour program, prepares nursing graduates for leadership and administrative positions in healthcare. This program is built around required core courses and two major curricular specialty track courses (Advanced Care Leadership and Nursing Educational Leadership). These tracks include didactic and practicum courses to emphasize the required content. In addition, electives are included for some of the tracks.

**Required Core courses (16 Credit Hours)**

- NURS 7715 - Professional Advanced Role Development and Health Care Issues
- NURS 7725 - Health Care Theory
- NURS 7745 - Theoretical Foundations, Research Applications, and Outcome Evaluations I
- NURS 7747 - Theoretical Foundations, Research Applications, and Outcome Evaluations II
- NURS 8863 - Thesis/Research Project
- NURS 7780 - Seminar in Conflict Management & Ethics of Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NURS 7785 - Health Policy and Finance

**Track courses****Advanced Care Leadership/CNP (24 Credit Hours)**

- Electives (4)
- NURS 7735 - Advanced Health Assessment, Health Maintenance and Health Promotion
- NURS 7755 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NURS 7765 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing

**Nursing Education Leadership (24 Credit Hours)**

- NURS 7735 - Advanced Health Assessment, Health Maintenance and Health Promotion
- NURS 7755 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NURS 7765 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing

**Health Policy Leadership (24 Credit Hours)**

- NURS 7793 - Health Policy Leadership Seminar
- NURS 7794 - Advanced Leadership & Policy in Multicultural, Changing World
- NURS 7795 - Global Initiatives in Healthcare, Changing World
- NURS 6150 - Analytical Business Applications & Leadership Skills for Advanced Practice Nursing

- NURS 8880 - Leadership Role in Nursing Administration & Health Policy - Practicum I
- NURS 8881 - Leadership Role in Nursing Administration & Health Policy-Practicum II
- NURS 8882 - Leadership Role in Nursing Administration & Health Policy-Practicum III

## Program Total (40 Credit Hours)

# WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Accelerated Track for International Physicians, MSN

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This Accelerated Track enables International Physicians to obtain a master's degree as a nurse practitioner after completing a baccalaureate degree in nursing. This plan is based on the premise that students will be admitted in time to take the History and Political Science prerequisites in the summer prior to starting nursing courses. Lower Division Hours – 6; Total Nursing Undergraduate Hours – 54; Total Nursing Graduate Hours – 40 (with two research courses).

## Year 1

### Summer (Semester 1) (15 Credit Hours)

- HIST 2112: American History (may take bypass exam)
- POLS 1102: American Government (may take bypass exam)
- BIOL 3317: Pathophysiology (may challenge)
- NURS Elective
- Free Elective

### Fall (Semester 2) (12 Credit Hours)

- NURS 3209: Holistic Nursing
- NURS 3309: Health Assess (may challenge)
- NURS 3303: Pharmacology (may challenge)

### Spring (Semester 3) (12 Credit Hours)

- NURS 3314: Mental Health
- NURS 3313: Adult Health
- NURS 3302: Ethics & Profession
- NURS 4414: Complex (may challenge)

## Year 2

### Summer (Semester 4) (11-14 Credit Hours)

- NURS 3318: Parent Child
- NURS 4412: Community
- NURS 4414: Complex (if challenge not passed)

**Challenge the following:**

- NURS 7735 - Advanced Health Assessment, Health Maintenance and Health Promotion
- NURS 7755 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NURS 7765 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing

**Fall (Semester 5) (7-15 Credit Hours)**

Begin paying Premium Pricing for FNP program.

- NURS 4416: Leadership
- NURS 4417: Clinical Practicum
- NURS 7735 - Advanced Health Assessment, Health Maintenance and Health Promotion (if challenge not passed)
- NURS 7755 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing (if challenge not passed)
- NURS 7765 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing (if challenge not passed)

**Spring (Semester 6) (9-11 Credit Hours)**

Take NCLEX (Must possess a valid Georgia RN license to start Residency)

- NURS 7725 - Health Care Theory
- NURS 8800 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Adults
- NURS 8850 - Primary Care Residency I
- NURS 7746 - Research Applications in Nursing (if needed)

**Year 3****Summer (Semester 7) (9 Credit Hours)**

- NURS 7715 - Professional Advanced Role Development and Health Care Issues
- NURS 8805 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Children
- NURS 8851 - Primary Care Residency II

**Fall (Semester 8) (12 Credit Hours)**

- NURS 8830 - Clinical Management of Reproductive Health
- NURS 8852 - Primary Care Residency III
- NURS 8853 - Primary Care Residency IV
- NURS 8854 - Primary Care Clinical Project (if needed)

Note:

- Take Certification Exam
- Apply for APRN Licensure

Competency in US and Georgia History and US and Georgia Constitution MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO GRADUATION WITH THE BSN. Students must take POLS 1101 American Government and HIST 2112 American History at a Georgia institution to satisfy this requirement. On-campus bypass or CLEP exams may be taken to successfully satisfy this requirement.

Challenge Exams for course credit: International MD students admitted to MSNI status may “challenge” several courses to receive course credit by successfully completing a comprehensive examination of course content. The Undergraduate courses are: BIOL 3317 Pathophysiol-

ogy, NURS 3303 Pharmacology, NURS 3309 Health Assessment, and NURS 4414 Complex Health. The Graduate courses are: NURS 7735 Advanced Health Assessment, NURS 7755 Advanced Pharmacology, and NURS 7765 Advanced Pathophysiology. Students must show evidence of successfully passing the challenge examination at an 80% level or above prior to the semester the course credit would be given.

Depending on past coursework, credit may be given for the following requirements: Directed Elective, Free Elective and Nursing Elective.

## Nursing International Physicians Program

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The International MD to Nurse Practitioner admission option allows physicians who graduated from international medical schools with the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree in medicine from an accredited university to complete the BSN requirements in the accelerated program sequence. In the fifth semester of the program students simultaneously begin non-clinical master's level courses in the WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program. Upon graduation with the BSN, passing the NCLEX, receiving licensure as a registered nurse in Georgia, and fulfilling all MSN admission criteria students are fully admitted to the MSN program and complete the clinical courses in the nurse practitioner program. Graduation from the MSN Program allows the student to sit for national certification as a family nurse practitioner. Successful completion of this and other licensure requirements of the Georgia Board of Nursing result in licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. This accelerated track requires intensive study and time commitment. The program can be completed in as few as 8 semesters or 26 months. The program is a combination of two established nursing programs, Accelerated BSN and MSN Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. Further information about both of those programs can be found in the catalog.

## General Requirements for Admission to the MSN Programs

1. Completed and signed application for MSNI status to the graduate program with payment of applicable application fees.
2. Documentation of completion of a professional degree in medicine as demonstrated by submission of an original transcript along with transcript evaluation by an authorized transcript evaluation service. The degree must be determined to be equivalent to a US Baccalaureate degree in medicine from a regionally accredited university.
3. Must meet the minimum score required for admission on the TOEFL or IELTS test.
  1. A list of required international documents by VISA type and the list of countries from which persons do not need to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam can be found at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/intreqtsnew.html> Completion of ENGL 1101 and 1102 at a US institution can satisfy this requirement.
  2. A certificate of immunization for measles, mumps, and rubella.
4. Applicants who are not US citizens must meet all international student admission requirements. (Prior to sitting for the NCLEX exam students must be US Citizens, permanent residents, or have proof of valid immigration documents.)

5. Submission of a formal statement of personal goals for the program not to exceed one type-written page.
6. Successful interview with faculty and director.
7. Must meet all published application deadlines.

NOTE: Admission to Kennesaw State University is not a substitute for admission to the Well-Star School of Nursing (WSON). WSON admission is an additional process.

## Undergraduate Admission Requirements for International MD Applicants

1. Must meet all Nursing Program Admission Requirements.
2. Must have a grade of C or better in all BSN Prerequisite Courses.
3. Must meet all published application deadlines.

## Full Admission to the MSN Program requires the following:

1. Complete BSN requirements and graduate with the BSN with at least a 3.0 GPA.
2. Successfully complete the NCLEX and obtain licensure as a registered nurse in Georgia.
3. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required of all applicants to the MSN program. GRE scores older than 5 years (GRE reporting limit) will be considered provided the applicant can produce "official documentation" of their scores. MSN-I students must take the GRE prior to beginning MSN courses (4th semester for full-time students).
4. Undergraduate research course. \*
5. Undergraduate statistics course. \*
6. Two professional letters of reference.

NOTE: Applicants must be aware that the state examining board has the right to refuse to grant a registered nurse license to any individual regardless of educational credentials under circumstances of (1) falsification of application for licensure, (2) conviction of a felony or crime of moral turpitude; other moral and legal violations specified in the Georgia law.

\*Students who have completed the equivalent of an undergraduate statistics course and a capstone research project in medical school may receive credit for NURS 4402 Nursing Research (undergraduate nursing research). Students who produce evidence of a data-based capstone research project may receive up to 4 hours credit for NURS 7746 Research I and NURS 8854 Research II (graduate nursing research). A data-based capstone research project is one in which data were collected from a sample population and data analysis was conducted.

At the Graduate Admissions Web Site complete information and online forms for graduate admissions can be found. <http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/admissions/>

## Premium Pricing

The Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is premium priced. Upon full admission the MSN program, tuition will include the premium price fee. The premium price fee will be added to tuition in the 5th through 8th semester.

## Regents' Policies Governing the Classification of Students for Tuition Purposes

Aliens shall be classified as out-of-state students; provided, however, that an alien who is living in this country under an immigration document permitting indefinite or permanent residence

shall have the same privilege of qualifying for in-state tuition as a citizen of the United States. Nursing Student Progression, Retention and Dismissal Policies and WellStar School of Nursing policies:

It is the student's responsibility to review and be aware of all Kennesaw State University and WellStar School of Nursing requirements.

Students who do not make a passing grade in a nursing course or who withdraw from the nursing program are not guaranteed re-entry at the next course offering and may only re-enter the program on a space-available basis.

Students who are dismissed from either the undergraduate or graduate nursing program may not be re-admitted to the WellStar School of Nursing.

All policies can be found at:

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/chhs/schoolofnursing/>

[http://www.kennesaw.edu/academicaffairs/acadpubs/acdpub/ucacat2007-08/o.health%20hs\(133-148\).pdf](http://www.kennesaw.edu/academicaffairs/acadpubs/acdpub/ucacat2007-08/o.health%20hs(133-148).pdf)

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/chhs/schoolofnursing/Handbooks/studenthandbook/index/htm>

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/prospective/g/catalog.shtml>

## Prerequisite Requirements

BIOL 2221/lab: Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab  
 BIOL 2222/lab: Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab  
 BIOL 2261: Fundamental Microbiology with Lab  
 CHEM 1151/lab: Fundamentals of Chemistry & Lab  
 CHEM 1152/lab: Organic-Biochemistry & Lab  
 MATH 1107: Elementary Statistics  
 SOCI 2201 or SOCI 2105: General Sociology  
 PSYC 3305: Life Span Developmental Psychology

Application Deadline: March 1st for Summer Admission

Admission decisions are based on a COMPETITIVE process of evaluation of all admission materials. Due to undergraduate and graduate nursing program space constraints, admissions to this track will be determined each year based on the numbers of graduates or other attrition. Only applicants with completed application packets and those who exhibit the strongest qualities important to nursing will be considered in final admission decisions. Longevity at Kennesaw State University may also be considered. Applicants will be notified by April 15th of their WellStar School of Nursing admission status.



# Professional Writing

Master of Arts in Professional Writing (MAPW)  
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## MAPW Program Description

The Master of Arts in Professional Writing (MAPW) degree is a professional graduate degree program that prepares candidates for a wide variety of writing related positions in business, education, publishing, and the arts. Course work in three concentrations—applied writing, composition and rhetoric, and creative writing—allows students to gain theoretical and practical knowledge in various fields of professional writing. As students become experienced in producing and analyzing the business, technical, journalistic, and creative texts in these three concentrations, they develop a sophisticated understanding of style, structure, and audience. MAPW students will become writing professionals who can move in many directions during their careers; they will become flexible writers who can tune in to the writing conventions of a given genre, adapting their writing style to the requirements of various rhetorical contexts in today's print and electronic environments.

Housed in the Department of English, the MAPW Program works in cooperation with other departments such as Communication and Visual Arts. Additional resources of special importance to the program faculty and students are the Kennesaw State University Writing Center and the Kennesaw Mountain National Writing Project.

## General Requirements for Admissions to the MAPW Program

To be considered for MAPW admission, applicants must submit the following credentials to the KSU Admission Office:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale;
2. A minimum total score of 520 (verbal) and a minimum 4.5 (analytic writing) on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE requirement is waived for applicants who have earned an advanced degree.

The following items should be submitted to:

MAPW Graduate Director, English Department,  
Mailbox Drop 2701, Kennesaw State University,  
1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591.

3. An application letter that states the applicant's goals for the MAPW program and a rationale for the choice of concentration and support areas;
4. One copy of representative writing samples from both the concentration and the support area, not to exceed 25 pages;
5. A letter of recommendation is optional.

Provisional standing and non-degree status are not available for applicants to the MAPW program.

\*International applicants have additional requirements. See Graduate Admission section of this catalog.

## Transfer Credit

Up to nine hours of graduate work from other accredited institutions may be transferred. To be transferred, course work from other institutions must correspond to Kennesaw State's MAPW curriculum. Students will need to provide course descriptions and syllabi wherever possible, and the amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the program director. A minimum grade of "B" is required for any course transferred. Such course work may be no more than five years old.

## Grades

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in every graduate level course. They must also achieve a GPA of at least 3.0 before they can advance to candidacy.

## Petition to Graduate

MAPW candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of program requirements. Before MAPW students can petition to graduate, they must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. The student should contact the MAPW office and request a petition be mailed to their home address, or they may print the form located on the MAPW web site at: [www.ksu-mapw.com](http://www.ksu-mapw.com).

The student must obtain the MAPW graduate director's signature before submitting the petition to the business office and registrar.

## Professional Writing, MAPW

The Master of Arts in Professional Writing Degree Program consists of 36 hours of course work. The MAPW Program is organized in three distinct parts:

### Writing Core Concentration (3 Credit Hours)

The Writing Core Concentration gives MAPW students the necessary tools to acquire both practical and theoretical knowledge about writing, writers, and graduate-level study skills. Students must complete the core course within their first semester in the MAPW program:

- PRWR 6000 - Issues and Research in Professional Writing

## Major Concentration and Support Area (24 Credit Hours)

a. The Major Concentration and Support Area (24 hours) allows candidates to concentrate on two areas of interest. In the Major (15 hours), each student selects one concentration from the three offered below and takes five courses from this concentration, and, in the Support Area (9 hours), each student also selects one of the remaining two concentrations as the support area. The student must take three courses from this second concentration to satisfy the support area requirement.

In addition, the student will take one elective (3 hours): any MAPW course or a course in a related graduate program (3)

OR

b. Major concentration (15 hours) and two courses from each of the other two concentrations (12 hours) allow students to study all three areas of professional writing offered in the MAPW program.

## Applied Writing

- PRWR 6240 - Technical Writing
- PRWR 6260 - Managing Writing in Organizations
- PRWR 6280 - Business and Technical Editing
- PRWR 6410 - Feature Writing
- PRWR 6440 - Professional and Academic Editing
- PRWR 6550 - Document Design and Desktop Publishing
- PRWR 6850 - Web Content Development
- PRWR 6860 - Intercultural Communication in Context
- PRWR 7550 - Advanced Applied Writing
- PRWR 7600 - MAPW Practical Internship
- PRWR 7900 - Special Topics
- PRWR 7950 - MAPW Directed Study

## Composition and Rhetoric

- PRWR 6150 - Context, Style and Audience in Professional Writing
- PRWR 6300 - Understanding Writing as Process
- PRWR 6500 - Teaching Writing in High Schools and Colleges
- PRWR 6650 - Introduction to Literacy Studies
- PRWR 6750 - Teaching Writing to Speakers of Other Languages
- PRWR 6760 - World Englishes
- PRWR 7600 - MAPW Practical Internship
- PRWR 7900 - Special Topics
- PRWR 7950 - MAPW Directed Study

## Creative Writing

- PRWR 6100 - Readings for Writers
- PRWR 6460 - Fiction Writing
- PRWR 6470 - Poetry Writing
- PRWR 6480 - Play Writing
- PRWR 6490 - Screen and Television Writing
- PRWR 6520 - Creative Nonfiction
- PRWR 6800 - Careers in the Literary Arts

- PRWR 7460 - Advanced Fiction Writing
- PRWR 7470 - Advanced Poetry Writing
- PRWR 7480 - Advanced Play Writing
- PRWR 7490 - Advanced Screen and Television Writing
- PRWR 7520 - Advanced Creative Nonfiction Writing
- PRWR 7600 - MAPW Practical Internship
- PRWR 7900 - Special Topics
- PRWR 7950 - MAPW Directed Study

## MAPW Capstone Project (6 Credit Hours)

The MAPW Capstone project is designated as a thesis, portfolio, or practicum and accompanied by a rationale for its purpose and design that involves electronic and/or print media and is relevant to the student's concentration in professional writing. After submitting an approved capstone proposal, the candidate works under the direction and advice of two faculty members to produce the project. The candidate must submit the capstone project at least two weeks before either 1) a discussion about the project with the faculty committee, or 2) a public presentation about the project or a reading from the project for an audience of faculty and peers. The candidate will consult with the capstone committee about which option to choose.

- PRWR 7960 - MAPW Capstone Project

## Program Total (36 Credit Hours)

### Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing

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## Admission Requirements

1. A completed KSU application form, indicating application to the Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing Program
2. An application fee
3. Official undergraduate transcripts
4. Official graduate transcripts, if applicable
5. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a minimum graduate grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
6. Immunization requirement (see Graduate Admission section of catalog)
7. A statement of purpose that explains: the genre of concentration; what the student wishes to achieve from the program; any experience the student already has in writing (i.e., workshops or literature classes, reading and writing habits, membership in writers' organizations, awards, publications, and the like)
8. One copy of representative sample of creative writing in the genre to be studied, not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages.
9. Optional: A letter of reference from someone who can evaluate the student's: creative writing skills commitment to creative writing and academic work

## Graduate Certificate Program in Professional Writing for International Audiences

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### Professional Writing for International Audiences Certificate Admission Requirements

Applicants will be admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing for International Audiences when they have satisfied the KSU non-degree admission requirements.

1. A bachelor's or graduate degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by KSU;
2. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum graduate grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The application documentation for this certificate consists of:

1. A completed KSU application form, indicating application to the Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing for International Audiences
2. An application fee
3. Official undergraduate transcripts
4. Official graduate transcripts, if applicable
5. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a minimum graduate grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
6. Immunization requirement (see Graduate Admission section of catalog)
7. A statement of purpose that explains: what the student wishes to achieve from the program; any experience the student already has in writing, i.e., workshops, reading and writing habits, membership in writers' organizations, awards, publications;
8. A writing sample, not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages.
9. Optional: A letter of reference from someone who can evaluate the applicant's writing skills

## Creative Writing Certificate

### Program of Study

A Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing Program is offered through the Master of Arts in Professional Writing Program in the English Department, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, at Kennesaw State University. A unique four-course, non-degree program, its mission is to provide instruction and membership in a community of writers to qualified writing students in metro Atlanta and North Georgia who seek intensive creative writing practice but who do not want to matriculate in a graduate program.

This Graduate Certificate program allows qualified writers to study in graduate-level writing workshops taught by professional writers on the Kennesaw State University faculty.

A student coming into the Certificate Program would have to choose one of the creative writing genres offered in the MAPW program: fiction, poetry, screen writing, or creative nonfiction.

Once a genre discipline is selected, the student would be expected to complete workshops in only that genre. For example, a student might select to study for the Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing and focus in fiction writing.

See creative writing courses listed in the Professional Writing MAPW Program.

## Professional Writing for International Audiences Certificate

### Program of Study

The Certificate will be writing-based, which distinguishes it from traditional Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) programs. The certificate is distinctive from TESOL programs because it does not focus on teaching English to non-native users. Rather the focus will be on how English users from different cultural and linguistic traditions can communicate more effectively in a variety of written media such as e-mail, Web pages, brochures, and formal documents. Consequently, there will also be an emphasis on the process of document creation that requires collaboration between native and non-native English speakers and the need for cultural and linguistic sensitivity to increase the effectiveness of the working relationship. Educators who are aware of these differences can use this insight in classrooms, particularly in cases when international students work with American students on writing projects and other classroom activities. This Certificate will also benefit professionals working in non-profit organizations, government employees, and others who work with or write for a large population of non-native English speakers.

### Required Courses (9 Credit Hours)

- PRWR 6750 - Teaching Writing to Speakers of Other Languages
- PRWR 6760 - World Englishes
- PRWR 6860 - Intercultural Communication in Context

### Select one of the following: (3 Credit Hours)

- PRWR 7600 - MAPW Practical Internship

#### Applied

- PRWR 6850 - Web Content Development

#### Composition and Rhetoric

- PRWR 6650 - Introduction to Literacy Studies
- PRWR 6150 - Context, Style and Audience in Professional Writing

### Program Total (12 Credit Hours)

Note:

See professional writing courses listed in the Master of Arts in Professional Writing Program.

# Public Administration

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## Master of Public Administration Program Description

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is a professional degree that prepares persons interested in public service for administrative and leadership positions in governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. The program's student and teaching oriented faculty seek to contribute to the development of professional individuals with an ethos of democratic administration by providing them with a combination of solid academic learning and concrete practical experiences. The MPA Program is located in the Department of Political Science and International Affairs. The Program works in cooperation with a number of other departments as well as the A. L. Burruss Institute of Public Service that provides community services and technical assistance to nonprofit and public organizations in Georgia.

## Accreditation

The Master of Public Administration Program is formally accredited by National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

## General Requirements for Admission to the MPA Program

MPA Program admission requires:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with at least 2.75 grade point average;
2. Submission of an application to the Office of Graduate Admissions and a non-refundable application fee;
3. A minimum combined score of 300 on the verbal and quantitative portions with a 3.5 minimum score on the analytical writing section of the General Test of the Gradu-

ate Record Examination (GRE) or a combined score of 450 on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). (Students submitting scores for the GRE taken prior to November 1, 2011, must submit a minimum combined score of 900 on the verbal, quantitative, and analytical portions of the Graduate Record Examination.) Applicants may make a formal request to waive this requirement only when the applicant has completed another graduate degree program and an appropriate transcript is submitted in support of the request;

4. International students must also provide satisfactory TOEFL or IETLS scores;
5. International students must also provide satisfactory TOEFL scores;
6. An application letter that states the applicant's interest and goals for the MPA Program and the potential use of the degree;
7. A current résumé;
8. Two letters of recommendation that address the applicant's potential for graduate study and use of an MPA degree;
9. Valid immunization certificate for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

Students are admitted to the program based upon an overall review of all credentials including any work and community service experience that indicates potential success in graduate work and in professional public service.

## Transfer Credit

Up to nine semester hours of graduate work from other accredited institutions may be transferred. To be transferred, course work from other institutions must correspond to Kennesaw State University's MPA curriculum. Students will need to provide course descriptions and syllabi wherever possible, and the amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the program director. Such course work may be no more than five years old.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

MPA candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of their degree requirements.

## Public Administration, MPA

The MPA Program is a 36 semester-hour course of study that consists of three components: A 8-course core curriculum required of all students (24 hours); a 3-course concentration of the student's choice (9 hours); and a professional exercise (3 hours).

## Core Curriculum (24 Credit Hours)

The core curriculum ensures that every MPA graduate is versed in both the theory and practice of this professional field. Courses include the history and values of democratic administration, the institutions and individuals that comprise it, and the tools used to achieve the goals of such administration.

- PAD 6200 - Fundamentals of Public Administration and Public Service
- PAD 6250 - Research Methods and Computer Applications
- PAD 6300 - Public Organization Theory
- PAD 6350 - Public Service Budgeting
- PAD 6450 - Governmental Relations
- PAD 6700 - Human Resource Management in Public Service
- PAD 6500 - Policy Analysis
- or
- PAD 6600 - Program Evaluation
- IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems

## Concentrations (9 Credit Hours)

The concentration courses enable students to prepare themselves for professional careers in the public and nonprofit sectors. Students will choose one of the following concentrations.

### Governmental Administration

Required:

- PAD 7455 - Administrative Law

Select two of the following:

- CM 7100 - Introduction to Conflict Management
- MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making
- PAD 7120 - Health Policy
- PAD 7130 - Regional Politics and Policy
- PAD 7150 - Contemporary Public Issues
- PAD 7230 - Local Governance and City Management
- PAD 7250 - Leadership and Ethics in Public Service
- PAD 7390 - Public Financial Management
- PAD 7430 - Regional and Local Planning

### Information Systems Administration

- IS 8100 - Advanced IT Project Management
- IS 8700 - Information Systems Policy and Strategy
- Students will select one other graduate IS or MPA course, or other graduate course approved by the program director.

### Nonprofit Administration

Required:

- PAD 7100 - Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector
- PAD 7180 - Nonprofit Governance and Administration

Select one of the following:

- CM 7100 - Introduction to Conflict Management
- MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making
- PAD 7120 - Health Policy
- PAD 7130 - Regional Politics and Policy

- PAD 7150 - Contemporary Public Issues
- PAD 7250 - Leadership and Ethics in Public Service

## **MPA Professional Exercises (3 Credit Hours)**

Students are required to select one of the following with the consent of the program director:

- PAD 7985 - Internship in Public Service
- PAD 7995 - Public Service Practicum

## **Program Total (36 Credit Hours)**

Special Notes:

Kennesaw State University offers qualified students the opportunity to apply for a dual option MBA/MPA Program. MBA-MPA is a dual degree with the Coles College of Business and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. To be admitted into the dual degree program, the applicant must specify the option at the time of application to the Graduate School. Students interested in applying for the dual degree option MBA/MPA Program should consult with either the MPA Director or MBA Director with regard to the admission requirements and required courses.

# Social Work

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The Master of Social Work program is designed to prepare students for entry level professional practice in social work. Upon graduation, students are eligible for the Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW) and they may also pursue further clinical supervision requirements to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). In addition, students interested in becoming a certified addiction counselor have the opportunity to take specialized courses in the area of addictions. The MSW program offers specializations in children and families and mental health. The KSU Master of Social Work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

The Master of Social Work program offers a full-time (2 year) study plan. The MSW requires completion of 60 semester hours of graduate study. Note: KSU does not offer part-time or advanced standing MSW programs.

## General Requirements for Admission

MSW Program admission requires:

1. A GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale over the last 60 hours of study, as indicated on official college or university transcript received directly from the degree-granting institution. Course work from all two and four year institutions should be submitted directly by the institutions.
2. A minimum combined score of 300 on Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within five years prior to application for admission. Please note: You may receive a waiver if you already have a graduate degree from an accredited US institution.
3. Hold a baccalaureate degree that reflects a broad liberal arts base in the social, behavioral or psychological sciences, human biology, the humanities or statistics. The baccalaureate degree should be from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University.
4. Three letters of recommendation
  - At least one from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's academic work;
  - Two from a former employer, field supervisor or someone else with expertise in social work

5. An autobiographical statement, maximum 750 words, double-spaced, that includes the following:
  - Your experience in social work, including volunteer experience.
  - The life experiences impacted your interest in social work.
  - Your personal qualities that will be useful in serving others as a social work professional.
  - Your values that will be useful in serving others as a social worker
  - Your career goals and how social work education will help you realize these goals.
6. International applicants are subject to the MSW admissions requirements and the University's requirements including the TOEFL examination, financial statements, and acceptance of baccalaureate degrees.

## Non-Degree Admission

Students classified as non-degree students are not permitted to enroll in the Master of Social Work program.

## Transfer Credit

Students enrolled in the Master of Social Work program may be given credit for up to 30 semester hours taken at other CSWE-accredited programs. All requests for transfer are made to the Social Work Program Director and will be handled on a case by case basis. The courses requested for transfer must match the courses offered within the foundation curriculum at KSU.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

MSW candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of their degree requirements. Petition to graduate forms are available in the program director's office.

## Social Work, MSW

The Master of Social Work program consists of five areas—foundation courses, advanced clinical practice, specialized areas, elective courses, and the fieldwork component. The following is a brief description of each area:

1. Foundation Course Sequence - designed to introduce the student to the field of social work and provide a firm foundation to professional training.
2. Advanced Clinical Practice - the sequence of advanced courses assumes mastery of foundation courses and moves the student into more complex issues of human behavior and advanced clinical practice in areas of specialization.
3. Specialization areas - These consist of two specialized areas - 1) Children and Family Services; and 2) Mental Health Services including Addiction/Substance Abuse Services. The Children and Family Services specialization prepares students for entry level professional social work practice in the area of child welfare and protective services, and service to families, children, and youth. The Mental Health Services specialization prepares students for entry level practice in the area of community mental health, resident psychiatric services, substance abuse prevention and intervention.

4. Elective courses - a small group of elective courses offered to enrich the student's understanding of particular areas of social work practice and programs.
5. Fieldwork Component - placement at a clinical internship site is an integral aspect of the MSW program. Fieldwork offers students direct practice learning in real-world service settings. Under the supervision of an experienced clinical social worker, students are placed in practicum settings that are an integral part of the MSW Program.

## Foundation Year (30 Credit Hours)

### Semester I (15 Credit Hours)

- SW 7700 - Social Work Foundations: Diversity, Social Justice and Ethics
- SW 7701 - Social Work Practice I
- SW 7704 - Human Behavior in a Social Environment I
- SW 7706 - Introduction to Social Work Research
- SW 7708 - Foundation Internship/Integrative Seminar I

### Semester II (15 Credit Hours)

- SW 7702 - Social Welfare Policy and Services
- SW 7703 - Social Work Practice II
- SW 7705 - Human Behavior in a Social Environment II
- SW 7707 - Practice Focused Research Methods
- SW 7709 - Foundation Internship/Integrative Seminar II

## Concentration Year (30 Credit Hours)

### Semester I

#### Children and Families Services

- Clinical Elective
- Clinical Elective
- SW 8702 - Advanced Clinical Practice I: Working With Individuals
- SW 8706 - Addictions Theory and Policy
- SW 8712 - Advanced Internship/Integrative Seminar III

#### Mental Health Services (Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Focus Areas)

- Clinical Elective
- Clinical Elective
- SW 8702 - Advanced Clinical Practice I: Working With Individuals
- SW 8706 - Addictions Theory and Policy
- SW 8712 - Advanced Internship/Integrative Seminar III

### Semester II

#### Children and Families Services

- Clinical Elective
- Clinical Elective

- SW 8820 - Social Work Forensics
- SW 8711 - Advanced Clinical Practice III: Working With Groups
- SW 8713 - Advanced Field Placement IV

### **Mental Health Services (Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Focus Areas)**

- Clinical Elective
- Clinical Elective
- SW 8820 - Social Work Forensics
- SW 8711 - Advanced Clinical Practice III: Working With Groups
- SW 8713 - Advanced Field Placement IV

### **Program Total (60 Credit Hours)**

Note:

Clinical Electives are selected in consultation with a faculty mentor. The selection of electives will reflect the training interests of the student.

The following is a list of available clinical electives:

- SW 8701 - Individual and Group Practice in Addictions
- SW 8705 - Advanced Clinical Practice II: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Service Planning
- SW 8715 - Children and Youth Mental Health
- SW 8725 - Social Work Practice with Domestic Violence
- SW 8729 - Crisis Intervention
- SW 8801 - Seminar on Clinical Practice in Child Welfare
- SW 8810 - Community Mental Health Practice
- SW 8812 - Clinical Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families: Child Protective Services
- SW 8813 - Family Therapy
- SW 8814 - Seminar in Substance Abuse
- SW 8815 - Prevention Theory in ATOD Abuse
- SW 8816 - Social Work Practice with Addicted Families
- SW 8821 - Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy
- SW 8822 - Professional and System Responses to Child Maltreatment

## **Child Advocacy Studies Training Certificate**

The Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST) Certificate program is an academic program that focuses on developing students' understanding of the various factors that lead to child maltreatment, and of various existing responses to incidents of child maltreatment, in order that they may work more effectively within various systems and institutions that respond to these incidents. Students will learn about the various disciplinary responses to child maltreatment, and will develop a multi-disciplinary understanding of the most effective responses. Students completing the courses in this certificate will be better equipped to carry out the work of various agencies and systems (health care, criminal justice, social services) as they advocate on behalf of the needs of children as victims and survivors of child abuse. The focus of the Child Advocacy Studies curriculum is on experiential, interdisciplinary, ethical and culturally

sensitive content that would provide professionals working with children a common knowledge base for responding to child maltreatment. Students who complete all four courses in the discipline will receive a certificate in Child Advocacy Training Studies (CAST).

Students may apply to the certificate program at any point throughout the academic year. Admission requirements for the graduate certificate include: Completion of 30 hours in the MSW program; minimum GPA of 3.0 in all MSW coursework (including field placements); statement regarding interest in certificate and proposed career goals; two reference letters (either academic or related work/internship experience); and completed fingerprint/background check (fee assumed by student).

## Required Courses (9 Credit Hours)

- SW 8820 - Social Work Forensics
- SW 8821 - Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy
- SW 8822 - Professional and System Responses to Child Maltreatment

## Elective (3 Credit Hours)

Graduate students may select from the following electives:

- SW 8725 - Social Work Practice with Domestic Violence
- SW 8812 - Clinical Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families: Child Protective Services

## Program Total (12 Credit Hours)



# *Sociology and Criminal Justice*

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The Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) is an ideal program for traditional students who aspire to pursue their academic goals and for professionals in the field of criminal justice who want to advance their knowledge and skills for career enhancement. The program includes face-to-face and some online course instructional formats. It also has a unique "Global/International Perspectives in Criminal Justice" focus, which includes both an 'International Criminal Justice Experience' study abroad opportunity and a comparative criminal justice systems course. The program requires 33 semester credit hours, including six core courses, one global criminal justice course, two electives, and thesis or master project.

## **General Requirements for Admission to the MSCJ Program**

To be considered for admission to the MSCJ, applicants must submit the following credentials to the KSU Graduate Admissions Office:

1. Submission of an application to the graduate admission office and a non-refundable fee
2. An official copy of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts
3. Graduate Record Exam – GRE (verbal, quantitative and analytical)
4. An application letter stating the student's interest and goals for the MSCJ program, including a rationale for why/how this program will meet the applicant's professional needs
5. Three letters of recommendation (two of which should be from academics)
6. International applicants have additional requirements. See Graduate Admission section of this catalog.

Admission decisions are based on overall evaluation of all these elements.

## **Grades in Graduate Courses**

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level student performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

MSCJ candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of their degree requirements.

### Criminal Justice, MSCJ

#### Required (18 credit hours)

- CRJU 7701 - Critical Issues in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 7702 - Advanced Criminological Theory
- CRJU 7703 - Advanced Law Enforcement
- CRJU 7704 - Institutional and Community Corrections
- CRJU 7705 - Law and the Legal Process
- CRJU 7706 - Advanced Research Methods and Computer Applications

#### Select one of the following (3 credit hours)

- CRJU 7709 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- CRJU 7722 - International Criminal Justice Experience

#### Electives (6 credit hours)

- ACCT 8000 - Accounting Insights for Managers
- CRJU 7707 - Strategic Planning in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 7708 - Criminal Justice Policy and Analysis
- CRJU 7709 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- CRJU 7710 - Transnational Crimes and International Security
- CRJU 7711 - Human Rights Standards in Law Enforcement
- CRJU 7722 - International Criminal Justice Experience
- CRJU 7900 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 7950 - Directed Study
- IS 8930 - Information Security Administration
- PAD 6200 - Fundamentals of Public Administration and Public Service
- PAD 6600 - Program Evaluation
- PAD 7455 - Administrative Law

#### Select one of the following (6 credit hours)

- CRJU 7999 - Criminal Justice Policy Research Project
- CRJU 8000 - Thesis

#### Program Total (33 credit hours)

# Statistics

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## Program Mission

The Master of Science with a major in Applied Statistics Program (MSAS) at Kennesaw State University is a professional degree program which seeks to prepare a diverse student body to utilize cutting edge applied statistical methods to enable correct, meaningful inferences from data obtained from business, industry, government and health services. The use of a wide variety of commercial software will be emphasized to ensure graduates can effectively analyze real-world data.

## Program Description

The MSAS program is a 36 semester-hour applied graduate program designed to meet the needs of business, industry and government. The program is intended for professionals or students with undergraduate degrees in the sciences, engineering, or business.

The MSAS program differs from traditional statistics graduate programs in the following areas:

1. Statistical Computing: Starting the first semester the student will utilize statistical programs such as SAS, JMP, and Minitab to analyze data and present graphical summaries;
2. Applications Project: Students will participate in a one-hour credit project activity for each semester. Written reports of these activities will form the basis of a Statistical Methods Portfolio demonstrating the analytical skill sets mastered by the students;
3. Boot Camp Option: The summer prior to the start of the fall semester students will have the option of taking a refresher course in calculus and statistical software that will focus on the methodology needed to be successful in courses in the program.

## General Requirements for Admission to the MSAS Program

Program admission requires:

- Baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited in a manner accepted by Kennesaw State University. While a degree in Mathematics is not required, applicants should have at least 18 semester credit hours in mathematics or related (e.g. engineering or statistics) coursework including Calculus I and Calculus II.
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate adjusted grade-point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Minimum combined score of 900 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a minimum score of 500 on the quantitative portion.

OR

- Minimum score of 500 on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with a minimum score of 30 on the quantitative portion.
- Other criteria will be considered by the MSAS Admissions Committee for applicants, including
  - coursework
  - professional certifications
  - relevant work experience
  - professional activities

*International applicants have additional requirements, see Graduate Admissions section of this catalog.*

## Transfer Credit

With approval from the program director, a student may substitute up to nine hours of graduate credit from other institutions, from other graduate programs at Kennesaw State University, or from Special Topics or Directed Study Classes offered within the MSAS program. To be transferred, course work from other institutions must correspond to Kennesaw State University's MSAS curriculum.

Students will need to provide course descriptions and syllabi whenever possible. A minimum grade of "B" must have been received in the course and the course work must be no more than five years old.

## Grades

Expectations for satisfactory graduate level performance are detailed in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

## Petition to Graduate

MSAS candidates must petition to graduate at least one semester prior to completion of the program requirements.

## Applied Statistics, MS

<http://math.kennesaw.edu/academics/grad/MSAS/index.html>

### Program Requirements

#### Required Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- STAT 7010 - Mathematical Statistics I
- STAT 7020 - Statistical Computing and Simulation
- STAT 7100 - Statistical Methods
- STAT 8210 - Applied Regression Analysis

#### Select one from the following (3 Credit Hours):

- STAT 8120 - Applied Experimental Design
- STAT 8125 - Design and Analysis of Human Studies

#### Select two from the following (6 Credit Hours):

- STAT 8120 - Applied Experimental Design
- STAT 8125 - Design and Analysis of Human Studies
- STAT 8220 - Time Series Forecasting
- STAT 8225 - Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis
- STAT 8240 - Data Mining
- STAT 8310 - Applied Categorical Data Analysis
- STAT 8320 - Applied Multivariate Data Analysis
- STAT 8330 - Applied Binary Classification

#### The following courses may be used to complete the degree requirements:

- STAT 8020 - Advanced Programming in SAS
- STAT 8110 - Quality Control and Process Improvement
- STAT 8140 - Six Sigma Problem Solving
- STAT 8940 - Applied Analysis Project

Note:

Up to nine hours may be substituted with the permission of the program director.

#### Program Total (36 Credit Hours)



# Courses

## Accounting

### **ACCT 8000 - Accounting Insights for Managers**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course provides managers with an overview of key accounting issues, with an emphasis on concepts, tools, and international perspectives that will provide direct benefits in the workplace. Areas covered include reporting performance to stakeholders outside the entity, using accounting information inside the entity to make decisions and control behavior, and ensuring the reliability of accounting information.

Note This course may not be used in the MAcc program.

### **ACCT 8100 - Theory of Business Reporting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAcc program and ACCT 4050 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 4050 or their equivalents.*

A study of financial accounting theory, including current and future business reporting models.

### **ACCT 8110 - Advanced Financial Reporting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ACCT 8100.*

A study of advanced accounting technical topics, regulation and behavioral issues in financial reporting environments.

### **ACCT 8120 - Risk Analysis and Control: A Systems Perspective**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course reviews fundamental transaction processing in accounting systems considering the potential risks and the controls that can be implemented to mitigate the risks. Frameworks, such as COSO's ERM Model, are used to identify the risks and controls. Various technologies will be used to provide students with hands on experience with control tools.

**ACCT 8190 - Accounting Strategies for Decision-Making in a Global Environment**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ACCT 8100 and ACCT 8120.*

This course examines the value of accounting strategies from the perspectives of various stakeholders in a global economic environment. A unique feature of the course is that it integrates traditional and contemporary financial accounting, audit, tax, and managerial strategies.

**ACCT 8215 - Leadership and Professional Skills**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course will provide an overview of the behavioral and managerial competencies that are required for success in the 21st century accounting profession.

**ACCT 8220 - Issues in Managerial Accounting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 3100, or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3100 or its equivalent.*

A study of current issues and approaches to solving comprehensive problems in the area of managerial accounting.

**ACCT 8270 - Accounting and Legal Issues in International Business**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 3300 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3300 or their equivalents.*

An introduction to accounting, control and legal issues unique to the planning, execution, control and evaluation of international business activities.

**ACCT 8300 - Seminar in Valuation of Closely Held Businesses**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 3300 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3300 or their equivalents.*

An examination of the principles of business valuation, with an emphasis on the valuation of non-publicly traded, closely-held entities, including both corporate and non-corporate businesses.

**ACCT 8310 - Travel Experience in Financial Reporting and Auditing**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program, ACCT 8400.*

This course incorporates both in-class learning and a travel experience to acquaint students with organizations that affect financial reporting and auditing practices.

**ACCT 8320 - Travel Experience in Taxation**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Acceptance to the MAcc program.*

This course provides both in- and out-of-classroom exposure to taxation resources, tax authorities, and professional firms specializing in tax matters.

**ACCT 8400 - Seminar in Auditing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 8120.*

A study of financial audits, assurance services, and internal audits. Emphasis is on current developments.

**ACCT 8410 - Seminar in Internal Auditing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course is designed to provide advanced internal audit knowledge to students considering careers in the accounting and auditing functions with an emphasis on internal auditing. The purpose of the course is to extend students' knowledge of auditing in today's organizations; knowledge that extends beyond the traditional attestation of the financial statements. The course examines in detail internal audit theory, applies internal audit concepts to real corporate cases and involves critical analysis of internal audit practices. The course will also incorporate research papers to achieve its objectives.

**ACCT 8420 - Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course focuses on forensic accounting and fraud examination, which encompasses both litigation support as well as investigative accounting, and requires the integration of accounting, auditing, taxation, and investigative skills in the practitioner. In addition to providing a broad overview of forensic accounting and fraud examination, this course will also cover aspects of two sub-specializations: behavioral and digital forensics.

**ACCT 8430 - Fraudulent Financial Reporting and Corporate Governance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course examines fraudulent financial reporting and corporate governance issues. Specific topics include the role of the board of directors, board committees and processes, oversight of financial reporting, and research on fraudulent financial reporting, including the relation between corporate governance and fraudulent financial reporting.

**ACCT 8440 - Current Topics in Financial Reporting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course will focus on current topics related to financial reporting. The course will illustrate the application of alternative financial reporting standards such as GAAP and IFRS (e.g., challenges in and complexity of fair value accounting, auditing, and reporting).

**ACCT 8510 - Tax Research and Procedure**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

An introduction to the U.S. federal tax system, including research processes, tax practice, and procedural issues. This course is intended to strengthen students' problem solving and communication skills in a tax research setting. Electronic tax research services are used in the search for applicable tax authority.

**ACCT 8520 - Corporate Tax and Shareholders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

A study of the federal income taxation of corporations and shareholders. Topics covered include corporate contributions, distributions of shareholders, stock redemptions, and corporate liquidations.

**ACCT 8530 - Taxation of Flow-Through Entities**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

An advanced study of the federal income taxation of flow-through entities, including partnerships, S Corporations and Limited Liability Companies. Topics include contributions and distri-

butions from a flow-through entity; reporting of profits, gains and losses; complete and partial liquidations; and the partnership special allocation rules.

### **ACCT 8550 - Estate and Gift Taxation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 3200 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3200 or their equivalents.*

A study of federal estate and gift tax laws involved in inter vivos and testamentary transfers of property. Tax-planning techniques designed to minimize transfer taxes and ensure the orderly transfer of assets to succeeding generations are explored, as are the use of outright and charitable gifts, trusts, and generation skipping transfers.

### **ACCT 8560 - International Taxation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course examines the income tax consequences of foreign income for U.S. taxpayers and of U.S. income foreign taxpayers. Topics covered include the foreign tax credit, Subpart F income, controlled foreign corporations, and sourcing rules.

### **ACCT 8570 - Selected Topics in Taxation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 3200 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3200 or their equivalents.*

An intensive study of selected topics of current interest, which might include, among others, advanced corporate taxation, state and local taxation, deferred compensation, and accounting periods and methods.

### **ACCT 8580 - Current Topics in Taxation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program.*

This course will provide an intensive study of selected topics of current interest in taxation. Selected topics may include, among others, federal estate and gift taxation, taxation of property transactions, state and local tax issues, and tax strategy.

### **ACCT 8900 - Special Topics in Accounting**

1-3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program and ACCT 3100 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3100 or their equivalents and approval of instructor and MAcc program director prior to registration.*

Selected contemporary topics in accounting of interest to faculty and students.

### **ACCT 8940 - Directed Studies in Accounting and Taxation**

1-3 (Repeatable not to exceed 6 semester hours ) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAcc program and ACCT 3100 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3100 or their equivalents and approval of the instructor and MAcc program director prior to registration.*

Special topics of an advanced or specialized nature not in the regular course offerings.

### **ACCT 8950 - Special Projects in Accounting**

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAcc program and ACCT 3100 or ACCT 8000 and ACCT 3100 or their equivalents and approval of the instructor and MAcc coordinator prior to registration.*

Special projects for students who wish to pursue advanced work on a particular subject in a specialized area of accounting.

**ACCT 9601 - Seminar in Behavioral Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This course reviews applied behavioral research from the fields of accounting, marketing and management. Research will be introduced that considers how scholars from different fields use topics such as individual differences, judgment, decision making, motivation, and incentives in their research on individual and group or committee behavior. A portion of the course is devoted to specific research phenomena within each student's field of study. Each topic is introduced through a review of seminal theories and is reinforced with current research that applies or tests those theories.

**ACCT 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program, completion of two of the four courses in the sequence of ACCT 9601, ACCT 9611, and/or ACCT 9650 and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic in business. The focus, content, and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor to provide the student in-depth knowledge of a research area within the student's discipline. The culmination of the study will be a research project or literature review resulting in a publishable quality paper.

Note This course is repeatable for up to 9 total credit hours.

**ACCT 9611 - Seminar in Business Strategy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This course examines topics and research in business strategy focusing particularly on the major theories associated with global strategy formulation with the goal of firm short-term and long-term performance. Topics include theories of globalizing business, theories of national culture and business strategy, market structure and strategy, the resource-based view of the firm, transaction costs theory, institutional theories, strategic alliances, and theories of strategic leadership. Each topic is introduced through research paper treatments of seminal theories. The theories are then reinforced with current research that apply and/or test these theories.

**ACCT 9650 - Special Topics in Accounting**

1-3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DBA program and permission of the program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in accounting of mutual interest to doctoral faculty and doctoral students.

**ACCT 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program and completion of two of the four courses in the sequence of ACCT 9601, ACCT 9611, and/or ACCT 9650 and permission of the advisor.*

This course serves as an introduction to writing the dissertation. In this course we focus on a variety of issues including how to pick your topic, developing a research design (including how data is to be collected and what methods are to be employed in analyzing the data), developing a research plan, the structure and design of the Coles DBA dissertation (including how practitioner papers differ from academic papers), writing an introduction, writing a literature review, writing up the methods and findings sections, and writing up a conclusion and implications section. Each topic is introduced through selected papers and students come prepared to present and discuss their own dissertation ideas. The course is conducted in coordination with the course professor and student's research advisor.

**ACCT 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program and completion of ACCT 9901.*

In this course students defend their dissertation proposal. In addition, a variety of topics are offered to help them complete their dissertations. Students in consultation with their major professor choose appropriate topics. They include experimental, survey, qualitative and secondary data collection methods, methods of data analysis including regression based statistics (including hierarchical regression), ANOVA and structural equation modeling. They also include writing topics such as writing an introduction, writing a literature review, how to write up the methods and findings sections, writing up a conclusion and implications section, and writing a practitioner paper. In prior consultation with their major professor, students choose among the offered topics as well as schedule a time to defend their proposal.

**ACCT 9904 - Dissertation Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program, completion of 12 hours of graduate level research courses, and permission of the advisor.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers. Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Adolescent Education****EDAD 8100 - Curriculum Theory & Practice in Middle & Secondary Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program.*

This course is designed for students of curriculum theory, development, and design/planning. It provides an in-depth study of the foundations, principles, and issues of curriculum as they affect teachers, supervisors, and administrators who participate in curriculum making. The course consists of two major components: curriculum theory, which examines the philosophical, historical, psychological, social, and cultural foundations of curriculum; and curriculum development, which examines various models of curriculum as processes that have emerged and continue to shape education and schooling.

**EDAD 8200 - Supervision, Mentoring, and Advocacy in Middle and Secondary Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program.*

This course focuses on specific instructional supervision research, models, and strategies that promote and advocate for collegial middle and secondary schools devoted to improving school wide learning through distributed leadership. Instructional supervision is placed within a developmental, contextual, constructive, humanist paradigm; and examined as a process of purposeful adult interactions and cognitions that promote autonomous, reflective, self-directed teacher practitioners committed to student learning and continual school improvement. This course will focus on the development and application of the knowledge base, interpersonal skills, technical skills, and tasks necessary for instructional supervision, mentoring and coaching. Emphasis will be also placed on school and system factors (sociocultural and political) that may affect teacher leadership in instructional supervision.

**EDAD 8300 - Critical Analysis & Educational Policy for Teacher Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program.*

This course provides an analysis of K-12 education policy at the national, state, and local levels. It includes the history of American education, the institutions and processes of public policymaking, the values and assumptions that underlie different types of policies, the political factors that shape their formulation and implementation, and the links between policy and educational practice. The goal of the course is to help teacher leaders think critically about education policy and its effects on diverse schools and classrooms and the influence policy has on distributed leadership.

**EDAD 8400 - Internship in Teacher Development or Teacher Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of professor and admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program.*

This internship is for advanced doctoral students interested in teacher education and scholarly work (e.g. research, editing). Teaching internships focus on teaching and learning, curriculum, and assessment. Teaching interns will work closely with their professor to determine the scope of the work during the semester (the seminar may extend beyond one semester) and plan, deliver, and evaluate their instruction. Research internships focus on the identification, planning, and implementation of advanced research projects. Research interns will work closely with their professor to design, implement, and analyze research (the seminar may extend beyond one semester). The scope of other internships in scholarly work will be developed collaboratively between the intern and professor. The scope of other internships in scholarly work (e.g. editing journals, coordinating conferences, or revising and developing state standards) will be developed collaboratively between the intern and professor.

**EDAD 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning in P-12 schools with a particular emphasis on the contexts of middle and secondary students, classrooms and schools.

**EDAD 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning in middle and secondary schools. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**EDAD 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program and 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

## American Studies

### **AMST 7000 - American Studies Scholarship**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

This course explores a variety of themes, theoretical influences, and methodological approaches currently alive in American Studies and its related disciplinary fields. Particular emphasis is placed on the current controversies and scholarship focused on race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality. The course is organized around broad thematic concepts, with attention to global perspectives. The course introduces some basic conceptual building blocks in the field, as well as explores some of the historical development of American Studies.

### **AMST 7100 - American Studies Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Introduces students to current methods in American Studies research and public practice. The course focuses on core concepts, objects of analysis, and evolving research practices used for working in American Studies. While critiquing notable examples from the field, students consider various dynamic professional contexts for “doing” American Studies, such as professional organizations and journals, classrooms, the workplace, public settings, and other diverse communities outside the university.

### **AMST 7200 - American Cultural Movements**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the history of and relationship between selected cultural movements through an interdisciplinary lens. The course analyzes the evolution and conduct of movements, as well as the evolution of academic inquiry and understanding of these movements. The course emphasizes the connections between American cultural movements and those in other parts of the world. Topics discussed may include, but are not limited to, the abolitionist, labor, civil rights, American Indian, environmentalist, women’s, anti-war, reproductive rights, gay and lesbian, and anti-globalization movements among others. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

### **AMST 7210 - Historical Period**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Studies in a particular era in American culture by interpreting social events and practices, material culture, visual culture and print publications in a variety of forms. The course will invite students to examine individuals’ impact on their historical moment as well as the influence important movements and social groups have exerted during specific periods, such as the Progressive Era, the 1960s, or the era of “discovery” of the New World. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

### **AMST 7220 - Passages to America**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Students enrolled in Passages to America examine forced and voluntary migration and immigration in the historical development of American culture. The varied experiences of these individuals and their families are discussed in the context of such topics as racial and ethnic group

relations, nativism, and social class formation. We examine power relations between dominant and subordinate groups, along with debates over citizenship, Americanization policies, and legal/illegal immigration. Finally, students analyze the cultural concepts of assimilation, pluralism, and multiculturalism that frame these debates. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

### **AMST 7230 - Public History and Culture**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Public History and Culture examines the popular uses and presentations of the American past. Exploring historical memory's role in American culture, the course draws on a range of methods (e.g., site visits, research in popular publications, study of historical documentaries) to critique ways that the past is recorded and transmitted. Course content may include a rationale and debate about defining the parameters of the historical division, as well as an emphasis upon the significance of artifacts, lore, written and oral commentary of the period, and the language that both constructs and vivifies the meanings of past. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

### **AMST 7300 - American Cities, Suburbs, and Countryside**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Offers a thematic study of cultural, social, and economic patterns of the American metropolis using texts and methods from a variety of disciplines, such as history, literature, anthropology, and sociology. Students interrogate texts ranging from landmarks to literature, personal histories to government documents, advertising to architecture, to explore the shifting relationships between and ideas about American cities, suburbs, and countryside. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

### **AMST 7310 - Regional Studies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Regional Studies offers a thematic study of cultural, social, and economic patterns of a representative region using texts and methods from a variety of disciplines, such as history, literature, and sociology. Students interrogate texts ranging from literary prize-winning novels to primary historical documents located in the earliest settlement and in contemporary literature and historical analysis. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

### **AMST 7320 - America in Transnational Context**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Examines interactions between Americans and other international groups. The course may address several time periods and locations or focus on a single case study (e.g., the impact of cross-cultural contact in a specific region or era). Besides secondary research from diverse disciplines, students use primary texts from popular culture to interpret the influence of American culture in other parts of the world (e.g., American television as viewed in other lands) and the ways that immigration of new groups has shaped the social landscape in the U.S. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

**AMST 7400 - The Film Industry in American Culture**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Examines the history and cultural influences of the film industry from its beginnings in America through the present. Emphasis is on how the aesthetic, economic, and technological aspects of the film industry and film have affected American Society. Course content deals with the history of film; key eras for film and their impact, such as the 1970s; and the role of particular filmmakers, directors, and producers in shaping popular culture. Students read from the texts to gain historical perspective, see documentary films dealing with aspects of film and the film industry, view and analyze selected individual films and consult reviews of films to ascertain their critical reception and impact on the community at the time of their release. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

**AMST 7410 - Literature and Performance in American Culture**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Examines the history and cultural work of literary production and of performance as social practices that can be studied in regional, national, and international American contexts. This course draws its readings from both "literary" and "popular" culture publications. Students may explore both benchmark moments in American literary production (e.g., the publication of Uncle Tom's Cabin) and performance history. They may also examine important longer-term movements in the field of American literature and dramatic performance (e.g., the formation of "American Literature" as a school discipline, developments in publishing, key moments in theater history); and/or approaches for linking history-making and cultural memory to performance texts. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

**AMST 7420 - American Popular Culture**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the role of popular and mass culture in the Americas by beginning with the premise that popular culture is an important site of expression, social instruction, and cultural conflict, and thus deserves critical attention. Students may examine theoretical texts as well as primary sources, and the course may include a focus on global consumerism in America as well as Americanized sites. The course may survey a range of popular texts, such as mass culture events (e.g., sports), advertising, popular music, and theme parks, and place these expressions of mass culture in political, economic, and social contexts. Alternatively, an offering may focus on a particular popular culture product (e.g., bestsellers; popular music) in depth. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

**AMST 7430 - Identities and Social Groups**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

Examines the social construction of individual identities and social groups in American culture. Students survey and critique a range of texts expressing and representing the formation of identity constructions around such categories as race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, class, and sexuality. Students consider the various social forces that shape (and sometimes resist) various views of American identity both within and outside the U.S. and the Americas. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

**AMST 7440 - Enterprise & Labor in American Culture**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in American Studies or permission of the program director.*

This course will examine the history of enterprise and labor within their social and cultural contexts from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course will include an overview of the history of work and enterprise in the United States. Students will investigate business enterprise, work, production, and consumption as cultural phenomena. Topics may include: the emergence of the corporation; the labor movement and its cultural representations; enterprise and labor in film, television, literature, and popular culture; the work ethic as a cultural production; the history of corporate social responsibility; immigration and labor/enterprise; ethnic, racial, and gender diversity issues in American business and labor; exploration of labor and business concepts/issues through biography; the social/cultural impact of globalization; regional themes in labor and enterprise; American enterprise in the world. Course may be repeated for credit provided the content differs entirely from the previous offering.

**AMST 7500 - Practicum (Internship or Applied Research Project)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: AMST 7000 or AMST 7100.*

This course requires students to apply American Studies knowledge, concepts, and theory to practical issues, non-academic environments, or to new research questions. The Practicum fosters the ability to (1) read and think critically while using diverse methods to study American cultural products and practices, (2) communicate effective analysis of American culture both orally and in writing, and (3) analyze and critique relationships between cultural products and social values. The practicum may be offered as an internship; applied research project; teaching practicum; or other applied experience as approved by the program director.

**AMST 7900 - Capstone Experience**

1-6 (6 hours required for program completion) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of the program coordinator.*

A major research project or a project using interdisciplinary methods from American Studies to investigate questions consistent with the program's mission and the student's professional goals. Students work with faculty advisors to develop a proposal, carry out research related to their topic or project aims, and complete a product drawing on the content of program courses and integrating it with new, individualized study.

**Anthropology****ANTH 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Special topics of interest to faculty and students.

**ANTH 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Special topics of interest to faculty and students.

## Applied Exercise and Health Science

### **EHS 6600 - Leadership and Administration in Worksite and Community Health Promotion**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

This course is designed to develop understandings and skills in the areas of leadership/advanced administration in the context of the delivery of worksite and community health promotion programs. Effective leadership competencies/styles, fiscal management approaches, policy formulation and modification, several decision-making models/changes processes (strategic planning) in worksite and community health promotion will be emphasized.

### **EHS 6610 - Trends and Issues in Applied Exercise and Health Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

This course critically examines current topics in exercise science and health promotion that impact the profession and society. Topics include, but are not limited to, fitness and exercise trends, health care and public health policies and practices, expansion of the exercise and fitness industry and related career, educational, social, and health status implications.

### **EHS 6620 - Theoretical Foundation of Assessment and Intervention Planning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

This course addresses intervention planning for physical activity and health behaviors. Topics covered include behavior theory, exercise and health behavior determinants and influences, and intervention planning strategies. There is an emphasis on behavior change and intervention from a multi-level focus: individual, community and population.

### **EHS 6630 - Research Techniques in Applied Exercise and Health Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status and undergraduate statistics or permission of the instructor.*

This course is designed to discuss concepts and methodologies employed in research design typically applied in studies dealing with Exercise and Health Sciences. The intent is to provide the student with an intuitive or conceptual understanding of theory, tools, and processes involved in designing research studies relevant to these disciplines.

### **EHS 6650 - Theories of Health Behavior and Health Psychology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

In this course, the most commonly used health behavior theories are discussed and applied to both individual and community-level health behaviors. By combining theory with practical application, this course prepares Applied Exercise and Health Science students to function as health behavior change professionals.

### **EHS 6655 - Epidemiology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

This course focuses on the basic epidemiological principles with an emphasis on the examination of human and environmental factors that enhance or diminish human health. Topics include the study of human disease determinants and distribution, strategies for health enhancement, and the application of epidemiological principles in developing health promotion interventions.

**EHS 6665 - Health Promotion Programming and Evaluation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status and EHS 6620.*

This course focuses on the components, factors, and processes that are critical to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of health promotion programs specific to a variety of settings. The content and competencies of this course is aligned with the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Competency-Based Framework for Graduate-Level Health Educators.

**EHS 6675 - Advanced Exercise Physiology**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status and undergraduate exercise physiology or equivalent or permission of the instructor.*

An advanced study through readings, discussion and laboratory experiences of select and recent topics in exercise physiology. Topics include metabolic responses to exercise; neuromuscular and molecular physiology related to exercise; temperature regulation during exercise; acute and chronic physiological responses to altitude; exercise during pregnancy; and body composition and weight control.

**EHS 6680 - Exercise Psychology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

This course addresses physical activity and exercise as they relate to psychological health issues. Factors related to physical activity and exercise adoption and adherence and intervention planning are also addressed. The course is taught with an emphasis on application of concepts and discussion and evaluation of the scientific research.

**EHS 6900 - Administrative Field Experience**

1 Class Hours 12 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EHS 6600 and permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

Supervised administrative field experience in an approved exercise science and/or health promotion setting. This individually designed experience is designed to enhance administrative and supervisory skills of the graduate student relevant to the desired area of exploration or identified need area. The field experience purpose, project, duration, and site must be approved by the student's major professor and graduate committee.

**EHS 6950 - Advanced Laboratory Techniques in Exercise Physiology**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EHS 6630, EHS 6675, and admission to the graduate program.*

Techniques and research applications for measuring, assessing, and evaluating physiological parameters.

**EHS 7700 - The U.S. Health Care System and Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status or permission of the instructor.*

An introduction to the foundation of health care delivery, financing, basic structures and operations of the U.S. health system, health policy, and future health service delivery.

**EHS 7710 - Bioenergetic and Neuromuscular Aspects of Exercise**

2 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EHS 6675 and admission to the graduate program.*

Examination of acute and chronic bioenergetic and muscular adaptations to the performance of work.

**EHS 7720 - Cardiovascular and Clinical Physiology**

2 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EHS 6675 and admission to the graduate program.*

Examination of the mechanisms of cardiovascular dynamics and metabolic function at rest and during exercise in healthy and associated diseased populations.

**EHS 7730 - Applied Kinesiology and Biomechanics**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status and undergraduate kinesiology/biomechanics, or permission of the instructor.*

An advanced study through lecture, readings, discussion and laboratory experiences of select and recent topics in kinesiology and biomechanics. Topics include qualitative and quantitative motion analysis; force, force application, and material properties; linear and angular kinetics and kinematics; biomechanical aspects of movement through fluids; biomechanics of skeletal muscle; and kinesiology of the extremities.

**EHS 7740 - Theory of Health Communication**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status or permission of the instructor.*

This course examines health communication through a review of theoretical frameworks, communication techniques, and technologies that promote the health of individuals, communities, and populations. This course is designed to acquaint students with the role of communication in health and behavior change. It includes theoretical and practical content in: persuasive approaches to group and individual change; audience, message, and channel factors in campaign development; and measurement of campaign impacts. Communication approaches such as mass media, social marketing, risk communication and entertainment education are discussed, and the ethical dimensions of contemporary issues such as direct-to-consumer marketing are explored.

**EHS 7750 - Special Topics in Applied Exercise and Health Science**

1-3 (Variable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status.*

Exploration of a specific applied exercise and health science topic.

Note Course can be repeated.

**EHS 7760 - Directed Study in Applied Exercise and Health Science**

1-3 (Variable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate status and permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

This course is to provide students an opportunity to explore a topic of interest at a more in depth level than covered in class or to explore a topic not specifically addressed in a regular course offering.

**EHS 7850 - Master's Project in Applied Exercise and Health Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Core program completed and permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

A project to be comprised of a capstone experience that leads to an actual product such as a publishable journal and/or literature review article, position paper, teaching aid, instructional videotape, program or facility development, web site, on-line course materials, lab manual, curriculum development, or a similar project.

**EHS 7900 - Master's Thesis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

Development and writing of a thesis under the supervision of a graduate faculty member.

## Music - Applied

### **MUAP 6631 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 6632 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 6633 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 6634 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 7731 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 7732 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 7733 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

### **MUAP 7734 - Performance**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

## Art Education

### **ARED 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, Classroom Management in Art Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAT program.*

Candidates will explore techniques of the Discipline Based Art Education model including art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics. This online and classroom course is designed to prepare art teachers to plan and organize effective art programs and curricula, to explore innovative and exemplary art programs, and to develop a rationale and strategy for articulating and promoting a quality art program. Candidates will explore how effective use of a variety of assessment techniques to evaluate teaching and learning promotes visual literacy.

### **ARED 6200L - Art Education Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100L, ARED 6200.*

This field experience is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in the prerequisite course ARED 6200, Teaching Comprehensive Art

Education. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they carry out directed activities. Candidates spend approximately nine hours per week in the field. Candidates must have a satisfactory practicum to continue in the MAT Art Education program without remediation.

Note Verification of Liability Insurance is required.

### **ARED 6250 - Materials, Methods, & Management for Art Education Classrooms P-5**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7705.*

Specific strategies focus on differentiating developmental, behavioral, and managerial aspects relevant to best practices in the field of art education. Focus is on advanced concepts and applications of method and materials for P-5 art classrooms. On-line and in class work involves development and analysis of art lessons including the development of related art projects for P-5 classrooms. Candidates are expected to display advanced skills in planning, organizing, and sequencing art lessons that are developmentally appropriate.

### **ARED 6251 - Materials, Methods, & Management for Art Education Classrooms 6-12**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7705*

Specific strategies focus on differentiating developmental, behavioral, and managerial aspects relevant to best practices in the field of art education. Focus will be on advanced concepts and applications of method and materials for 6-12 art classrooms. Online and in-class work involves development and analysis of art lessons including the development of related art projects for 6-12 classrooms. Candidates are expected to display advanced skills in planning, organizing, and sequencing art lessons that are developmentally appropriate.

### **ARED 6300L - Art Education Practicum III**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of the MAT committee.*

This course is the capstone experience for the Master of Arts of Teaching Art. Candidates will analyze how visual art teachers become creative choice-makers, reflective practitioners, and researchers forming curricular and instructional methods and strategies based on effective and efficient use of contemporary, intellectual and pedagogical resources. A teaching portfolio is initiated on-line, focusing on strategies appropriate to educational connoisseurship. Emphasis is placed on an extended internship in the art classroom. An exit portfolio will highlight the candidates success as an educator of all art disciplines, thus illustrating the important career choice actualized by the intern. This course serves as a capstone experience toward initial certification in art education. Candidates should plan to spend 18 hours per week in the classroom.

Note Verification of Liability of Insurance is required.

### **ARED 7701 - Special Topics in Art Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7702*

Emerging issues in the field of art education will be explored on a semester-by-semester basis. Through the examination of historical and contemporary art forms, candidates understand how aesthetic theories allow greater understanding of the quality, nature and value of diverse works of art, cultural art forms and visual culture. Candidates comprehend how all works of art have meaning including those from literature, theatre, dance, music and other subject areas thus revealing lessons about life, its paradoxes, contradictions, harmonies, unattractiveness, and beauty.

**ARED 7702 - Inclusion in Art Education**

2 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100L and ARED 6200*

Course includes in-depth coverage of diagnostic categories, historical aspects, legal issues and art applications for students with exceptionalities. In addition to online course work, candidates develop and implement differentiated lessons for an inclusive art classroom. Primary expectations focus on the candidate's ability to utilize Individualized Education Plans as a means to promote the inclusion and success of all students through relevant adaptations of content, materials, and workspace. Candidates should plan to spend three hours per week in the field. Verification of Liability Insurance is required.

**ARED 7703 - Technology & Computer Applications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7400.*

Candidates focus on the identification and exploration of the use of current technologies including presentation applications, Internet research, online courseware, electronic portfolio, computer applications relating to the production of art including Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and other programs.

**ARED 7704 - Intercultural Art Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7702.*

Candidates examine art education literature focusing on cultural diversity issues in historical and contemporary contexts. Candidates also focus on the nature of art making and art evaluation within a variety of cultural systems.

**ARED 7705 - Contemporary Issues in Visual Arts**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program.*

Historical and contemporary developments in the field of art education are presented, as a means to compose a teaching philosophy relevant to today's art classrooms. In-depth exploration results in the integration of concepts and issues to create a comprehensive view of the field. Social, psychological, affective and psychomotor components of learning relevant to art education are a primary focus. Multicultural and inclusive content is included. Technological applications include the use of word processing, electronic portfolio development, presentation applications, and Internet research.

**ARED 7706 - Theory and Criticism in Art Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7702.*

Candidates understand theory and criticism in art education by researching, critically reading and interpreting works of art within a historical/cultural context. Theories and models of contemporary art education practice are explored, which strengthen the respect proper to all classroom diversities. In addition to on-line course work, classroom work is required to carry out directed activities.

**ARED 7720 - Research in Art Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7702.*

Candidates examine research methodologies in art education focusing on qualitative and quantitative research methods and designs, and interpretations and applications relative to classroom practices. This advanced course is designed to prepare art teachers to effectively plan and evaluate art programs and curricula, to explore innovative and exemplary art programs, to assess art learning, and to develop a rationale and strategy for articulating and promoting a quality art program. Candidates will understand how effective use of a variety of assessment

techniques to evaluate teaching and learning promotes visual literacy. Topics include interactive discussion about literature critiques, professional organizations, and legal issues.

### **ARED 7730 - Art Education Portfolio**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ARED 6200L and ARED 7702.*

This course is the capstone experience for the MAT in Art. Candidates work independently under the supervision of the course instructor and the portfolio committee. The purpose of constructing the portfolio is to implement a systematic, reflection-in action approach to the candidates development as an art expert, facilitator of learning, and a collaborative professional. The portfolio documents this process as well as the candidates development as a teacher-researcher through the presentation and analysis of the research project. Technology utilized in this course may include imaging, online course environments, presentation applications and electronic portfolio development.

## **Biology**

### **BED 6416 - Teaching of Biology**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L or EDUC 6110 and EDUC 6120, admission to the MAT in Biology program, approval of the instructor.*

An examination and application of learning theories, curricular issues, instructional design and assessment strategies for teaching middle and secondary school biology in diverse classrooms. Candidates develop initial competencies for establishing a well-managed, productive learning environment, applying science content knowledge to the task of teaching adolescents, and promoting an understanding of the nature of science through inquiry-based instruction. Emphasizes practices supported by science education research and endorsed by the NSTA. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving school placements in the co-requisite practicum.

### **BED 6417 - Teaching of Biology (6-12) Practicum**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to BED 6416.*

Middle and secondary school field experience in teaching biology with concurrent seminars. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placement.

### **BED 6475 - Teaching of Biology (6-12) Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in BED 6416 and BED 6417.*

Full-time teaching experience in a life science learning environment under the supervision of a middle or high school mentor teacher and a college science education supervisor. Includes regularly scheduled seminars. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving a school placement.

### **BIOL 5327 - Medical Genetics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300; admission into MAT program.*

This course equips students with the fundamental concepts of human genetics, as well as knowledge of the genetic diseases studied in medicine. By the end of the course, students should be knowledgeable about the diseases studied, including their molecular and genetic etiology, be able to identify genetic concepts in clinical cases, and solve or predict genetic problems based on information given (hypothetical or real-life). The course also gives an overview of the ethical and social implications of genetics in medicine.

**BIOL 5380 - Evolutionary Biology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300; admission into MAT program.*

Principles of evolutionary biology including discussions of natural selection, adaptation, population genetics, speciation, and phylogeny reconstruction. The applications of evolutionary biology to areas such as conservation biology, medicine, and agriculture are discussed.

**BIOL 6350 - Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy**

3 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 2107 and BIOL 2108.*

A survey of representative vertebrates and related chordates emphasizing phylogeny and anatomical adaptations. Evolutionary trends are examined in the context of large-scale environmental changes that have occurred over geological time. Lab component will have students dissecting selected vertebrates organisms and experimentally determining the physical forces acting on the evolution of vertebrates.

**BIOL 6410 - Cell and Molecular Biology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300 and CHEM 3361.*

Cellular function and genetic principles from an experimental point of view. Emphasis on functional interactions among cellular substructures, regulation of cellular biosynthetic activity, molecular genetics, and evaluation of experimental data.

**BIOL 6413 - Advanced Evolutionary Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program and a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3380, MATH 1190, or permission of the director of the graduate program.*

Advanced concepts in evolutionary theory and mechanism. Topics include the derivations of the foundational principles of population and quantitative genetics, selection, speciation, mutation, sexual and kin selection, and life history evolution. Genome evolution, the evolution of development, and phylogenetic reconstruction and its application will be covered. Application of these evolutionary principles across ecology, medicine, and molecular biology are discussed.

**BIOL 6420 - Plant Physiology**

3 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 2107, BIOL 2108, and CHEM 3361.*

Plant physiology is the study of plant function. Emphasis will be placed on photosynthesis, secondary metabolism, transport of water and solutes, plant defense against pathogens and herbivores, mineral nutrition, and environmental and hormonal control of growth and development. Each process will be examined at the biochemical, cellular and organismal level so as to provide a more complete understanding of the process. Laboratory studies will expose students to both current and classical approaches used to study plant physiology.

**BIOL 6422 - Plant Ecology**

3 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 2107, BIOL 2108, and CHEM 3361.*

Students will learn aspects of physiological responses of plants to their environment, methods to determine plant population growth and plant distribution patterns, as well as interactions

among plants and other organisms. They will use science as a process and learn to argue scientific points of view persuasively. Students will also learn to use both classical and modern technologies to address questions in plant ecology.

### **BIOL 6460 - Medical Microbiology**

3 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3340.*

This course will explore the disease process of, the immune response to, and the prevention and treatment of the medically important Monera, Viruses, Fungi, and some microscopic Protista with emphasis on emergin infections, including a laboratory experience that focuses on enhancing laboratory and investigative skills.

### **BIOL 6465 - Immunology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300; BIOL 3340 recommended; admissions into MAT program.*

Immunology explores current concepts of the immune system. Emphasis is placed on the induction of the immune response, on the mechanisms of those responses, and on the mechanisms by which the immune system protects against disease. The development and the role of each of the components involved in the immune response as well as immunological applications is discussed.

### **BIOL 6475 - Virology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300; BIOL 3340 recommended.*

This course will explore current concepts associated with the field of virology. The structure and genetic composition of viruses as well as strategies for replication and expression of viral genetic material will be explored. Mechanisms of viral pathogenesis will be presented. In addition, current methods for viral diagnostics, prevention of viral infection and treatment of infected individuals will be presented within the context of viruses of historical significance as well as newly emergent viruses of current medical concern. Novel infectious agenst such as satellites, viroids, and prions will also be discussed.

### **BIOL 6486 - Bioethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300, plus a minimum of 12 hours of 3000-4000 level Biology/Biotechnology/Biochemistry courses or consent of instructor; admission into Graduate program.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

### **BIOL 6490 - Special Topics**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director of graduate program.*

Selected special or current topics of interest to faculty and students.

### **BIOL 6610 - Advanced Studies in Anatomy and Physiology**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director; graduate study in education; appropriate undergraduate course in Anatomy and/or Physiology with a grade of "C" or better.*

Advanced topic in physiology that may fit the needs and interests of students and faculty. Such topics might include advances in laboratory techniques, microbial physiology and cellular physiology. Can be taken only once for credit toward degree.

**BIOL 6620 - Advanced Studies in Ecology and Evolution**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director; graduate study in education; appropriate undergraduate course in Ecology and/or Evolution with a grade of "C" or better.*

Advanced topics in ecology and evolution that may fit the needs and interests of students and faculty. Such topics might include advanced lab and field techniques, microbial ecology, evolution of specific taxa, biology of gender. Can be taken only once for credit toward degree.

**BIOL 6630 - Advanced Studies in Cell and Molecular Biology**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director; graduate study in education; appropriate undergraduate course in Cellular and/or Molecular Biology with a grade of "C" or better.*

Advanced topics in cell or molecular biology that may fit the needs and interests of students and faculty. Such topics might include advanced genetics, microbial genetics, biology of cancer or biotechnology. Can be taken only once for credit toward degree.

**BIOL 7100 - Professional Aspects in Biology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program.*

This course develops specific skills and experiences expected of a professional scientist.

Students will learn to present scientific data in a seminar format, practice grant writing, and conduct scientific literature reviews. This course also provides an introduction to the principles of the ethical conduct of research as relevant to human subjects and other organisms, scientific integrity and the appropriate use of regulations.

**BIOL 7200 - Integrative Biology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program.*

This course explores how modern biologists use knowledge from other disciplines to answer novel questions. Explicit applications of physics, chemistry, and math in biological problem solving will give the students a solid foundation for exploring the living world. That foundation will then expand as the students learn to integrate across scales within biology. From biological molecules through organismal biology and up to ecosystem interactions, students will learn how to formulate and explore the complex scientific questions that dominate modern biology. Finally, these integrative techniques will be used to explore scientific applications with outside fields (e.g. economics and policy making).

**BIOL 7300 - Research Methods Across Biology**

3 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program.*

Biological disciplines are diverse and require various and specialized techniques that have become essential to the process of scientific inquiry. This course introduces graduate students to diverse research methods and literature as used in the various biological disciplines such as ecology, cell biology, genetics, physiology, zoology, botany and microbiology. Activities in the course may include, but are not limited to, lectures on research strategy and tactics, experimental design and technology, and use of statistical methods. Use of various research methods will be supported through review of the scientific literature, and possibly demonstration.

**BIOL 7333 - Ecological Physiology**

3 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program and a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3370, or permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

This course will explore the physiological mechanisms used by plants and animals to address common environmental problems. It will present the functional mechanisms that underlie organismal interactions with their environment providing causal explanations for distributions

across ecosystems. Lab experiments will integrate physiology and ecology across plant and animal systems.

### **BIOL 7400 - Multidisciplinary Approaches to Ecological Questions**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program and a grade of "C" or better in STAT 3125, BIOL 3370, BIOL 3380, or permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

The course examines theoretical and applied topics in ecology across temporal and spatial scales and from diverse perspectives within and beyond the traditional boundaries of biology. In particular, contemporary debates in ecological theory, such as the nature of community assembly, the metabolic theory of ecology, and niche conservatism, will be explored along with implications of the theories for ecological problem-solving. For example, students will critically evaluate competing theories on succession and consider the implications of each for restoration ecology and conservation biology. Quantitative methods for developing and analyzing ecological models will be emphasized along with integrative approaches, such as stable isotope analysis, spatial analysis using geographic information systems, and mathematical models, for testing predictions of ecological theory. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to address ecological hypotheses at various scales using multiple lines of evidence, critically evaluate current ecological research, and discuss recent advances in the field.

### **BIOL 7478 - Molecular and Microbial Approaches to Pathogenesis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program and BIOL 3340, or permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

This course focuses on host-pathogen interactions with emphasis on the molecular mechanisms of pathogenesis. Special emphasis will be placed on the various strategies used by microorganisms for attachment, invasion and evasion of host defenses to cause diseases. Recent developments in molecular biology, microbiology, and host cell biology will be discussed.

### **BIOL 7500 - Current Topics in Integrative Biology Seminar**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program.*

Students will be assigned selected related topics that are of current interest and integrative in nature. Each student will read and critically analyze the appropriate literature and deliver a seminar, and will be expected to participate in thoughtful discussion during seminar presentations.

### **BIOL 7634 - Cell Signaling**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program and a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300, CHEM 3500, or permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

This course will introduce students to a selection of signal transduction pathways and explore their function in the regulation of cellular processes, development, adaptation, and sensory response. General topics will include receptor-ligand complexes, signal generators, signal cascades and signal networks. Specific topics will include guanylate and adenylate cyclases, G-protein linked receptors, kinases and phosphatases, hormone receptors, nitric oxide pathways, applications in feedback regulation, development and pharmacology.

### **BIOL 7638 - Computational Biology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program and a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300, MATH 2202, or permission of the graduate program coordinator.*

Computational Biology introduces mathematical techniques used in molecular, cellular, organismal, and population biology. Methods appropriate to modeling and analysis of data from a variety of organizational levels are studied. The course includes some material from molecular bioinformatics and statistics, but is focused on modeling, simulation and network analysis. Introductory modules introduce representation of biochemical and genetics systems at the mo-

lecular level, and move to cellular feedback systems in metabolism and related concepts from higher organizational levels such as biomechanical modeling and predator-prey analysis.

### **BIOL 7950 - Directed Study**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature. The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

### **BIOL 7990 - Research for Master's Thesis**

1-9 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program.*

Research and thesis writing while enrolled for a master's degree under the direction of faculty members.

## **Biotechnology**

### **BTEC 6100 - Molecular Genetics**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3300.*

This course covers molecular genetics theory and practice, including gene structure and function, genetic engineering, and bioinformatics. Areas of emphasis will include DNA structure, replication, and manipulation, and gene expression. Biotechnology laboratory exercises will include creating recombinant DNA, gene mapping, DNA sequencing, DNA sequence analysis, and polymerase chain reaction applications.

### **BTEC 6800 - Diagnostics Microbiology**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission and enrollment in the Master of Science in Integrative Biology program, or permission of the coordinator of the graduate program; a grade of "C" or better in BIOL 3340 and BTEC 3301.*

The application of microscopy, antibody-based techniques and molecular probes for the detection and identification of infectious agents.

## **Business Administration**

### **DBA 9001 - Micro Issues in Business**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program.*

This course examines the topics and research in the major fields of business that focus on decision making at the individual, group, and firm level. These topics consider strategic decisions made by firms in setting prices, investing, and producing. Likewise, the topics are explored from the individual's point of view regarding their consumption choices, effort and motivation levels, and responses to alternative forms of leadership. Research is introduced that considers alternative models of individual and firm decision making with specific focus on the interplay between individual and firm decisions. Each topic is introduced through research papers and textbook treatments of seminal theories. These theories are then reinforced with current research that apply and/or test these theories.

**DBA 9003 - Macro Issues in Business**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program*

This course examines the topics and research in the major fields of business that focus on issues external to the organization. These topics consider organizational, market, and industry levels of analysis from the perspective of the organization's strategic action in response to its environment. Research is introduced that considers alternative models of firm ownership and governance and its impact on organization strategy. These issues are considered within the business contexts impacted by technological change as well as global, political, and cultural forces which impact organizational and industry level performance. Seminal theoretical and current applied research examples are introduced.

**DBA 9005 - Career Transition Strategies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program and completion of first year requirements.*

DBA Program graduates are experienced professionals who upon receipt of their doctoral degree will likely engage in a significant career transition with at least three career choices: (1) launching or enhancing a teaching and research career, (2) launching or advancing a consulting practice, and/or (3) assuming additional responsibilities and/or advancing within business organizations. It is unlikely that experienced professionals completely appreciate career options and the impact, personally and professionally, of their decisions. This course explores the career issues/opportunities confronting significantly experienced professions successfully completing a DBA program. Students will create professional development plans and identify key strengths and challenges to address. A teaching practicum will be used for all students since these skills are critical regardless of career choices. Extensive colleague and faculty feedback will be provided as input to determine and facilitate additional development opportunities.

**DBA 9102 - Quantitative Research Methods I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program*

This course develops skills for designing and executing quantitative research studies that can be generalized. Topics include construct measurement, data collection methodologies, multivariate statistical techniques, and application of analytical software. Students use primary databases provided in the course to conduct advanced data analysis and prepare a scholarly research report.

The course requires a text book and supporting articles. Some articles provide examples of good published research that students examine in class to learn research design and the application of quantitative methods. By the end of the course, students should know how to conduct quantitative empirical research and apply the appropriate statistical method.

**DBA 9103 - Survey, Design & Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program.*

This course provides an overview of survey designs and qualitative research methods. Several components of the research process will be explored, including research questions and objectives, conceptual and theoretical foundations, and qualitative research approaches. Students pursue their personal research interests and prepare a proposal on how they would conduct research using a qualitative research approach.

The course requires textbooks and supporting articles. Articles provide examples of published research that students examine in class to learn survey designs and qualitative methods. By the end of the course, students should know appropriate survey research designs and how and when to apply qualitative methods.

### **DBA 9104 - Quantitative Research Methods II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA program and completion of DBA 9102.*

This course covers advanced statistical methods for analyzing quantitative data from empirical studies. Students extend research ideas from the first quantitative course and explore how advanced analytical software enables them to assess the measurement characteristics of variables, constructs, and relationships based on covariance analysis. Topics include application of exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) to develop valid and reliable constructs and to examine and improve measurement aspects of questionnaires.

The course requires a textbook and supporting articles. Articles provide examples of published research that students examine in class to learn how to apply advanced statistical methods and prepare research proposals. By the end of the course, students should know how to apply confirmatory factor analysis to ensure acceptable measurement criteria are met in their research.

## **Business Information Systems Management**

### **BISM 8450 - Information and Organizations: A Managerial Approach**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program, and BISM 2100 or equivalent, or micro-computer proficiency.*

The course is designed for managers from all functional areas who need to (1) understand the role and potential contribution of information technology for their organizations; (2) understand the opportunities and threats posed by IT in contemporary competitive environments; and (3) understand the development, implementation and management of information technology in organizations and the resulting issues that arise. The course will emphasize the strategic role that computer-based information systems now play in modern organizations and will explore how rapid advances in hardware and software technology are impacting business models, structures and processes within organization. The focus is on educating the manager/user on how information systems impact organizations and how organizations impact information systems. Students are equipped to understand the interplay between information technology strategy and organizational strategy.

### **BISM 8460 - Management Support Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program, and BISM 2100 or equivalent, or micro-computer proficiency.*

This course is designed to explore the business use of decision support systems (DSS) by managers and other knowledge workers and the intersection of these increasingly popular systems with the Internet and digital knowledge resources. Topics include managerial support and decision-making, knowledge management, executive decision support, artificial intelligence and group decision-making. The course will compare and contrast the role of technological and human management support systems and the potential synergy between the two. Among the practical questions taken up in the course are: How can managers become more deliberate about their own decision making and problem solving capacity? How do effective managers build knowledge-creating organizations that leverage and retain their innovative organizational members? How are effective decision support systems developed and implemented for management support. Instructional methods include lecture, group discussion, case analyses, and small group presentations.

**BISM 8470 - Contemporary Issues in Information Resource Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program, and BISM 2100 or equivalent, or micro-computer proficiency.*

This course will focus on contemporary issues in the management of information resources related to emerging technologies, evolving organizational structures, and innovations in management and business processes. Course coverage will vary by term. The primary topic during a given term may be, for example, information systems and the supply chain, global differences in information technology infrastructures, or outsourcing information system functions.

**BISM 8900 - Special Topics in Business Information Systems**

3 Class Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program, permission of the instructor, and approval of program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in business information systems management of interest to faculty and students.

**Business Law****BLAW 8320 - Cyberlaw**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

This course will introduce the student to the trends in the emerging field of cyberlaw as it relates to e-business and cyberspace. Relevant legal topics such as jurisdiction, intellectual property, privacy, defamation, cybercrimes, taxation, online contracting, and online securities offerings will be examined.

**BLAW 8330 - Intellectual Property Law**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

This course will allow managers and executives to understand the fundamental legal issues pertinent to technology management so they can competently create strategic plans to maintain or improve their company's competitiveness and leadership in their industry.

**BLAW 8340 - Business Negotiation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAcc program or ACCT 8000 or its equivalent*

This course immerses participants in negotiation and legal theories applicable to commercial and financial transactions, enterprises, and global business relationships. The focus is on negotiating business deals and ventures.

**BLAW 8900 - Special Topics in Business Law**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program, permission of the instructor, and approval of the program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in business law of interest to faculty and students.

## Chemistry

### **CHED 6416 - Teaching of Chemistry**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100, 6100L, admission to MAT Chemistry program, permission of the instructor.*

An examination and application of learning theories, curricular issues, instructional design and assessment strategies for teaching middle and secondary school chemistry in diverse classrooms. Candidates develop initial competencies for establishing a well-managed, productive learning environment, applying science content knowledge to the task of teaching adolescents, and promoting an understanding of the nature of science through inquiry-based instruction. Emphasizes practices supported by science education research and endorsed by the NSTA. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving school placements in the co-requisite practicum.

### **CHED 6417 - Teaching of Chemistry (6-12) Practicum**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to CHED 6416.*

Middle and secondary school field experience in teaching chemistry with concurrent seminars. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placements.

### **CHED 6475 - Teaching of Chemistry (6-12) Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHED 6416 and CHED 6417.*

Full-time teaching experience in chemistry under the supervision of a middle or high school mentor teacher and a college science education supervisor. Includes regularly scheduled seminars. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving a school placement.

### **CHEM 5010 - Medicinal Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Graduate level standing or permission of the instructor.*

This course covers fundamentals of pharmacology such as drug discovery / development and pharmacokinetics, with emphasis given to the role of chemistry and biochemistry in these areas. A main focus of the course is how drugs function at the molecular level. Examples are chosen from drugs that target enzymes, receptors, and DNA.

### **CHEM 5400 - The Teaching and Learning of Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 1212 and 1212L.*

An introduction to the methods of effective chemistry teaching in both the classroom and laboratory settings. Current chemical education research literature on topics such as theories of teaching, active learning strategies, misconceptions, multiculturalism, laboratory design, demonstrations, and assessment is introduced and discussed. Primary focus of the course is the application of content and pedagogical knowledge to the practice of teaching chemistry.

### **CHEM 5700 - Environmental Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3361.*

This course covers the environmental chemistry involving the transport, distribution, reactions, and speciation of inorganic, organometallic and organic chemicals occurring in the air, soil and water environments at the local, national and global scale. Environmental transformations and degradation processes, toxicology, pollution and hazardous substances is discussed.

**CHEM 5800 - Forensic Analytical Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 2800 and CHEM 3362.*

This course covers fundamental topics of forensic analytical chemistry including statistics and data quality, sample preparation, drugs (pharmacology and toxicology), arson and the chemistry of combustion, and trace chemical evidence. Throughout the course, emphasis is placed on modern chemical instrumentation as applied to forensic casework.

**CHEM 6110 - Advanced Topics in Inorganic Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3100 and CHEM 3602.*

Survey of modern inorganic chemistry and current theories concerning atomic structure, bonding, coordination chemistry, spectroscopy including a discussion of symmetry and group theory as they apply to the characterization of inorganic compounds, ligand field theory and other topics.

**CHEM 6310 - Advanced Topics in Analytical Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3602.*

Advanced theories and methods in analytical chemistry emphasizing newer analytical methods in practice in modern laboratories.

**CHEM 6420 - Identification of Organic Compounds**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3362.*

Advanced study of common spectrometric techniques for identifying organic compounds. Emphasis on interpretation of data obtained from Infrared Spectroscopy (IR), Mass Spectrometry and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), including two-dimensional NMR.

**CHEM 6430 - Advanced Topics in Organic Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3362.*

Advanced topics in organic chemistry as may fit the needs and interest of the students and faculty. Such topics might include stereochemistry, physical organic chemistry, heterocycles.

**CHEM 6440 - Polymer Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3362.*

Topics in modern polymer chemistry including synthesis, kinetics, characterization, and uses.

**CHEM 6510 - Advanced Topics in Biochemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3501.*

Topics relating to the chemistry of metabolic processes in living organisms.

**CHEM 6620 - Advanced Topics in Physical Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 3602.*

Advanced topics in physical chemistry with emphasis in such areas as statistical mechanics, quantum mechanics of kinetics, and molecular spectroscopy.

**CHEM 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

**CHEM 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature.

Note The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Coach Education****EDCO 7010 - Introduction to Coaching**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This is the first of the three courses in the Coaching Endorsement sequence. This course focuses on developing a knowledge base for coaching that is framed within an organization's mission, vision, beliefs, and goals, and that is focused on performance criteria. Candidates develop skills in personal assessment; feedback techniques; collaboration; written, verbal, and non-verbal communication; and ethical behavior. Learning is supported by field-based practice that provides context for addressing the needs of various groups of learners and educators, particularly those from diverse and socio-linguistically varied backgrounds.

**EDCO 7020 - Using Data for Coaching**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDCO 7010.*

This course focuses on assessing the effectiveness of coaching on teaching, learning, and cultural context and is based on performance criteria. Candidates develop skills in identifying and implementing assessment tools, utilizing effective listening and questioning techniques, and analyzing and communicating assessment results. Learning is supported by field-based practice that provides context for addressing the needs of various groups of learners and educators, particularly those from diverse and socio-linguistically varied backgrounds.

**EDCO 7030 - Applied Coaching: Developing, Implementing, and Maintaining a Coaching Plan**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDCO 7010 and EDCO 7020.*

Corequisite: In this course, candidates will apply their knowledge, skills, and dispositions in coaching in real settings. More specifically, they will develop, maintain, and implement an effective coaching plan. Forty percent of this course is a field work practicum in which the coaching candidate will develop goals and a plan to achieve them in collaboration with a coachee.

**Communication****COM 7100 - Survey of Global Communication**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course provides an overview of global communication, its modern development and the role of information technology; global communication law and policies; global news and information flow; global communication in transnational and global companies; global public relations; global advertising; and issues in global communication.

**COM 7200 - Communication Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course is a survey of theories of communication in different contexts and an exploration in theory-building. Special attention is paid to theories developed within the discipline of communication and focused on the following topics: persuasion, organizational communication, intercultural communication, and public relations. The focus is on contemporary theories of communication related to integrated communication in a global context.

**COM 7300 - International Public Relations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course examines the principles and concepts of practicing public relations globally including cultural, political and economic considerations; organizational goals and objectives; the role of traditional media; and the challenges new media technologies are bringing to public relations for corporate and government entities.

**COM 7400 - Communication Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7300.*

This course deals with analysis of types of problems, concepts, definitions, variables, methods and measurement techniques as well as interpretation of data prevalent in communication research. The purpose of this course is to guide students to conduct elementary statistics, design research and develop their own research proposals.

**COM 7500 - Communication for Multinational Corporations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7300.*

The ever intensified globalization has motivated and forced many business people work cross-culturally. Intercultural communication has become an integral component for business and managerial education. Effective communication is a vital skill for everyone in business today, especially for those who work in multinational corporations. Great communicators have a distinct advantage in building successful businesses and careers. Effective intercultural business communication requires one not only to be proficient with business strategy and linguistic skills, but also be competent with intercultural communication and multicultural negotiation capabilities. Using case studies conducted at multinational corporations across the globe, this course introduces students to the world of international business and management by studying key concepts of intercultural communication, negotiation, international trade and global team-building. Such areas as cultural and sub-cultural differences, changing organizational structures, advanced communication technologies, and verbal and nonverbal communication channels will be covered in this course.

**COM 7600 - Communication and Technology Seminar**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7300.*

This course continues what IGC students began learning in the global communication theory seminar. This course focuses on how technology impacts the communication process in five specific areas: public relations, advertising, political communication, citizen media, and law. It will look at the legal, social, and economic implications of technology in each of these areas. Students will be able to examine and critique technology's role in the communication field. Specifically, they will examine the role technology has on public communication.

**COM 7700 - Integrated Global Communication Directed Study**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7600.*

Integrated Global Communication Directed Study offers students in the MAIGC opportunities to conduct individual research abroad or choose from a pool of courses offered by KSU partner institutions abroad, under the supervision of a KSU instructor of record. This course is one of the four options students may choose as part of the Summer International Experience in the MAIGC. Approval from the director of the MAIGC for all directed study projects is required. A student pursuing an individual research project must work with a MAIGC faculty member who will supervise the student's progress and provide guidance for the desired outcome of the project. Students interested in enrolling in classes offered by a KSU partner institution abroad must receive approval from the director of the MAIGC.

**COM 7710 - Integrated Global Communication Practicum**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7600.*

Students will work abroad or domestically for the summer term for a for-profit organization with global reach on projects with international implications. Emphasis will be placed on contrasting American and foreign culture communication traditions. Students will learn the historical background and recent contemporary backdrop to foreign country communication practices, structures and organization.

**COM 7720 - Integrated Global Communication Study Abroad**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7600.*

Students may choose from among the many KSU study abroad courses offered by KSU faculty during the summer terms as one of the four options for the Summer International Experience in the MAIGC. Permission of the director of the MAIGC is required and students must work with the KSU Education Abroad Office to find KSU study abroad courses appropriate for the Summer International Experience. Students are expected to meet the expectations of the KSU instructor of record for the KSU study abroad course.

**COM 7730 - Integrated Global Communication Study Tour**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7600.*

This course examines public relations, organizational communication and other facets of communication integral to coordinating global communication messages across cultures in professional settings. Emphasis will be placed on contrasting American and host country communication traditions. Students will learn the historical background and recent contemporary backdrop to host country communication practices, structures and organization. Numerous examples of host country communication practices will be observed through visits to local, national, and global corporations and communication organizations.. Students will hear lectures from experts in host country organizations.

**COM 7800 - Colloquium in Global Communication**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7700, COM 7710, COM 7720, or COM 7730.*

Typically, colloquia provide scholars with opportunities for the development of innovative ideas. This course will offer a series of academic meetings at which specialists (academic and/or professional) deliver lectures on a topic or on related topics and then invite and answer thought-provoking questions for the purpose of discussions and intellectual discourse. The topic will be chosen by the students in the cohort from the previous fall semester, and the students in the cohort will help design this colloquium.

**COM 7900 - Integrated Global Communication Capstone**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: COM 7700, COM 7710, COM 7720, or COM 7730.*

Students will work in teams to design an integrated global communication campaign for a client that addresses a particular problem or opportunity. Teams will propose research-based strategies and tactics for the client and will compete against each other for the client's business. Teams will meet weekly with the instructor to submit progress reports, discuss issues, and get guidance and direction. Teams will present their proposals to the client in a public forum to which faculty, students and professionals are invited.

**Computer Science****CS 6010 - Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCS program.*

This course covers advanced topics in algorithms and data structures, including advanced solutions to basic data structuring problems, string algorithms, linear programming, approximation algorithms, fixed-parameter algorithms, parallel algorithms, and external-memory algorithms.

**CS 6020 - Modern Computing Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCS program.*

This course focuses on advanced topics in modern computer architecture, recent developments in grid and cloud computing, Enterprise Systems architectures, and recent developments in operating systems design, including mobile platforms. The course includes a review of architecture and operating systems foundation and performance-optimization concepts.

**CS 6030 - Agile Software Design & Modern Languages**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCS program.*

This course focuses on Agile software development process and methodologies. It covers an overview of programming languages including scripting languages. The objective of this course is to provide students with knowledge and understanding of the agile methodologies used for software development. Students will form good understanding of the various types of programming languages including scripting languages.

**CS 6040 - Computing Security**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCS program.*

This course covers concepts and practices in computer and network security. This includes topics such as cryptography, authentication, authorization, secure protocols and principles for developing secure software. Applications will include using security frameworks to develop software and configuring security support systems.

**CS 6050 - Advanced Database Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCS program.*

This course includes advanced topics such as database security, database forensics, active databases, deductive databases, temporal databases, object-relational databases, object-oriented databases, distributed databases, and multimedia database systems. Team projects will be assigned to students.

**CS 6060 - Wireless and Mobile Computing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCS program.*

This course covers concepts of mobile computing and current technologies including mobile communication, the 2G and 3G communication systems, mobile IP, and mobile TCP. Will also include coverage of databases in mobile systems, methods of data caching, dissemination and synchronization, Bluetooth, IrDA and ZigBee protocols, data security, mobile ad hoc and wireless sensor networks, and languages and operating systems for mobile devices.

**CS 7010 - Modeling and Simulation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6010.*

The modeling and simulation of real-world systems using object-oriented discrete-event simulation techniques and methods. The course emphasizes the design and implementation of simulation models with programming in an object-oriented simulation language, OOSimL. Students will also be exposed to commercial integrated simulation software tools.

**CS 7015 - Artificial Intelligence and Robotics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6010 and CS 6020.*

This is a introduction to autonomous robotics, with a survey of Artificial Intelligence areas of research including concepts from AI needed to provide autonomous capability to robots. A survey of AI methods and approaches from search methods to neural networks. A robotics kit will be included to allow students to analyze, design, build, and test simple robotic systems.

**CS 7020 - Game Design and Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6030.*

An introduction to computer game design, game design engines, 2D graphics, 3D graphics, mobile device platforms, software design process for games, agile software design approach, game control structures, and games as simulations. Also includes a discussion of Artificial Intelligence for computer games. Students will work in teams to develop a game targeted for a specific platform. Teams will develop their project, beta-test peer projects, and will make presentations.

**CS 7030 - Mobile Device Application Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6030 and CS 6060.*

This course covers the fundamental principles of developing applications targeted for mobile platforms. Topics to be covered will include design requirements necessary to accommodate limited resources, working with the human computer interface and making use of services available on mobile devices. Course presentations and student work will be in the context of development methodologies.

**CS 7040 - Digital Forensics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6040.*

A comprehensive study of the technological, systematic inspection and analysis of the computing systems and its contents for evidence or supportive evidence of a crime. Includes focus on legal systems, digital forensics and its relationship to other forensic disciplines, rules of evidence, search and seizure, digital evidence, and media analysis. Students will conduct in-depth research and maintain advanced proficiency in tools, techniques, countermeasures, and trends in digital forensics field.

**CS 7050 - Data Warehousing and Mining**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6010 and CS 6050.*

This course covers prominent algorithms and techniques for developing effective, efficient, and scalable data warehousing and data mining tools. Topics discussed in this course include: data visualization, data integration, data warehousing, online analytical processing, data cube technology, advanced pattern mining, advanced classification analysis, advanced clustering analysis, outlier detection, data mining trends and research frontiers.

**CS 7060 - Mobile Intelligence**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 7030.*

This course covers advanced and/or intelligent mobile application development. Topics include cross-platform mobile application development, mobile augmented reality, and mobile business intelligence.

**CS 7070 - Advanced Networking Protocols**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6060.*

This course covers the study of the modern networking protocols, including the TCP/IP protocol suite, addressing, IPV6, routing, security.

**CS 7090 - Internship**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of the program director.*

This course provides a supervised, credit-earning experience of research or development in computer science with an approved organization or institution. Each student will also be required to complete a research/development project.

**CS 7099 - Special Topics in Computer Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Depends on the topic.*

This course covers selected advanced topics in computer science that are interests to faculty and students.

**CS 7810 - Advanced Topics in Modeling and Simulation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 7010.*

This course covers various research/development topics in modeling and simulation. Course may be taken up to 6 credit hours as topics vary.

**CS 7820 - Advanced Topics in Data Game Design**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 6010 and CS 7020.*

This course covers various research/development topics in game design. Course may be taken for up to 6 credit hours as topics vary.

**CS 7830 - Advanced Topics in Software Engineering**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 7020.*

This course covers various research/development topics in software engineering. Course may be taken up to 6 credit hours as topics vary.

**CS 7850 - Advanced Topics in Mining and Intelligence**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 7050.*

This course covers research/development topics in data mining and computational intelligence. Course may be taken up to 6 credit hours as topics vary.

**CS 7855 - Advanced Topics in Database Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 7050.*

This course covers various research/development topics in database systems. Course may be taken for up to 6 credit hours as topics vary.

**CS 7860 - Advanced Topics in Wireless & Mobile Computing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CS 7060.*

This course covers various research/development topics in wireless and mobile computing. Course may be taken for up to 6 credit hours as topics vary.

**CS 7999 - Thesis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (repeatable until thesis is complete; 9 hours minimum) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of the program director.*

Candidates will conduct thesis research in computer science and complete their theses under the direction of university supervisors who serve as their major professors.

**Conflict Management****CM 7100 - Introduction to Conflict Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course presents an overview of the emerging movement toward alternative forms of conflict resolution and of conflict management as an interdisciplinary field. Readings are drawn from a broad range of academic disciplines, including law, economics, social psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, as well as dispute resolution. Students are introduced to conflict resolution theories, dispute resolution processes, conflict management system design, and application of conflict management to the public policy environment.

**CM 7205 - Basic Mediation Training Clinic**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCM program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to provide students with basic mediation training approved by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution for mediators handling court-referred or court-ordered cases.

**CM 7210 - Foundations and Theories of Conflict Management: Conflict Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCM program or permission of the program director in consultation with faculty.*

This course is designed to introduce students to the foundations and theories of conflict management. The course includes an interdisciplinary introduction to conflict management. The course includes an interdisciplinary introduction to conflict, the history of the field, sources of conflict, and conflict theory. The course introduces students to the various responses to conflict.

**CM 7220 - Foundations and Theories of Conflict Management: Negotiation Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCM program or permission of the program director in consultation with faculty.*

Students will gain an understanding of the fundamentals of negotiation theory through a format that includes lecture, role-play, focused exercises, and case study. Concepts covered will include an introduction to game theory, distributive and integrative bargaining, principled negotiation, psychological barriers to settlement, and negotiation ethics.

### **CM 7230 - Foundations and Theories of Conflict Management: ADR Continuum**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCM program or permission of the program director in consultation with faculty.*

This course helps students develop an understanding of the nomenclature of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes commonly used in the United States. The students will examine the history and evolution of ADR, as well as briefly examining a number of individual processes in detail, such as negotiation, mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation, ombuds offices, etc.

### **CM 7305 - Advanced Conflict Management Skills Clinic**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CM 7200; CM 7205.*

This course is designed to provide students with advanced conflict management skills, including an introduction to diversity awareness, ombudsing, co-mediation, facilitation, multi-party mediation, and train the trainer.

### **CM 7310 - Critical Knowledge and Skills of Conflict Management: Interpersonal, Intergroup, and Community Conflict and Workplace/Organizational Conflict**

4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCM program and approval of the director in consultation with faculty, CM 7210, CM 7220, CM 7230.*

This course examines the dynamics of interpersonal and inter-group conflict, including emphases on the role of identity in conflict and the experience of conflict in employment contexts. Students will learn the common sources, processes, and effects of conflict through readings, presentations, and exercises.

### **CM 7320 - Critical Knowledge and Skills of Conflict Management: Public Policy Disputes, Cross-Cultural and International Conflict Resolution**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCM program or permission of the program director in consultation with faculty, CM 7210, CM 7220, CM 7230, CM 7310.*

This course examines public policy disputes and intercultural communication. Public policy disputes are unique in that they tend to be multi-party, multi-issue, long-standing, intractable, and they occur under the glare of public scrutiny. Therefore, managing public disputes requires greater ability to facilitate large-group processes and deal with the media. Next, the students will examine intercultural and international conflict resolution. The students will begin by developing an understanding of the ways in which cultures vary in their communication styles. Then students will examine the processes of international conflict resolution through diplomatic negotiation and mediation. Theories analyzing the strategic, structural, and behavioral features of international negotiations and mediations are discussed in lectures and case studies. Simulation exercises will be integrated to this class to provide students with hands-on experiences in applying theories to cases.

### **CM 7400 - Conflict Management Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: CM 7200; CM 7300.*

This course is designed to introduce students to basic research methods used in the study of conflict. There is a particular emphasis upon methods to assess conflict and evaluation interventions designed to address conflict in a given environment.

**CM 7500 - Conflict Management Systems Design**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* CM 7200; CM 7300; CM 7400.

This course will prepare students to design a system to address conflict in the environment of an organization.

**CM 7600 - Study of a Specific Conflict Management Environment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* CM 7200; CM 7300; CM 7400; CM 7500.

In this course the student chooses a specific environment for application of the knowledge and skills acquired through the academic and clinical components of the program. The study of a specific conflict environment provides the context for the student's fieldwork in the final semester of the MSCM program.

**CM 7705 - Advanced Applied Skills Training**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* CM 7205.

This 42-hour advanced skills training course will enhance student's theoretical, research, and practice skills. The course will be focused on the implementation of certain forms of practice, realms of practice, and the skills sets needed by the practitioner in each specific conflict management environment. Emphasis will be on the honing of skills for the student's particular area of interest.

**CM 7710 - The Practice of Conflict Management: Field Experience**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* 27 hours in graduate CM courses and approval of the program director in consultation with faculty.

This course includes a fieldwork, study, and travel to a specific domestic conflict environment chosen by the student with the guidance of the faculty. The students will research the background and history of the conflict and prepare a written report of this fieldwork upon returning. This course usually involves several students and faculty working and traveling together.

**CM 7715 - The Practice of Conflict Management: Field Experience**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* 27 hours in graduate CM courses and approval of the program director in consultation with faculty.

This course includes a fieldwork, study, and travel to a specific international conflict environment. The students will research the background and history of the conflict and prepare a written report of this fieldwork upon returning. This course usually involves several students and faculty working and traveling together.

**CM 7720 - The Practice of Conflict Management: Field Study and Internship Reports**

5 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 5 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* 27 hours in graduate CM courses and approval of the program director in consultation with faculty.

This course includes a field study in a specific conflict environment chosen by the student with the guidance of the faculty. The students will analyze conflict in the chosen environment and, where appropriate, will make policy recommendations or design and plan implementation of the intervention processes to address the conflict. The students will prepare an extensive written report of this analysis, accompanied by an annotated bibliography.

**CM 8900 - Special Topics**

1-3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study or permission of the director of MSCM.*

Exploration of a specified topic in conflict management.

**CM 8940 - Directed Study**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

Admission to this course requires permission of the program director and faculty member. A directed study is a special, one-time offering of a topic for a specific student. The directed study does not substantially overlap with an existing course in the curriculum. Directed study proposals are a concentrated investigation of a selected topic, is a well-defined proposal, is of an advanced nature, and have detailed learning objectives and deliverables. The specific content will be determined jointly by the instructor and student.

## Criminal Justice

**CRJU 7701 - Critical Issues in Criminal Justice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course provides an advanced examination of the American Criminal Justice System, including police, courts, and corrections, with emphasis placed on major systems of social control, contemporary policy issues, juvenile justice, and comparative criminal justice.

**CRJU 7702 - Advanced Criminological Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course is a graduate level introduction to the theory and research on the nature, causes, and patterns of the etiology of crime and criminal behavior taken from diverse, interdisciplinary perspectives.

**CRJU 7703 - Advanced Law Enforcement**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

A variety of significant issues in modern American law enforcement is addressed in this course, including policing in a diverse and technologically advanced society, the law enforcement subculture, problems and challenges for law enforcement administrators, the role of private security in complementing government law enforcement efforts, and ethical dilemmas facing law enforcement officers throughout the organizational hierarchy.

**CRJU 7704 - Institutional and Community Corrections**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course is an analysis of contemporary correctional services and issues of prisons and alternative community-based programs for adults and juveniles with emphasis placed on multiculturalism, overcrowding of correctional facilities, and legal issues.

**CRJU 7705 - Law and the Legal Process**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the sources of modern American jurisprudence and the influences on legislation. The adversarial system of justice is considered in-depth, and includes consideration of justice models, prosecution and defense strategies, and ethical considerations for the participants in the adjudicatory process.

**CRJU 7706 - Advanced Research Methods and Computer Applications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course helps students develop familiarity with methods of research, design, and analysis in the field of criminal justice. Survey and research design, research and sampling techniques, and statistical and analytical methods will be covered. The course includes intense hands-on computer work using statistical software.

**CRJU 7707 - Strategic Planning in Criminal Justice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the interrelationship of the three components of the American criminal justice system and the manner in which each component operates within the larger political system. Goal-setting, problem-solving, planning, and designing the program/policy are examined in the context of law enforcement, courts, and corrections. The course also discusses future trends in criminal justice.

**CRJU 7708 - Criminal Justice Policy and Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course covers basic concepts of crime prevention theories and strategies and addresses different crime control program and models. Topics include how and why crime rates differ, the utility of research to address policy questions, and what works and what does not work in crime prevention/control programs.

**CRJU 7709 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines and compares the criminal justice systems of several countries by focusing on historical, political, and social factors, and explaining their influence on legal institutions and systems of justice. The course discusses the difficulties in comparisons and how to conduct an effective comparative analysis. Topics may include: perceived causes of crime, police structures, legal systems, victims, crime prevention, corrections, and recent trends in international crime and justice.

**CRJU 7710 - Transnational Crimes and International Security**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines legal and institutional responses to and international cooperation against transnational crime, particularly terrorism, human and drug trafficking. Topics include the analysis of the concept of universal jurisdiction that provides a basis for treating certain crimes as “transnational” and “international” and an evaluation of the range of institutions created to track and punish international criminals (such as the International Criminal Court).

**CRJU 7711 - Human Rights Standards in Law Enforcement**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the program director.*

This course discusses the international mechanisms for the protection of human rights and explores how these mechanisms can be strengthened and improved to better prevent and respond to the human rights violations. Topics may include the rights of individuals to equitable treatment at the hands of the state, the international law enforcement standards regarding detention, arrest, bail, search and seizure, right to counsel, presumption of innocence, and standards of evidence.

**CRJU 7722 - International Criminal Justice Experience**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSCJ program or permission of the MSCJ program director.*

This study facilitates learning about the justice system of another country (which may vary each year) by exposing students to and providing interaction with law enforcement officers, members of the judiciary, and the corrections agencies in a country outside the United States.

**CRJU 7900 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor and the MSCJ program director.*

Selected topics of interest to faculty and students are covered in this course.

**CRJU 7950 - Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor and the MSCJ program director.*

This course will result in a research paper or scholarly project developed under the guidance of a graduate criminal justice faculty.

**CRJU 7999 - Criminal Justice Policy Research Project**

1-6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Eighteen completed hours of core courses in the Criminal Justice Graduate Program and permission of the MSCJ program director.*

This course includes a policy research project of thesis quality to enable students to apply statistical evaluation and planning skills tools to criminal justice policy.

**CRJU 8000 - Thesis**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Eighteen completed hours of core courses in the Criminal Justice Graduate Program and permission of the MSCJ program director.*

This course will result in a research paper or scholarly project developed under the guidance of a graduate criminal justice faculty advisor.

**Early Childhood Education****ECE 7511 - Inquiry: Educational Research and Prospectus**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program.*

Through the exploration of quantitative and qualitative educational research, candidates develop strategies to make informed decisions for intervention, as well as appropriate assessment for diverse student populations. Action research is a major focus in preparing candidates for planning and writing their prospectus that is carried out through the M.Ed. program.

**ECE 7512 - Inquiry: Best Instructional and Curricular Practices & Multiple Assessment Strategies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program.*

Candidates critically examine the educational outcomes, curriculum standards, programs, and instructional and assessment practices in their own schools and explore research on education reform and teacher change. Additionally, they explore innovative and research-based instructional and curriculum models and assessment strategies with the emphasis on improving student learning and making informed decisions as teacher-leaders.

**ECE 7513 - Diversity and Global Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program.*

The purpose of this course is to prepare teachers for globally impacted classrooms filled with students from domestic, intercultural, and multicultural backgrounds. Teachers that have knowledge, skills, and attitudes to understand world cultures and events; analyze global systems; appreciate cultural differences; and apply this knowledge and appreciation to their lives are master teachers and world citizens.

**ECE 7514 - Inquiry: Essentials of Technology Strategies and Skills & Introduction to E-portfolio**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

Through the exploration of both traditional and advanced educational technologies, candidates develop technological skills and strategies of implementation to build an integrated plan of utilizing technology for improving classroom teaching and student learning.

**ECE 7525 - Teaching Number, Operations, and Algebraic Thinking (P-5)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the ECE M.Ed. program or permission of the EECE graduate program coordinator.*

This course will explore the mathematical content and processes, research on learning, and relevant pedagogy of number, operations, and algebraic thinking in Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Candidates will implement standards-based curriculum and research-based pedagogy in these content areas and assess the impact on student learning.

**ECE 7530 - Integrated Models of Instruction II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of the first phase.*

Candidates explore and investigate a detailed curriculum design and assess its impact on student achievement. This course includes the integration of content areas of language arts, composition, social studies, and detailed approaches to globalization.

**ECE 7531 - Research and Implementation in Classroom I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of the first phase.*

Candidate will implement integrated models of instruction into action research, classroom teaching, and portfolio development for students' success in the areas of language arts and social studies.

**ECE 7540 - Integrated Models of Instruction II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of the first phase.*

Candidates develop and implement a detailed design of curriculum in the areas of mathematics and science and assess its impact on student achievement. The focus is on the integration of content areas of mathematics and science, the implementation of technology, and instructional modifications and accommodations for all students including those with disabilities and those at risk.

**ECE 7541 - Research and Implementation in Classroom II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of first phase.*

Candidates implement Integrated Models of instruction focused on mathematics and science into action research, classroom teaching and portfolio development for the student's success in the areas of mathematics and science.

**ECE 7542 - Multimedia Presentation and E-portfolio Development Skills**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of first phase.*

This course focuses on multimedia presentations and e-portfolio development for diverse learners. The course is designed to prepare classroom leaders to develop the knowledge and skills of implementing multimedia and Internet technology in presentation, classroom teaching and e-portfolio development.

**ECE 7543 - Research III**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ECE 7543.*

This course develops a sound foundation for master level students to complete the required action research project. An introduction to different types of educational research, qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods will be explored. Students will refine a topic for their action research and complete the research prospectus proposal, the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), the IRB approval forms required, and the school district permission forms.

**ECE 7550 - Prospectus Completion**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of the second phase.*

Candidates complete a prospectus based on action research achievement. In preparation for the following school year, candidates develop a second prospectus describing how they plan to enhance student achievement for future success and leadership in the classroom.

**ECE 7551 - Portfolio Completion**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of the second phase.*

Candidates complete a portfolio based on work throughout the program. This portfolio will include evidence that supports a subject matter expert, a facilitator of learners, and a collaborative professional.

**ECE 7560 - Capstone Course for the E-portfolio and Conference**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program and completion of the second phase.*

Candidates will complete a portfolio based on work throughout the program. This portfolio will include evidence that supports a subject matter expert, a facilitator of learners, and a collaborative professional.

By collaborating with other cohort members, candidates plan a conference to be held on the Kennesaw State University campus. Each candidate presents a project from their portfolio highlighting their plan and focusing on reflection and changes made to improve student achievement in their classroom. Conference attendees will include candidates from other cohorts finishing the M.Ed., new M.Ed. cohort candidates, and teacher colleagues. In addition to providing candidates with an opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills, this conference sets expectations for the new M.Ed. cohorts. Candidates prepare a Power Point presentation to accent the key topics in their portfolio. Portfolios are aligned as closely as possible with National Board for Professional Teaching Standards guidelines.

**ECE 7700 - Scientific Foundations of Early Childhood Education**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

Students develop an understanding of the research-based Conceptual Framework of a proven Scientific System of Education designed to serve children from 2.5 to 6 years of age. Students also learn the importance of the Montessori Prepared Environment which serves as the essential third element for effective learning. Students also discover that the Sensitive Periods provide the

most powerful times for learning. In addition, they develop new insights into the nature of child development and learn that respect for the child's inner teacher serves as the integrating principle for the effective education of young children. This course includes an extensive field experience. Verification of professional liability insurance is required prior to placement in the field.

### **ECE 7702 - Historical and Contemporary Influences in Early Childhood Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course emphasizes the analysis and critical review of historical and contemporary early childhood program models, their impact and current relevance and influence on schools and teaching practices. Attention is given to the purpose (and the function) of prominent early childhood programs.

### **ECE 7703 - Families and Schools in a Pluralistic Society**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course focuses on the need to understand and engage the family in children's education. To do so requires a knowledge of the multiple effects of economics, race, ethnicity, religion, and disability in today's society both within the family and the social structure of the community, and the skills and attitudes necessary to address those effects.

### **ECE 7704 - Trends and Issues in Language Arts for Early Childhood**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and EDUC 7741.*

An examination of contemporary trends and issues in language arts education in the P-5 setting. Focus will include the historical antecedents of contemporary trends and issues, pedagogical innovations, and research theory based instructional practices. Topics are inclusive of but not limited to: whole language, technology, politics and literacy, case studies approaches to language arts education and multiculturalism.

### **ECE 7705 - Trends and Issues in Mathematics for Early Childhood Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and EDUC 7741.*

An examination of the contemporary trends and issues in mathematics education in the P-5 setting. Focus will be on research-based investigation of the content in mathematics. Topics include, but are not limited to: research on constructivism, cooperative learning, technology, problem solving, literature in mathematics and multicultural issues in the teaching of mathematics.

### **ECE 7706 - Trends and Issues in Science for Early Childhood Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.*

An examination of contemporary trends and issues in science education in the P-5 setting. Focus includes historical, pedagogical and research-based information as well as age/grade appropriate content. Topics are inclusive of but not limited to professional growth activities, including action research, content appropriate for early childhood science education, scientific process, inquiry, curriculum and interdisciplinary issues and technology.

### **ECE 7707 - Trends and Issues in Social Studies for Early Childhood Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and EDUC 7741.*

The purpose of the course is to understand the curriculum goals and content for social studies in early childhood education. Students will study the research on social studies learning and teaching and how that research can be applied to classroom instruction.

**ECE 7709 - Theory of Play**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.*

An examination of the role of play in the early childhood curriculum. The focus includes theoretical frameworks used to study play, how play contributes to children's development, and the types, functions and purposes of play.

**ECE 7710 - Physical Development and Enhanced Control of Movement**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

Students will learn how essential movement is to the physical, emotional and cognitive development of children. They will learn to present children with motives of activity in which action and interest combine to provide irresistible activities which children love to repeat spontaneously. Students will discover that work with developmentally appropriate materials provides children with many opportunities to develop independence and to achieve concentration and self-realization. Students will learn to implement teaching strategies which enhance the child's physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development. This course includes an extensive field experience. Verification of professional liability insurance is required prior to placement in the field.

**ECE 7716 - Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Problems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.*

A study of the causes of reading difficulties, the instruments used in diagnosing specific reading problems and the application of various remedial techniques. Individual projects will focus on methods and materials appropriate for particular age groups.

**ECE 7720 - Sensorial Foundations of Intellectual Life**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

Sensorial experiences provide the foundations for all cognitive growth. Sensorial development can be richly enhanced through the use of scientifically designed, developmentally appropriate materials which address a child's need to refine skills related to each of the senses. Work with these materials promotes the sensorial development required for the successful mastery of writing, reading and mathematics skills. In addition, students learn to help children develop listening, sight singing, and musical notation skills with the Kodaly music education strategies and the Montessori bells and boards. Students learn to present materials related to Geometry, Botany, Geography and the Peace Curriculum. This course includes an extensive field experience. Verification of professional liability insurance is required prior to placement in the field.

**ECE 7730 - Development of Language and Literacy Skills**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

The structured sequence of language activities offered in this course will prepare students to help children achieve maximum development of language and literacy skills. Students will learn to provide children with vocabulary related to the child's life experiences at home, in school, and in the community. The classified nomenclature of Geography, Zoology, History, Science, and the Arts will also expand the child's vocabulary and world view. Students will use research-based keywords and other materials to help children develop phonemic awareness and to achieve sound-symbol association. Students will learn to present writing activities which facilitate the development of skills in reading. This course includes an extensive field experience. Verification of professional liability insurance is required prior to placement in the field.

### **ECE 7731 - Competence in the Preparation and Presentation of Language Materials**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

Students prepare and practice presenting the many materials designed by language specialists for use in offering developmentally appropriate language arts presentations and activities to young children. These materials are not available from Montessori suppliers, so each teacher prepares them for his/her own classroom. Students practice with the materials to develop and refine the skills they need to give language presentations to young children effectively. Students create a portfolio of selected examples of more than 70 language materials that can be duplicated for use in the classrooms where they will be employed.

### **ECE 7740 - The Early Preparation of the Mathematical Mind**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Montessori Graduate Certificate program or M.Ed. program.*

Students study the conceptual framework for the presentation of numeration and mathematical activities to young children. The use of Montessori materials that provide children with multiple opportunities to develop numeration skills, to understand the decimal system, and to practice the four operations with up to four digits is presented and practiced. In addition, students learn how to present commutative and squaring operations in ways that allow children to discover their unique characteristics. Finally, students learn to present numerous math activities and exercises with a wide variety of different, scientifically designed manipulable materials as well as present special memorization materials with which children can review and enhance their ability to recall all of the number facts they have assimilated from the previous activities. This course is aligned with the standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). This course includes an extensive field experience. Verification of professional liability insurance is required prior to placement in the field.

### **ECE 8100 - Philosophical and Ethical Foundations for Teacher Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course is intended to nurture a more philosophical perspective towards planning, implementing, evaluating curriculum, teaching, and school policy. Emphasis will be on understanding the implications of the philosophic roots and implications of current elementary school reform, curriculum decision-making and classroom instruction.

### **ECE 8110 - Contemporary Curriculum Inquiry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course examines various forms of inquiry that can be used to respond to the issues confronting contemporary curriculum developers. Emphasis is on inquiry that goes beyond the traditional means by which curriculum is examined and assessed and on developing research techniques and perspectives that are most appropriate to various curriculum-related issues and to your own abilities and interests as a curriculum researcher.

### **ECE 8120 - Critical Analysis of Instruction and Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program*

This course will emphasize translating theory to the practice of instructional systems development. The application of foundational applied theories of instructional design (systems theory, communication theory, learning Applied Theories, & instructional theories) will be explored. The development of technology-based learning materials will be integrated throughout the development and study of instructional systems.

**ECE 8140 - Current Critical Issues in Elementary Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course will focus on the identification and analysis of current issues in the teaching profession. The analysis will include critical examination of efforts to deal with these issues. Knowledge gained through this course will help prepare teachers to manage these issues as well as any which arise in the context of the teaching profession.

**ECE 8150 - Technology Enriched Curriculum**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course will explore the critical issues and updated applications of educational technology in elementary and early childhood education. Topics will include issues such as advocacy, the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Acts, virtual learning, digital equity, funding trends, and the integration of advanced technology in elementary and early childhood education classrooms. Candidates will be charged with illustrating how their proposed doctoral research will address a practical, critical technological need in elementary and early childhood education.

**ECE 8160 - Assessment of and for Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

Students review recent research in assessment and the relationships among current views of knowledge, teacher learning and assessment of teachers. Emphases will be on the examination and critique of standards-based assessment movements, increasing awareness of the role and impact of external accrediting bodies, and the identification of authentic assessments of meaningful teacher characteristics.

**ECE 9100 - Cognitive Processes and Educational Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course will present the basic challenges of applying scientific cognitive research to learning in educational settings. This course is designed for students who want to explore children's cognitive development and the links between cognition and learning. As key players in curriculum decision making and implementation, teacher must make informed decisions about learning based on some of the latest and most accepted research about neurological and cognition that underlie learning.

**ECE 9110 - Classroom Community for Maximized Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course will focus on the understandings needed to develop classrooms into communities where students become leaders for learning and take responsibility for their own learning and for the success of the group as a whole. This course helps teachers develop skills to serve as the models of what it means to be caring and involved citizens. As the transition from classroom to community happens, links between the heart and the mind will develop to help students become active, responsible citizens inside and outside of the classroom.

**ECE 9120 - Mentoring Future Teacher Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course is designed for teachers and examines formal and informal teacher leadership roles and assesses the effects of these roles on teachers and on student achievement. It analyzes the barriers to teacher leadership created by the structure of schools and the culture of teaching. The goal of this course is to provide an understanding of both the difficulties and the opportunities inherent in teacher leadership and to help build skills that will be useful as teacher leaders.

**ECE 9140 - Internship for Developing Teacher Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program.*

During this internship the candidate will, along with the university faculty and site supervisor, create a program of observation, research, and involvement designed to help put relevant theories into practice; gain understanding into the role of school culture in school improvement; learn how to identify and overcome barriers to reform; and identify and explore personal and professional characteristics conducive to teacher leadership.

**ECE 9220 - Curriculum Decision Making (K-5)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course will examine multiple ways to use organization as a tool to enhance instruction in grades K-5th classrooms. Comparison of the effect of organizational strategies and developmental stages on student learning and examination of roadblocks to establishment of effective organizational structures will be studied. Through the use of collaboration and communications, ways to minimize the effects of the real life roadblocks will be developed. Candidates will incorporate ways to celebrate diversity in a dynamic classroom. Attention is given to historical, philosophical and theoretical perspectives, including current national standards, programmatic design and organization and the use of personnel, materials, and equipment.

**ECE 9230 - Curriculum Decision Making (Birth- 8yrs)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

Candidates will examine multiple approaches to caring for and educating young children (Birth to age 8 years) in group settings. An in-depth study of organizational strategies, child development theories, historical and philosophical perspectives will be conducted. Connections will be made using current licensing and accreditation standards to the organization of personnel, materials and equipment. In addition, the course will include analysis of recent research, theoretical developments, and social issues such as ethics, diversity, special needs, and family involvement as they relate to quality care and education in the early years.

**ECE 9250 - Teacher Leaders and School Reform**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course is designed for teachers to examine formal and informal teacher leadership roles and assesses the effects of these roles on teachers and on student achievement. It analyzes the barriers to teacher leadership created by the structure of schools and the culture of teaching. The goal of this course is to provide an understanding of both the difficulties and the opportunities inherent in teacher leadership and to help build skills that will be useful as teacher leaders who will serve in distributed leadership roles for improvement of conditions of practice and teaching.

Note This course will examine multiple ways to use organization as a tool to enhance instruction in grades K-5th classrooms. Comparison of the effect of organizational strategies and developmental stages on student learning and examination of roadblocks to establishment of effective organizational structures will be studied. Through the use of collaboration and communications, ways to minimize the effects of the real life roadblocks will be developed. Candidates will incorporate ways to celebrate diversity in a dynamic classroom. Attention is given to historical, philosophical and theoretical perspectives, including current national standards, programmatic design and organization and the use of personnel, materials, and equipment.

**ECE 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Ed.S. or Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning in elementary classrooms and schools.

**ECE 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning in elementary schools. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**ECE 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Economics****ECON 8010 - Resource Allocation and Decision Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

An overview of models and techniques that guide a manager's decisions regarding resource allocation. Topics include economic profit and value creation, optimization techniques, analysis of costs, transfer pricing, choice under uncertainty, foundations of risk management, real options, revenue management, statistical estimation of demand, and models of strategic decisions.

**ECON 8610 - International Business Perspectives**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ECON 8010 or equivalent.*

A study of economic, financial, political, social, and cultural environments in which the American business operates abroad. Topical problems in developing empathy toward foreign behavior, understanding of international environments, and analyzing practices of business firms operating in foreign environments will be explored.

**ECON 8640 - Business Conditions Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ECON 8010 or equivalent.*

Provides an introduction to the analysis of macroeconomic fluctuations and business conditions in both the domestic and international arenas. Topics include monetary and fiscal policy as causal factors of economic activity, the complexity of monetary policy in the global economy, and the design and utilization of large-scale macroeconomic models. This course also provides a critical historical review of domestic and international fluctuations in the post 1944 era.

**ECON 8900 - Special Topics in Economics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ECON 8010 or equivalent, permission of the instructor, and approval of the MBA program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in economics of interest to faculty and students.

## Education

### **EDRD 7720 - Introduction to Literacy Coaching in Middle and Secondary Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDRD 7718 and EDRD 7719.*

This course provides candidates with an introduction to Literacy Coaching in middle and secondary schools. Candidates engage in the study of pedagogy and leadership in the areas of collaboration, job-embedded professional development, program assessment and strategy. Candidates will study a pedagogical content and apply new skills in Georgia schools.

Note A field component is required.

### **EDUC 6100 - Development, Psychology, and Diversity of the Learner**

5 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 5 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program.*

An examination of the unique aspects of and relationships between the development, psychology, and diversity of learners. A study of life span development (with an emphasis on adolescents and young adults) addresses social, moral, emotional, physical, cognitive and psychological development. Theories, models, and principles of learning and motivation are examined and related to development and diversity as it has influenced culture, language cognitive ability, gender, and special needs. The use of technology in this course will include word processing, presentation applications, Internet research, online courseware, electronic portfolio development, and the review of software.

### **EDUC 6100L - Practicum I**

0 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program, EDUC 6100.*

An experiential, service learning project in which candidates work (mentoring, tutoring, interviewing, etc.) with adolescents or young adults, one-on-one, focusing on development, needs, exceptionalities, diversity, and learning styles. Requires proof of liability insurance. Candidates must have a satisfactory practicum to continue in the MAT without remediation.

### **EDUC 6110 - Adolescent Development and Learning**

3 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program.*

A study of life span development (with an emphasis on adolescents and young adults) addressing social, moral, emotional, physical, cognitive, and psychological development. Theories and principles of learning and motivation are examined and related to development. A 30-hour field experience is required in this course.

### **EDUC 6115 - Knowledge of All Learners**

3 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program and EDUC 2110, or permission of the MAT program coordinator.*

This course will investigate the basic theories of learning, development and communication that create productive classroom instruction for all learners. Particular attention will be paid to understanding how differences in ethnicity, class, gender, religion, language and exceptionally affect the work of teachers and learners in modern society. The characteristics, legal requirements, and teacher responsibilities for students with disabilities will also be articulated in this class. This course includes a field experience in which candidates observe and work (mentoring, tutoring, interviewing, etc.) with adolescents, one-on-one, focusing on development, needs, exceptionalities, diversity, and learning styles.

**EDUC 6120 - Diversity and Exceptionality**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program.*

This course examines the demographic changes in America's schools that influence teaching and learning. Attention is given to assisting candidates in developing a socio-cultural consciousness and the disposition that all students, including those with disabilities, can learn complex content. Candidates engage in in-depth study of students with disabilities and their educational needs as well as the creation of culturally responsive and inclusive classrooms that support all students.

**EDUC 6200 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Classroom Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L.*

An examination of the learning environment including theories and principles of curriculum, assessment, and classroom management. Focus is placed on the development of learning outcomes and the development and selection of culturally responsive lessons. Attention is also given to teacher-constructed and standardized assessment tools and the use of these tools for instructional decision-making. Models of classroom management will be examined including consideration of time, materials, environment, and behavior management. Technological applications include the use of word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation applications, Internet research, online courseware, electronic portfolio development, and the review of software.

**EDUC 6300 - Reflective Inquiry and Action Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6200.*

Deals with the development of field-based action research projects and understanding qualitative and quantitative research methods and designs, focusing on interpretation and application relative to classroom practices. Attention is given to the development of the reflective practitioner. Topics include interactive discussion about literature critiques, professional organizations, legal issues.

**EDUC 6400 - Capstone Seminar**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6300.*

This seminar serves as a capstone experience for the Master of Arts in Teaching programs. Candidates reflect on and document their expertise as teacher-leaders. Candidates further develop their expertise in a focused area of their teaching field through an independent, research-based project under faculty supervision. Additionally, candidates share their work in a public forum.

**EDUC 7700 - Reflective Inquiry**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program.*

A seminar for masters level students in Adolescent Education degree programs. The course is designed to assist students in portfolio or thesis construction. Deals with proposed field-based projects, research and critiques of literature. Initiates documentation of professional growth while providing a basis for understanding the mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Topics include interactive discussion about professionalism in education, grant writing, developing presentations for professional organizations, legal issues, political influences, and other contemporary issues influencing education.

**EDUC 7702 - Best Practices in Secondary Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

With a focus on the adolescent/young adult learner, this course focuses on preparing expert teacher-leaders to implement research-based best practices of exemplary secondary schools.

Course provides extensive examination of learning theories and their application to diverse secondary classrooms. Current renewal and reform initiatives in American high schools are examined in depth with the aim of preparing expert teacher-leaders for collaborative roles in their school and district.

### **EDUC 7703 - Advanced Studies of the Adolescent Learner**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course focuses on diverse adolescent learners. Critical issues such as theories of learning, intelligence, and motivation will be examined in diverse contexts. Special attention will be focused on developing approaches for integrating global perspectives into various disciplines and examining issues and problems related to the application of these approaches in the field setting.

### **EDUC 7705 - Assessment and Evaluation in the Content Area**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course focuses on planning, constructing, analyzing, and applying educational assessment to document student performance for instructional and accountability purposes. Specific topics include guidelines for the development of traditional assessment questions, including the use of multiple-choice questions to measure critical thinking and problem-solving skills; guidelines and rubrics for the development and scoring of performance, writing and portfolio assessments; assessing affective outcomes; describing, analyzing and refining data to improve assessment; and the application and interpretation of standardized norm and criterion-referenced measures. Additionally, attention will be paid to multicultural assessment procedures and concerns relevant to external assessment programs.

### **EDUC 7706 - Motivation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course examines current theoretical and motivational research findings that stress the role of dispositional values in motivation. Six main theories (expectancy-values, attribution, social cognitive, goal, intrinsic, and achievement) will provide a foundation of specialized knowledge of this topic. Additionally, teacher candidates will apply specific motivational principles and research to educational settings to support all students' development of a positive disposition for learning. Teacher candidates will also examine how motivation is contextually facilitated or constrained by various classroom characteristics and socio-cultural factors. Finally, teacher candidates will examine school-level factors and external school reform efforts and their potential for influencing teacher and student motivation.

### **EDUC 7710 - Principles, Trends, and Issues in Standardized Educational Testing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDL 7305 and EDUC 7705.*

This graduate course for educators focuses on the critical analysis of national and global large-scale educational testing, emphasizing the core principles, trends and issues surrounding the testing and measurement of achievement. This course is designed for master-level students without extensive mathematical training and covers topics such as the evolution of testing in the US and globally, issues surrounding testing of students with disabilities or English language learners, item analysis with statistics, test domains, sampling, population, measurement error, reliability, validity, score inflation, factors influencing scale scores, scaling, test statistics, performance-based statistics, and testing bias. Graduate candidates will explore these topics within the frameworks of common large-scale tests.

**EDUC 7711 - Integrating Technology in Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program.*

This course is designed to prepare educators to generate technology-based instruction and analyze the technological environment in P-12 settings. Topics include authoring systems, networks, multimedia, computer-based management and technological environments.

**EDUC 7716 - Reading in the Elementary School**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A study of the principles and practices of developmental reading. Emphasis is placed on the study of the reading process and the organizational and management aspect of reading instruction.

**EDUC 7725 - Best Practices in Teaching and Learning in Content Field**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course focuses on preparing expert teacher-leaders to implement research-based best practices of exemplary schools. Course provides extensive examination of learning theories and their application to diverse classrooms. Current renewal and reform initiatives in American schools are examined in depth with the aim of preparing expert teacher-leaders for collaborative roles in their school and district.

**EDUC 7741 - Educational Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 7700.*

This course is designed to assist students in developing an understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methods and designs, focusing on interpretation and application relating to classroom practices.

**EDUC 7752 - Perspectives in Diversity and Multiple Literacies for Teaching and Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

In this course, in-service teachers will explore how issues of diversity and multiple literacies interplay to influence classroom dynamics. They will examine and work with theories, approaches, and methods for developing multiple literacies with learners in secondary classrooms as well as examine frameworks, materials, and strategies for translating the principles of culturally responsive pedagogy into effective educational practice. Topics include multiple literacies, culturally responsive pedagogy, family and community engagement, and global education.

**EDUC 7755 - The Knowledgeable Teacher: Reflective Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Professional teaching certificate.*

This on-line course is appropriate for educators who are interested in pursuing their National Board Certification or for those educators who are interested in becoming more reflective practitioners. Emphasis will be placed on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard's for each teacher's particular certificate area. The course meets the requirements for National Board pre-candidates as established by the Professional Standards Commissions.

**EDUC 7761 - Characteristics of Gifted Children**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program.*

This course provides an introduction to the psychological and personality characteristics of gifted and talented children with implications for their education. It includes: philosophy of gifted education; definition (according to federal, state and local guidelines); identification

procedures; characteristics; types of gifted children; learning styles; learning environments, description of teaching-learning models; implications for program development, administration and evaluation; and characteristics of teachers and other personnel concerned with the education of gifted students.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

### **EDUC 7762 - Methods and Materials for Teaching Gifted Children**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program and EDUC 7761.*

This course is designed to explore and apply knowledge about curriculum theory, measurement, learning theories and evaluation procedures to plan qualitatively different educational experiences for the gifted and talented. The course will orient prospective gifted educators to the attitudes, skills and knowledge deemed appropriate and necessary for assuming instructional leadership roles.

### **EDUC 7763 - Assessment of Gifted Children and Youth**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program and EDUC 7761.*

This course explores theories of mental abilities and provides knowledge and skills in the measurement of intelligence, achievement, creativity and other dimensions of giftedness. Various plans for identification are examined including the case study and State of Georgia regulations.

### **EDUC 7764 - Curriculum Development and Program Design in Gifted Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program and EDUC 7761.*

This course is designed to explore and apply knowledge about curriculum theory for the development of effective programs in gifted education. A number of exemplary models recommended by national authorities are examined for their use in creating and evaluating programs for gifted students. The course will orient prospective educators of the gifted to the attitudes, skills and knowledge deemed appropriate and necessary for assuming instructional leadership roles.

### **EDUC 7771 - Teacher Support Specialist**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program.*

This course is designed to provide the theoretical and practical basis for serving in the role of teacher support specialist to an intern, beginning teacher or peer teacher. Three years teaching experience and principal's recommendation are required.

### **EDUC 7772 - Internship in Teacher Support Specialist**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. or MAT program.*

This course is an extension of EDUC 7771 and will provide opportunities for teacher supervision/support through a structured internship. Requires employment in educational settings grades K-12.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

### **EDUC 7797 - The Portfolio**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of the committee chair.*

This is the capstone experience for the Master of Education in Adolescent Education. Candidates work independently under the supervision of the portfolio committee. The portfolio requirements resemble, in part, those required by the National Board of Professional Teaching

Standards (NBPTS). The purpose of the portfolio is to implement a systematic, reflection-in-action approach to problem solving and decision-making. This process is designed to document the candidates development of expertise as a teacher-leader. A primary goal of the portfolio is to document the candidates impact on student achievement. The portfolio provides a detailed authentic picture of the candidates professional practice and reflective analysis of the integration of courses taken supported by theory. Changes in classroom practice as well as in ones self are documented.

### **EDUC 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic or theme in education for experienced classroom teachers.

### **EDUC 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature.

Note The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

### **EDUC 7980 - Practicum**

0 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of director, Office of Educational Field Experiences and director, graduate study in education.*

A supervised field placement for the purpose of implementing integrated and problem-solving instruction. Includes seminar or conference discussion of problems encountered and presentation of an approved study conducted during the experience.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

### **EDUC 8100 - Advanced Study of Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

The course deepens experienced educators' knowledge of research-based best practices in diverse classrooms. This is an advanced course with in-depth study of classic and current research on learning theories and related topics in educational psychology as they relate to teaching and learning in schools. Focus is on those theories and research which have transformed and are reforming educational practice.

### **EDUC 8300 - Intercultural Communication and Global Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. program or permission of the instructor.*

The increasing diversity of our schools, the commitment to standards, and NCLB requirements make competence in intercultural communication a basic requirement for all educators. Of equal importance for educators is the development of knowledge and skills in global learning. This course addresses the practical application concepts in distributed leadership, particularly as they relate to building relationships with colleagues, students and families from other cultures. The primary goal of this course is to assure that all students have equitable opportunities to achieve academic excellence in the state-approved curriculum.

**EDUC 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning in P-12 schools.

**EDUC 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**EDUC 9800 - Doctoral Seminar**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

In the doctoral seminar, students will accomplish the following: (1) development of a concept paper that frames the dissertation, and (2) admission to candidacy through a college-approved qualifying experience. This seminar provides opportunities for doctoral students to work individually with members of their respective committees as well as with peers. This is a three-credit seminar that may be repeated. Prior to enrollment, the doctoral student must complete twelve hours of graduate level research coursework.

**EDUC 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Educational Leadership****EDL 7100 - Leadership Theory and Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

The course provides students with an introduction to leadership theory and practice, both generally and specifically in the context of school leadership. Course concepts include, but are not limited to, assessing and changing organizational culture, identifying and cultivating effective schools practices that have a positive impact on all students including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. Course concepts also include leading change in schools that will lead to the academic success of all P-12 students.

**EDL 7105 - Technology Leadership and Vision in Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

The course is designed to produce effective school leaders who can lead in the planning and implementation of educational technology initiatives within the school improvement plan, using technology to improve the academic success of all P-12 students. In this course, future educational leaders explore the essential conditions including a local vision for technology use that teachers and students need to effectively integrate the National Education Technology

Standards for Students (NETS-S) into the standards-based instruction. Students complete a local assessment of these essential conditions in their own schools; identify local school technology needs; and form strategies to address those needs. Students explore group processes for effectively engaging students, teachers, staff, parents and community in creating, disseminating, and sustaining a research-based vision for instructional technology.

### **EDL 7200 - Leading Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

In this course, future educational leaders develop the understanding and skills necessary to lead curriculum and instructional practices that will lead to the academic success of all P-12 students. Students utilize theory and research related to how children and adolescents learn (Bransford, 2000) and study best instructional practices for all students including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. Models of curriculum development and design, and rationales/problems related to standards-based instruction are also studied (Wiggins & McTighe, 2000, 2002). Students plan, develop, and implement effective instructional programs; align instruction vertically and horizontally with state and district curriculum standards; monitor and evaluate the implementation of curriculum standards, both individually and systemically; and effectively improve curriculum and instruction practices.

### **EDL 7205 - Leading Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course focuses primarily on the Board of Regents' performance strands of curriculum, instruction, and assessment, and Professional Standards Committee Standards for school culture, instructional program, best practices, professional growth plans. In this course, future educational leaders apply current research and instructional design principles to design a 21st century learning experiences for all students. Educational leaders must be able to promote and support learning environments that best prepare all students for life and work in the 21st Century. The ultimate goal of this course is to prepare educational leaders to understand the needs of 21st Century learner, review teaching practices and tools best suited to meeting the needs of all 21st Century learners, and facilitate the design and delivery of 21st Century instruction. In this course, future educational leaders learn to engage teachers in cooperative work to design, monitor, and revise instruction to improve student achievement of all students including those with special needs and who are culturally and linguistically diverse; lead others in research-based learning strategies and processes; promote the use of technology to support student mastery of Georgia performance standards; and to design and implement assessments for student learning.

### **EDL 7300 - Research in Educational Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

Candidates have an understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methods and designs, focusing on interpretation and application relating to school improvement. Basic descriptive and inferential statistics are explored to prepare candidates to be research consumers. Candidates are involved in the development of a research proposal to meet the criteria that leads to the academic success of all P-12 students including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

### **EDL 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

In this course, educators will learn to utilize data to identify school improvement needs and make informed decisions in effectuating change. The ultimate goal of this course is to produce

educational leaders who effectively collect, analyze, and use data to improve schools through successfully demonstrated change models. In this course, educators will learn to systemically collect and analyze multiple sources of data to identify improvement needs, determine an effective response, monitor and correct progress, and demonstrate success to stakeholders. Additionally, students will learn to drive and sustain change in a collegial environment, culminating in students' understanding of, and ability to use, a wide range of applicable leadership practices. Finally, students will learn a variety of technology tools to use for data analysis. They will also learn a variety of Web 2.0 tools to facilitate school communication.

### **EDL 7400 - Leading Professional Learning and Change**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

In this course, future educational leaders will learn how to use professional learning to develop their faculties and lead change in schools. Students will examine research findings on effective professional learning, demonstrate an understanding of the National Staff Development Council standards adopted by the state of Georgia, identify areas of strength and need related to the implementation of the professional development standards in their schools and develop strategies to provide and protect time for job-embedded professional learning, such as mentoring, coaching, feedback, study groups, peer observation and learning teams. The ultimate goal of this course is for students to develop a clear and compelling vision for professional learning that is standards-based, results-driven, and focused on the daily work of educators in order to improve learning of all students including those with special needs and those who come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

### **EDL 7405 - Human Resources for School Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

Candidates examine major areas of school personnel/human resources management. It provides a comprehensive overview of human resources administration as it relates to recruitment, selection of highly qualified applicants (including those who teach English Language Learners), orientation, motivation and work incentives, pertinent state and federal laws and school district policies, conflict resolution, evaluation, employee documentation, discipline and dismissal, and salary and fringe benefits. This course provides skills necessary for school level administrators to act professionally and ethically in carrying out their responsibilities in this area.

### **EDL 7500 - Educational Leadership and Ethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

In this course, future educational leaders learn how to be ethically and legally compliant in school operations that lead to the academic success of all P-12 students, including those with learning disabilities and those from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. The ultimate goal of the course is to produce future leaders who are cognizant of their ethical and legal obligations in managing schools, and who understand and appreciate the importance of legal and ethical compliance to daily administrative practice (Levine, 2005). Additionally, future educational leaders learn how to act with integrity by demonstrating ethical and equitable leadership behaviors; abide by Georgia and federal law and the Code of Ethics for Georgia Educators in professional practice; manage school operations consistently with requirements of Georgia and federal law; and observe student and faculty legal rights and privileges.

### **EDL 7505 - Ethical Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course is designed to provide leaders with an in-depth examination of the current and anticipated ethical issues and dilemmas facing leaders and the role of character education in our society. Addressing these ethical issues will lead to the academic success of all P-12 students

including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

### **EDL 7510 - Improving Productivity and Practice with Technology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course prepares educational leaders to apply technology to enhance their professional practice and to increase their productivity; design and facilitate high-quality professional learning experiences that help other educators apply technology to enhance their professional practice; and to increase their productivity, and implement technology in ways that support the emergence and evolution of professional learning communities in schools. Candidates become familiar with information and technology tools common to information-age professionals. Emphasis is placed on computer operations, presentation and communication tools, manipulation, interpretation, and analysis of data that will lead to the academic success of all P-12 students, including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

### **EDL 7600 - School Operations and Community Relations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course is designed to provide candidates with knowledge of major areas of school business management in performing the duties of a school administrator. Candidates are prepared to assume a leadership role in decision making of school business affairs. An effort is made to identify roles school administrators play in managing daily school business in relation to their counterparts at the district level. Candidates examine major areas of school business management, particularly as they relate to the funding of American public education. Georgia model of educational finance is introduced and discussed. Candidates attain knowledge and skills in school business management in the following areas: educational facilities planning and management, school budgeting, school accounting and auditing, cash management, risk management, purchasing and central distribution, school food service, and student transportation. The course also equips leaders to engage the community in understanding and supporting the educational process of all students including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and other underrepresented populations. The design of this course is intended to cover Board of Regents Strands 8 and 10, and Professional Standards Committee Standards 3, 4, and 6.

### **EDL 7605 - School Leadership in Multicultural Contexts**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

This graduate level course integrates multicultural concerns and international perspectives that focus on various aspects of culture and their connections to educational leadership and national, as well as state mandates to improve student achievement and informed global perspectives. The course presents critical elements that compose and relate to cultural values and diversity, and analyses of programs and procedures designed to address and meet the needs of diverse student populations, emphasizing research-based programs of sustained academic success. Candidates examine the models to gain competencies in successfully addressing multiple forms and expressions of diversity in schools such that social cohesion is promoted within a context of general academic rigor that will lead to the academic success of all P-12 students including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

### **EDL 7610 - Managing and Supporting Technology in Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course examines the role of leadership to support and manage technology in order to maximize student learning and increase the efficiency of school operations. It is designed to examine the technical aspects of building-related technologies including, but not limited to, desktop/laptop computers, wired and wireless networks, various instructional, administra-

tive and technical software, and Internet technologies. This course explores various models of technology support and present ideas on how to support technology effectively through teams of teachers, students, parents, and school system personnel. In addition, the course addresses emerging technologies and their potential uses in education that will lead to the academic success of all P-12 students including those with learning disabilities and those who come from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

### **EDL 7705 - Current Issues in Educational Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.

This course provides a reflective overview of issues relating to school leadership and educational administrative leadership policy and practice and encompasses the wide range of responsibilities engaged in by the school leader as a collaborative member of a leadership team. Special attention is given to organizational structure and administrative processes in Georgia public schools.

### **EDL 7710 - Instructional Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.

This course focuses on the role educational leaders play in improving the teaching and learning process. It includes the application and practice of instructional supervisory/leadership philosophy, theory, and principles as they guide instructional leadership behavior and assessment of the results of instructional leadership behaviors.

### **EDL 7715 - Curriculum Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.

This course examines the design, development, and implementation of curriculum and instructional strategies to create classroom environments which support the learning of all students.

### **EDL 7716 - Curriculum & Instructional Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.

This course focuses on the role educational leaders play in improving the teaching and learning process by the examination of systemic curriculum and teaching reform. It includes the application and practice of instructional supervisory/leadership philosophy, theory, and principles as they guide instructional leadership behavior and assessment of the results of instructional leadership behaviors.

### **EDL 7720 - Personnel and Staff Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.

This course focuses on the personnel functions and responsibilities of school leaders. Processes and procedures of effective school personnel administration is emphasized.

### **EDL 7725 - Organizational and Financial Resources**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the financing of public schools in Georgia and effective management of school fiscal resources. Proper business procedures and facility management (maintenance, operations, planning, compliance issues) are discussed in a perspective of resource management for school improvement.

**EDL 7730 - Educational Policy and Legal Perspectives**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.*

This course provides an overview of specific legal provisions affecting the operations and leadership of public schools in Georgia, with consideration of federal and state laws, and local regulations affecting the rights, privileges, and duties of educational leaders, teachers, learners, and citizens. Current legal issues are examined and students are introduced to legal reasoning and analysis.

**EDL 7735 - Ethics of Educational Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.*

This course is designed to provide leaders with an in-depth examination of the current and anticipated ethical issues and dilemmas facing leaders and the role of character education in our society.

**EDL 7740 - Multicultural and International Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.*

This class focuses on various aspects of culture and its link to educational leadership. Included are concepts related to cultural values and diversity, as well as analysis of programs and procedures for meeting the needs of diverse student populations.

**EDL 7750 - Educational Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership Add-On Certification program.*

This course is designed to develop an understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methods and designs, focusing on interpretation and application relating to school improvement.

**EDL 7755 - Technology Leadership in Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership certification program.*

This course is designed to develop educational technology leaders who are knowledgeable and skilled in technology leadership practices that improve student learning and school operations in PreK-12 schools. It addresses skills and competencies necessary for the support and assessment of national technology standards for teachers and administrators; technology planning (national technology plan, state technology plan, district/school technology plan); assessment and evaluation of technology initiatives; the change process as it applies to technology leadership; securing grants and establishing business partnerships and meeting the requirements of NCLB. This course will thoroughly examine issues and trends relevant to the field of educational technology.

**EDL 7760 - 21st Century Teaching & Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership certification program.*

This course examines the role of educational leaders to identify, use, evaluate, and promote appropriate technology to enhance and support curriculum, instruction and assessment that lead to high levels of student achievement. It is designed to immerse school leaders in a technology-rich environment and prepare them to facilitate an instructional program that integrates 21st century skills and promotes relevant, authentic, and meaningful tasks for students. Candidates

will apply current research and instructional design principles to the design, management, and evaluation of a 21st century learning environment. This course also prepares candidates to facilitate high quality professional learning at their school.

### **EDL 7765 - Productivity & Professional Practice for Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership certification program.*

This course prepares educational leaders to apply technology to enhance their professional practice and to increase their productivity. Candidates will become competent users of information and technology tools common to information-age professionals. Emphasis is placed on computer operations, presentation and communication tools, manipulation, interpretation, and analysis of data as well as the management of Internet resources. Concept mapping, web editing, and project planning are also included.

### **EDL 7770 - Educational Technology Support, Management & Operations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or graduate Educational Leadership certification program.*

This course examines the role of leadership to support and manage technology in order to maximize student learning and increase the efficiency of school operations. It is designed to examine the technical aspects of building-related technologies including, but not limited to, desktop/laptop computers, wired and wireless networks, various instructional, administrative and technical software, and Internet technologies. This course will explore different models of technology support and present ideas on how to support technology effectively through teams of teachers, students, parents, and school system personnel. In addition, the course will address emerging technologies and their potential uses in education.

### **EDL 7780 - Practicum**

1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of advisor.*

This course provides an opportunity for students to engage in field-based experiential learning activities related to educational leadership under the guidance of a practicing administrator.

### **EDL 7781 - Practicum II**

1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Add-on Certification program in Educational Leadership.*

Provides candidates an opportunity to engage in field-based experiential learning activities related to educational leadership under the guidance of a practicing administrator. The practicum takes place in a real setting and is accompanied by a seminar.

### **EDL 7797 - Portfolio I**

1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or Add-on program of Educational Leadership.*

Portfolio development is the capstone experience for the Master of Education in Educational Leadership and the Educational Leadership Add-on Programs. Participants work independently under the supervision of the program advisor. The foci of the course are on understanding the nature of portfolio, the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) standards, and the procedures to be followed in the development and completion of a professional portfolio.

### **EDL 7798 - Portfolio II**

2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Completion of EDL 6797.*

Portfolio development is the capstone experience for the Master of Education Program in Educational Leadership. Participants work independently under the supervision of the program

advisor. The portfolio is outlined along the standards as required by the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC). The purpose of the portfolio is to implement a systematic approach to problem solving and decision-making by requiring participants to reflect upon leadership knowledge, skills, theories and experiences acquired during their participation in the program.

### **EDL 7799 - Portfolio Development for Technology Concentration and Add-On Certification**

1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Add-On Certification Program in Educational Leadership.*

Portfolio development is the capstone experience for the Add-On Certification Program in Educational Leadership. Participants work independently under the supervision of the program advisor. The foci of the course are on understanding the nature of portfolio, the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) standards, and the procedures to be followed in the development and completion of a professional portfolio.

### **EDL 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Varies) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership or Add-on program of Educational Leadership.*

This individually designed course will examine advanced topics in educational leadership and/or educational technology emphasizing the students' area of specialty.

### **EDL 8000 - Foundations of Distributed Leadership for Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D program.*

The cornerstone of the doctorate, Teacher Leadership for Learning, is an interdisciplinary core that establishes a common set of performance outcomes aligned with Distributed School Leadership Practice (DSLPL). This course introduces DSLPL, a new perspective on leadership that captures the collective, and complex, relationship dynamics of formal and informal school leaders. DSLPL is more than shared leadership: DSLPL is about the synergy and situations that develop as school leaders reform schools into places that are intentionally inclusive and inviting to all students.

### **EDL 8100 - Critical Issues in School Transformation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

The overarching goal of the course is to develop school leaders who understand the variables that affect student achievement and how to use data and the professional literature to support the transformation of schools through thoughtful analysis of the total environment and careful planning for the future. Within the context of school transformation, this doctoral seminar addresses the practical application of all aspects of distributed leadership and requires fieldwork and other forms of practical, problem-based learning. Successful candidates will develop a school change portfolio that minimally includes: (a) Rationale for school transformation based upon the professional literature; (b) Historical analysis and assessment of school performance on critical variables related to student achievement; (c) Benchmarking of local and community resources; (d) Professional development plan; and (e) Evaluation strategy.

### **EDL 8300 - Intercultural Communication & Global Learning**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

The increasing diversity of our schools, the commitment to standards, and NCLB requirements make competence in intercultural communication a basic requirement for all educators. Of equal importance for educators is the development of knowledge and skills in global learning. This module addresses the practical application concepts in distributed leadership, particularly as they relate to building relationships with colleagues, students and families from other cul-

tures. The primary goal of this course is to assure that all students have equitable opportunities to achieve academic excellence in the state-approved curriculum. This course will be offered in a performance-based format.

### **EDL 8300 - Intercultural Communication and Global Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

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### **EDL 8710 - Vision and Governance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. in Leadership for Learning program.*

The purpose of the course is to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and disposition related to the importance of developing and implementing a vision for school improvement within school and system governance structures. The course examines school organizations and cultures; forms of school governance; the change process; and the concept of collaboration among administrators, teachers, parents and community leaders as a means of bringing about more effective schools. In addition, it further examines the impact of state authority on local schools and school districts through changing roles, relationships, trends and the political context of decision making at the state level. Special focus is on developing a vision, mission and philosophy that impacts school improvement and student performance. This course is non-performance based.

### **EDL 8720 - Managing the Physical Environment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. in Leadership for Learning program.*

This course is focused on an exploration of the business aspects of managing schools with a focus on critical issues of management including: decision making, strategic planning, facility management, personnel allocation, and analysis and allocation of resources through development of a school budget. Included are the basic economic concepts and methods of analysis of educational finance, education and inequality, education and economic growth, and the effect on student performance. This course is non-performance based.

### **EDL 8730 - Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. in Leadership for Learning program.*

This course is designed to provide candidates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to make critical curriculum and assessment decisions that focus on instructional best practices. Through course readings and projects, candidates will develop an in-depth understanding of theory theoretical frameworks that support the knowledge and skills necessary for making data-driven decisions with respect to the development of meaningful curriculum, research-based instructional practices, and sound assessment techniques that will increase student learning and achievement. In addition, candidate will be guided to explore ways to address the needs of diverse students, social and cultural forces, and collaboration among all stakeholders to foster a positive school culture and maximize the academic success of all students. This course is non-performance based.

**EDL 8740 - Professional Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. in Leadership for Learning program.*

Because 21st century educators must constantly adapt to changing school populations, it is essential that professional growth and development for school leaders evolve from proven best practices and course content that has been enhanced with research based materials. In this course, candidates will satisfy dynamic and meaningful objectives through demonstration of their ability to design and implement professional development programs for faculty and staff. Professional development and professional growth plans will focus on leading, teaching and learning, and solving authentic problems with insightful and results-driven agendas. Assignments with demonstrated connectivity to existent avenues for professional growth are a key component of the course. Deeper understanding of underlying structures that serve as barriers to improving student and teacher success will be identified and targeted for project based inquiry. This course is non-performance based.

**EDL 8750 - Managing Human Resources**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. in Leadership for Learning program.*

This course addresses personnel and human resource issues from a problem solving perspective. Candidates research personnel issues as they may occur within the context of local school and district operations. Activities which provide experience in human resource arenas that emerge from societal, cultural and legal issues comprise a significant portion of the course requirements. This course provides a solid and beneficial body of knowledge for principals in training while acknowledging that contemporary society continues to profoundly influence the manner in which the practice of human resources is exercised in school districts. Further, the course seeks to develop leaders who understand the significance of sound and efficient decision making as it impacts the performance of school and system employees, the fiscal resources of the school district, and most importantly, the increased academic achievement of all students within the district. This course is non-performance based.

**EDL 8810 - Vision and Governance**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

This class is the first module in the residency sequence. The purpose of the module is to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and disposition related to the importance of developing and implementing a vision for school improvement within school and system governance structures.

**EDL 8820 - Managing the Physical Environment**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

During this module the candidate will, along with the university faculty supervisor, school/district mentor, and leadership coach, create a program of observation, research, and involvement designed to gain an understanding into the role of managing resources for instructional improvement and a safe school environment for learning.

**EDL 8830 - Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

This module is designed to provide candidates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to make critical curriculum and assessment decisions that focus on instructional best practices.

**EDL 8840 - Professional Learning**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

This module focuses on developing leaders who can develop, implement, and monitor professional learning programs and activities that are meaningful and job-embedded, and that provide follow-up support.

**EDL 8850 - Managing Human Resources**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

This module is designed to develop leaders who understand the significance of sound and efficient decision-making as it impacts the performance of school and system employees, the fiscal resources of the school district, and most importantly, the increased academic achievement of all students within the district.

**EDL 8860 - Transition Between Building and System Levels**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to program.*

This residency module focuses on developing knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for completing an area at the building or system level that was not met during the completion of a performance-based program or during other coursework. The candidate will enroll in 1-3 hours of credit depending on the analysis of needs as determined by the collaboration between the university and school/district.

**EDL 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning in educational leadership.

**EDL 9310 - Educational Facilities**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning.*

This course examines the concepts, procedures and importance of facilities planning in the educational process. Candidates will learn all the practical skills of facility inventory, need assessment and evaluation. The course is intended to cover major aspects of school facilities planning at elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels.

**EDL 9320 - Media, Community, and Public Relations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning.*

This course provides knowledge, skills, and dispositions essential for school leaders to fully engage with school, district, community, and beyond in the promotion of ongoing communication between and among all stakeholders, including those whose primary language is other than English. Candidates will develop and enhance communication skills that promote the vision and mission of schooling for the purpose of increasing student achievement, strengthening faculty and staff relations, and advancing stakeholder support. Additionally, the pressing matters of interactions with the mass media and crisis management are included. There is a focus on the ways and means by which school leaders address the multiple prevailing values across a community to solicit school and community partnerships with the aim of understanding the proactive measures which will ensure positive perceptions of the school and its educational products.

**EDL 9330 - Comparative Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning*

This course provides an overview of frameworks, major concepts, and current trends in comparative education. It examines how different countries address issues common to all education systems and enables candidates to read, discuss, analyze, and interpret relevant studies and scholarship in this area. Special attention is devoted to similarities and differences in educational policy and practice related primarily to elementary and secondary levels of education in different countries.

**EDL 9340 - Ethics for Educational Leaders**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning.*

This course is designed to provide educational leaders with a research-based paradigm for ethical decision making. Various codes of ethics and case studies will be analyzed and applied to general and specific situations. Doctoral candidates will engage in dialogue, research and reflection to develop a personal code of ethics which will be applied in a school-based activity. Research and anecdotal information from journals and texts will be utilized to inform ethical decision making on local issues.

**EDL 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning in educational leadership. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**EDL 9360 - Beyond Policy: Reforming Schools Through Learner-Centered Education and Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning*

Exploration and investigation of emerging research on learning, leading, and change which when considered in combination provide a framework for understanding and leading schools as continuously evolving, living systems. Using a learner-centered leadership paradigm, students critically analyze the industrial, corporate, and business models of education which historically focus on standards, narrowing of curriculum, and high stakes tests as sole measures of achievement and develop a vision for and/or create learner-centered educational systems.

**EDL 9370 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: Exploring the Literature**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. and/or Ed.D. program in Leadership for Learning*

This course is a doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading, and student learning in P-12 schools. Candidates explore the literature to identify, analyze, and synthesize contemporary and classic literature on critical school issues. The ultimate goal is to identify gaps in the literature, explore possible topics for independent future research, and develop long term skills in literature review.

**EDL 9380 - Economics of Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Education.*

Adequacy and equity in the provision of school services and support are crucial concerns of the public school administrator. The course addresses the financial management of education through the lens of basic economic theory and how the American economy provides funding for public education. The focus is on how funds are administered and the trends toward more efficient utilization of resources, including an introductory view from a global perspective. The approach is a business management appreciation of the complexity and magnitude of education as an important resource in the public sector.

**EDL 9881 - Special Education and Advanced School Law**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning*

This course is a second-tier law and policy course, deepening students' understandings and application of school policy, governance, and regulation. The course particularly focuses on federal and state laws and regulations of students with exceptionalities (including, but not limited to, English-language learners, students in transition, and students with exceptionalities). Through this lens, students will explore policy development and implementation in education.

**EDL 9882 - Educational Planning for Transformation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning.*

This course is designed to inform doctoral candidates how policies and practices are developed and implemented through the writing policy briefs in areas of interest. Understanding the value and use of qualitative and quantitative research in the formulation of policies and practices is an integral part of the course. Candidates will focus on the process of policy development and the impact of outside forces on the operation of schools and school districts with the goal of becoming informed practitioners. This course will be of interest to school leaders, policy makers, and those employed in governmental agencies and institutions where decisions are policy driven.

**EDL 9883 - Performance for Educational Executives: Politics, Power, and Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning.*

This course introduces the conceptualization of schooling as politics and is designed to help students understand the political contexts and the institutional environment in which educators operate. Through a general awareness of conceptual frameworks (such as system framework, diffusion framework, values, demands and interest groups, micro and macropolitics), used to examine the politics of education, students will obtain, assess, and assemble data and interpret those data to discover connections and contradictions about the concepts from the readings and literature relating to our current educational climate. This course includes a performance-based field experience.

**EDL 9884 - Emerging Trends in Instructional Leadership, Curriculum, and Evaluation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Doctoral program in Leadership for Learning*

This course explores different strategies for bringing about change leading to curriculum, institutional improvement, evaluation, and reform. The focus is on guiding doctoral candidates toward understanding trends with an emphasis on curriculum, instructional methods, and effective assessments. Candidates will engage in research that identifies political, ethical, and societal changes that impact curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Special attention is given to the educational leader's role in building a strong, collaborative culture and increasing system's capacity to change. This course includes a performance-based field experience.

**EDL 9900 - Doctoral Dissertation**

9 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Successful completion of comprehensive exams, part I and II*

This is the capstone experience for the Doctorate in Leadership for Learning. This is an intensely field-based performance activity in that the candidate demonstrates the ability to apply research skills to solving a P-12 problem of significant importance and that impacts student learning. With the guidance of a dissertation advisor and a committee, the candidate assumes the responsibility for completing the study and defending both process and results to the dissertation committee.

## Educational Research

### **EDRS 8000 - Applied Quantitative & Qualitative Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

Candidates will develop a functional understanding of quantitative and qualitative research as applied to educational arena. Emphasis is placed on candidates acquisition of analytical and interpretive skills.

### **EDRS 8900 - Applied Field Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDRS 8000.*

Student will complete a field research project in a P-12 or higher education setting which focuses on student learning. The project serves as the capstone experience for the Ed.S. degree and may serve as a pilot study for the dissertation for a student continuing into the Ed.D. Program.

### **EDRS 9100 - Advanced Qualitative Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course is an advanced study of qualitative research methodologies including ethnography, case study, and phenomenology. Students will examine a variety of data sources (e.g. interviews, observations) and methods of analysis (e.g. memo writing, coding). Students will conduct research as they formulate their research questions, collect and analyze data, and write a research report.

### **EDRS 9200 - Advanced Quantitative Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program.*

This course is an in-depth study of and application of selected quantitative research designs. Course also involves advanced study of descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, and non-parametric tests traditionally utilized in social and behavioral research. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the process of social and educational research in applied settings. Candidates will deepen their expertise in designing and conducting research and analyzing quantitative data. Candidates will conduct these analyses using quantitative statistical software, interpret their findings, and communicate their results ethically, clearly and effectively.

## English

### **ENGL 7701 - Topics in Literature**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A treatment of themes and issues in English and/or American and/or World literature. Students will read selected works and consider teaching applications for engaging adolescents and young adults in responding to and interpreting a wide variety of literary texts.

### **ENGL 7709 - Workshop for Teachers of Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

An experiential examination of principles and issues in the teaching of writing, K-20. Along with reflective exploration of current theories of composition and extensive writing, this course includes the following topics: literacy acquisition and language development, especially through writing; building writing communities; the teacher as writer; the place of publication in the writing process; and assessment of writing.

**ENGL 7710 - Writing on Teaching**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education, and teaching experience and graduate coursework in educational research or writing.*

A collaborative workshop for educators preparing to write about teaching. Students in the course will develop individual writing projects for submission to venues publishing such genres as teacher research, curriculum development stories, experienced-based writing about classrooms, and scholarship of teaching.

**ENGL 7711 - Multicultural Literature in English**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

An examination of multicultural literature written in English. Genres studied include fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and nontraditional literary texts (e.g., film, oral performance). Students will explore primary and secondary sources to use for teaching literature from a global perspective, including studying how emerging traditions of literary criticism and theory can shape interpretations and teaching.

**ENGL 7721 - Author Studies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A study of the work of one or more significant authors. Attention will be given to strategies for engaging students in critical thinking and writing about literature.

**ENGL 7731 - Language Studies in English**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A study of language as a key component of English/Language Arts. Topics include understanding English's historical and ongoing development, learning English as a second language, using discourse appropriately in a variety of contexts, dialect variations, relationships between oral and written language use, and issues involved in teaching language (e.g., teaching grammar in context).

**ENGL 7735 - Introduction to Composition Studies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A survey of issues and themes in composition studies, especially those which have influenced writing instruction in the schools. Topics examined include writing as a process and writing for a variety of purposes, audiences, and genres, as well as approaches for evaluating writing and for planning writing instruction that invites students to use the art of writing for exploring authentic issues that matter in their lives.

**ENGL 7741 - Technology and Media in English and Language Arts**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Focus on the current effects and potential of technology and multimedia in writing, reading and literature instruction. Students explore ways technology is changing reading and writing processes in school, the workplace and in daily life and develop effective ways of integrating technology into instructional programs.

**ENGL 7750 - English Studies in the Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Review of the field of English Studies today, including relationships among concepts that guide the field, especially in schools. Students will explore strategies for integrating various elements of English Studies (including writing, reading/literature, language, and literacy stud-

ies) in scholarship and in teaching. Topics will include standards and assessment in English/Language Arts, especially those associated with National Board Certification and the National Council of Teachers of English standards for instruction.

### **ENGL 7900 - Special Topics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic in an advanced-level seminar with extensive reading, writing and presenting assignments.

### **ENGL 7950 - Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Detailed, advanced-level examination of a topic selected and shaped collaboratively by the instructor and the student submitting a proposal for the special course. This course is not an individually scheduled offering of a regular course, but a unique study designed by the student to address individual needs and interests.

## **English Education**

### **ENED 6414 - Teaching Secondary English I**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L, or EDUC 6110 and EDUC 6120.*

*Corequisite: EDUC 6414L.*

An examination and application of curriculum issues, learning theories, teaching strategies, instructional materials and assessment procedures for teaching secondary school English/Language Arts in the multicultural and diverse classroom of today. Includes a secondary school field experience in English teaching. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placement.

### **ENED 6414L - Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L, or EDUC 6110 and EDUC 6120.*

*Corequisite: ENED 6414.*

This field experience is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in the corequisite course, ENED 6414. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they carry out directed activities. Candidates spend approximately 22 hours per week in the field for three months. Candidates must complete a satisfactory practicum to continue in the MAT program without remediation.

Note A Criminal Background Check and Verification of Liability Insurance is required.

### **ENED 6475 - Teaching Secondary English II**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ENED 6414 and ENED 6414L.*

*Corequisite: EDUC 6300 and EDUC 66475L.*

Building upon knowledge and skills developed in ENED 6414, candidates continue to examine and apply curriculum issues, learning theories, teaching strategies, instructional materials and assessment procedures for teaching secondary school English/Language Arts in diverse classrooms. Includes a secondary school field experience in English teaching. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placement.

**ENED 6475L - Practicum III**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ENED 6414 and ENED 6414L.*

*Corequisite: ENED 6475.*

This field experience is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in the corequisite course, ENED 6475. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they carry out directed activities. Candidates spend approximately 40 hours per week in the field for 13 weeks. Candidates must complete a satisfactory practicum to continue in the MAT program without remediation.

Note A Criminal Background Check and Verification of Liability Insurance are required.

**ENED 8310 - Applied Theory and Research in Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. in Adolescent Education English program and permission of the English Education Ed.D. Advisor.*

Teacher leaders will read, analyze, and apply seminal and current research in the field of writing and composing to English/Language Arts teaching in P-12 or higher education settings. Teacher leaders will examine trends in the research; emerging themes, trends, and research designs; seminal studies in the fields of writing and teaching writing; connections among grammar study, teaching conventions, standards, and writing instruction as reflected in the research; and research-based applications of technology to writing and teaching writing. Attention will also be paid to research on grading and assessing writing, writing program assessment, teaching writing to speakers of English as a second language, curricular development in the field of writing, and to writing across the content areas for the purpose of enhanced student learning in school settings.

**ENED 8701 - Applied Research and Theory in Literature**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. in Adolescent Education English program and permission of the English Education Ed.D. Advisor.*

Teacher leaders will read, analyze, and apply seminal and current research in the field of English/Language Arts Education, and design an applied research study related to English/Language Arts Education in P-12 and/or higher education settings. The project may be one that the teacher leader carries out in a workplace setting or may serve as a pilot study for the dissertation.

**ENED 8741 - Digital Media and Pedagogies in English/Language Arts Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. in Adolescent Education English/Language program and permission of the English Education Ed.D. Advisor.*

Teacher leaders will read, analyze, and apply seminal and current research in the field of digital media and pedagogies as appropriate to English/Language Arts teaching in P-12 and/or higher education settings. Teacher leaders will examine trends in the research; emerging themes, trends, and research designs; seminal studies in the fields; connections among composing, reading, and digital media as reflected in the research; and research-based applications of technology to all aspects of English/Language Arts Education. Attention will also be paid to use of digital media and pedagogies for the purpose of enhanced student learning in school settings.

**ENED 8998 - Internship in English/Language Arts Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the English Education Ed.D. Coordinator.*

A supervised experience applying learning from graduate study in a professional context. Content for the course, including the syllabus and plans for assignments, will be developed by the student in collaboration with the supervising faculty member and the internship supervisor. A detailed proposal for the course must be submitted to the English Education coordinator of the Ed.D. English/Language Arts cohort and approved before a deadline established by the department's program committee.

**ENED 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S./Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning in P-12 schools with a particular emphasis on the contexts of middle and secondary students, classrooms and schools.

**ENED 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study in English/Language Arts Education**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning in elementary schools. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**ENED 9375 - English/Language Arts Program Assessment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. English Education program.*

Teacher leaders will analyze the practical aspects of assessment concerns for English administrators at program, departmental, and district levels involving students, teachers, programs, and curriculum. Teacher leaders will investigate specific programs goals, implementation, curriculum, and assessment; how assessment methods influence implementation/instruction of program elements (and vice versa); and the strengths and weaknesses of common models of assessment. Teacher leaders will explore the different purposes of program assessment, including measures of student learning and professional evaluation of teachers; justification of budgetary decisions; and demonstration of learning in light of state and national mandates. Specific topics will include curriculum decision-making and design, reading and writing assessments, teacher needs and assessment, resource and budgeting issues, and public/community outreach and awareness.

**ENED 9400 - Designing and Conducting Research in English/Language Arts Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ENED 8310, ENED 8391, 6 hours graduate research courses and permission of the Ed.D. English Education advisor.*

Teacher leaders (graduate students enrolled in the course) will read, analyze, and apply seminal and current research in the field of English/Language Arts Education, and design an applied research study related to English/Language Arts Education in P-12 and/or higher education settings. The project may be one that the teacher leader carries out in a workplace setting or may serve as a pilot study for the dissertation.

**ENED 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program and 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Finance****FIN 8020 - Business Finance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

The study of financial management as it affects the value of the firm in a competitive business environment. The course focuses on capital investment strategies, cost of capital, rate of return,

capital replacement, valuation, and risk taking. The emphasis is on how finance theory translates into practice.

### **FIN 8320 - Advanced Corporate Finance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

An advanced treatment covering both theory and practice of the major financial issues facing non-financial corporations.

### **FIN 8330 - Investment Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

An introduction to the investment characteristics of individual stocks, bonds, and other financial assets. Techniques for analyzing their expected returns and risk, and strategies and techniques for combining them efficiently into portfolios are also studied.

### **FIN 8340 - Fixed Income Securities**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

This course provides students with knowledge of fixed-income markets. The course covers the pricing and risk management of fixed-income securities, and an introduction to fixed-income derivatives. It also covers interest rate management, product fundamentals, and portfolio strategies. This course is a valuable preparation for students interested in taking the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) examination.

### **FIN 8350 - Financial Markets**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

An analysis of the role of financial intermediaries and financial markets in facilitating the efficient financing of economic activity.

### **FIN 8360 - Financial Management of Financial Institutions**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

This course considers the financial decision-making framework related to issues of capital acquisition and allocation faced by major types of financial institutions.

### **FIN 8370 - Multinational Financial Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

An introduction to the concepts, institutions, and financial structure facing multinational firms and the consequent implications for financial decision making in a multi-currency environment.

### **FIN 8380 - Real Property: Analysis and Investment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

An analysis of the risk-return configuration, tax implications, and investment characteristics and uses of real property.

### **FIN 8390 - Futures and Options**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent.*

This course is an introduction to and exploration of futures and options markets. The development and operation of these markets, the description of relevant financial instruments and their pricing and applications are investigated.

**FIN 8900 - Special Topics in Finance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FIN 8020 or equivalent, permission of the instructor, and approval of the MBA program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in finance of interest to faculty and students.

**FIN 9601 - Theory of the Firm and Capital Markets**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Coles DBA program and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This doctoral course focuses on (1) the basics of the theory of the firm, (2) the functioning, structure, and foundations of the theory of capital markets, (3) the theory of investor's choice, price formation, efficient markets, and asset pricing models such as Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), and (4) the implementation and limitations of empirical models of CAPM for students whose research concentration is in accounting or finance.

**FIN 9602 - Empirical Research in Finance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Coles DBA program and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This course exposes students to research issues on contemporary financial reporting and research methodologies, to some extent, employed to examine the issues. The course will focus on capital market studies and the role of accounting information in the formation of capital market prices. The material to be covered is selected from leading journals and related literature.

**FIN 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Coles DBA program, completion of FIN 9601 and FIN 9602, and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic in business. The focus, content, and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor to provide the student in-depth knowledge of a research area within the student's discipline. The culmination of the study will be a research project or literature review resulting in a publishable quality paper.

Note This course is repeatable for up to 9 total credit hours.

**FIN 9650 - Special Topics in Finance**

1-3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles DBA program and permission of the program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in finance of mutual interest to doctoral faculty and doctoral students.

**FIN 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Coles DBA program and completion of FIN 9601 and FIN 9602.*

This course serves as an introduction to writing the dissertation. In this course we focus on a variety of issues including how to pick your topic, developing a research design (including how data is to be collected and what methods are to be employed in analyzing the data), developing a research plan, the structure and design of the Coles DBA dissertation (including how practitioner papers differ from academic papers), writing an introduction, writing a literature review, writing up the methods and findings sections, and writing up a conclusion and implications section. Each topic is introduced through selected papers and students come prepared to present and discuss their own dissertation ideas. The course is conducted in coordination with the course professor and student's research advisor.

**FIN 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Coles DBA program and completion of FIN 9901.*

In this course students defend their dissertation proposal. In addition, a variety of topics are offered to help them complete their dissertations. Students in consultation with their major professor choose appropriate topics. They include experimental, survey, qualitative and secondary data collection methods, methods of data analysis including regression based statistics (including hierarchical regression), ANOVA and structural equation modeling. They also include writing topics such as writing an introduction, writing a literature review, how to write up the methods and findings sections, writing up a conclusion and implications section, and writing a practitioner paper. In prior consultation with their major professor, students choose among the offered topics as well as schedule a time to defend their proposal.

**FIN 9904 - Dissertation Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Coles DBA program, completion of 12 hours of graduate level research courses, and permission of advisor.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers. Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Foreign Language Education****FLED 7703 - Research in Second Language Acquisition**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program (Foreign Languages).*

A survey of second language acquisition theory and current research. This course also explores the cognitive, affective, and biological mechanisms that underlie acquisition and their implications in the classroom. Includes observations of foreign language classrooms in elementary, middle, and high schools.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required for field experience.

**FLED 7708 - Curriculum and Assessment in Foreign Languages**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program (Foreign Languages).*

Examines current best practices in curriculum design and assessment for foreign language learning. Focus is placed on standards-based instructional units and assessments that facilitate P-12 students' achievement of program learning outcomes. The use of technology to support and enhance the curriculum and design assessments that are age and level appropriate is required. Includes observations of foreign language classrooms in elementary, middle, and high schools.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required for field experience.

**FLED 7710 - Teaching Foreign Languages I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FLED 7703 and FLED 7708.*

This course focuses on understanding effective practices for teaching a foreign language to elementary and middle school learners. Students learn how to plan, implement, and sustain a standards-based foreign language program. Course requirements include observations of foreign language classrooms in elementary and middle schools.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required for field experience.

**FLED 7712 - Teaching Foreign Languages II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FLED 7703 and FLED 7708.*

A multidisciplinary study of the migration history and cultural experience of the major Hispanic groups in the United States, including the portrayal of these groups in current events. Requires weekly field experiences.

Note Verification of liability insurance is required.

**FLED 7720 - Foreign Language Education Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 40 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the FLED Graduate Committee.*

This field experience is designed to provide candidates with an intensive classroom experience that includes planning, implementing, assessing, and adjusting instruction appropriate to the needs, abilities, and learning styles of all learners. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they will have the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in previous course work. This course requires approximately 40 hours per week in the field.

Note Verification of Liability Insurance is required.

**FLED 7730 - Foreign Language Education Practicum III**

0 Class Hours 20 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: FLED 7720.*

Corequisite: FLED 7735.

This course is designed to prepare prospective foreign language teachers for development of instructional materials and implementation of effective teaching methods and management techniques. Candidates choose two field placements among elementary, middle and high school levels. This course requires approximately 20 hours per week in the field.

Note Verification of Liability Insurance is required.

**FLED 7735 - Professional Portfolio in Foreign Language Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the FLED graduate committee.*

Corequisite: FLED 7730.

This course is the capstone experience for the Master of Arts in Teaching Foreign Languages. Candidates work independently under the supervision of the course instructor and the Graduate FLED Program Area Committee to design a standards-based electronic portfolio that documents the candidates development as a subject matter expert, a facilitator of learning, and a collaborative professional. The portfolio documents this progress as well as the candidates development as a teacher-researcher through presentation and analysis of the action research project.

**Geography****GEOG 7100 - Geographic Information Systems for Administrators**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course is designed for administrators (not GIS managers) who wish to integrate a geographic information system into the operations of their local agency. Students will be introduced to basic GIS technology, but course emphasis is placed on conceptualizing and understanding how GIS can aid daily operations in administrative capacity. Guest lectures and specific case studies, including, planning and zoning, transportation, utilities, emergency services, taxation, and waste management, will be examined in class. Students at a minimum should be comfortable working in a Windows environment, have some experience working with databases, and be accomplished Internet users (ftp, browsing, etc.). No previous exposure to GIS or mapping is necessary.

**GEOG 7701 - Peoples of the World**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Understanding diversity is the cornerstone of this course, which presents comparisons of human groups throughout the world in a geographic case study format, focusing on cultural, political, economic, and social themes. Students will develop culturally-focused and geographically-based lesson plan strategies and present their research in a seminar format. The use of international resources from academic and local communities adds to the advancement of disciplinary knowledge and cultural awareness.

**GEOG 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Special topics of interest to faculty and students.

**GEOG 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

This course covers special topics external to regular course offerings.

**Gerontology****GERO 6100 - Sociocultural Aspects of Aging**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Focuses on the social and cultural aspects of aging. Topics covered: demographic variables and trends, culture and socialization, social structure (family, politics, religion, work and retirement, education), social problems associated with aging (living arrangements, transportation, crime, abuse, health status, income), diversity among the aged population, issues of conflict, the health care system, programs and services, and death and dying.*

Note Any KSU graduate student may register for these classes. Decisions concerning substitution of one or more of these courses for specific graduate degree requirements are made by the Program Director of the degree program.

**GERO 6200 - Health Care for Older Adults**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

Designed to serve a variety of students who are interested in the health care of the aging adult. This course addresses the normal and psychopathological aspects of aging, treatment regimes, end of life issues, and health promotion strategies within the context of cultural perspectives.

Note Any KSU graduate student may register for these classes. Decisions concerning substitution of one or more of these courses for specific graduate degree requirements are made by the Program Director of the degree program.

**GERO 6300 - Psychology of Aging**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

Psychological perspectives in the field of gerontology are presented. This course covers current psychological theory and research in aging as well as the practical application of these materials. The major topical areas covered include biological, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of aging.

Note Any KSU graduate student may register for these classes. Decisions concerning substitution of one or more of these courses for specific graduate degree requirements are made by the Program Director of the degree program.

## Graduate Business Administration

### **GBA 7005 - Team Development and Orientation Residency.**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Executive MBA for Families in Business program; completion of assigned computer tutorials; completion of self-assessment instruments.*

Our innovative Team Retreat is designed to introduce students to basic teamwork skills as well as computer and analysis tools necessary for successful performance. Both during and after the residency, communication and collaboration between and among faculty and associates is facilitated by use of a distance learning platform. Significant attention is dedicated to this collaboration application as it represents one-third of the total number of contact hours between faculty and associates each semester.

### **GBA 7010 - Institutional Excellence.**

9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 9 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: GBA 7005*

This course examines topics that form the basis for determining institutional excellence. The Lotus Notes/Learning Space distance learning platform continues to be incorporated this semester. The use of this technology serves as an extension of in-class time by providing associates the ability to discuss, with fellow associates and faculty, readings and issues pertaining to each on-campus weekend.

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### **GBA 7020 - Business Excellence.**

11 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 11 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: GBA 7010*

This course examines topics that form the basis for determining business excellence. The Lotus Notes/Learning Space distance learning platform continues to be incorporated this semester. The use of this technology serves as an extension of in-class time by providing associates the ability to discuss, with fellow associates and faculty, readings and issues pertaining to each on-campus weekend.

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### **GBA 7030 - Product/Service Excellence**

9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 9 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: GBA 7020.*

This course examines topics that form the basis for determining product/service excellence. The Lotus Notes/Learning Space distance learning platform continues to be incorporated this semester. The use of this technology serves as an extension of in-class time by providing associates the ability to discuss, with fellow associates and faculty, readings and issues pertaining to each on-campus weekend.

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### **GBA 7036 - Best Practices Residency**

4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This residential course is designed to provide associates a field study experience in industry specific business processes and best practices, focusing on organizations whose practices are recognized as "best in class." Associates prepare a field study portfolio to demonstrate an understanding of the role of the "best practice" in each organization. The Lotus Notes/Learning Space distance learning platform continues to be incorporated during this residency allowing faculty and associates the ability to share/exchange ideas and viewpoints garnered from the week's activities.

**GBA 7040 - Decision Making and Professional Development**

9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 9 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: GBA 7030.*

This course examines topics that form the basis for demonstrating excellence through decision making and individual professional development. The Lotus Notes/Learning Space distance learning platform continues to be incorporated this semester. The use of this technology serves as an extension of in-class time by providing associates the ability to discuss, with fellow associates and faculty, readings and issues pertaining to each on-campus weekend.

**GBA 721 I - Business Acumen Foundations**

3-6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3-6 Credit Hours

As the inaugural course for the Executive MBA program, this course covers certain business acumen foundations needed to support learning throughout the program, with a focus on developing basic knowledge and skills associated with identifying and using information that serves as the basis for managerial planning and control. Students are introduced to the fundamentals of economics, finance, accounting, and statistics, as well as selected common techniques for financial analysis, planning, forecasting, and managing. The course is centered on critical skills and knowledge required of managers at all levels to effectively understand and employ basic analytical tools, while also learning how they support business strategy and leadership principles.

**GBA 7212 - Principles of Leadership**

Today most experts agree that the degree to which organizations effectively compete—and in many cases, succeed or fail—is determined by how effectively they apply both business acumen and teamwork. A manager’s ability to work “smart” and interact effectively within a team setting will significantly determine her personal success in any career. In addition to its focus on leadership principles, it also introduces the student to the foundations of lifelong learning, the role and impact of personality on team dynamics, the principles of coaching, and the basic building blocks of high performance teams.

**GBA 7221 - Business Strategy & Analysis for Executive Decision Making**

6-9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6-9 Credit Hours

The fundamental challenge self-imposed on any business is the development and implementation of a sound business model and strategy. Those that succeed are also characterized by in-depth competencies in financial and operational analysis to support other competencies inherent in their human capital assets. This course provides the foundational techniques and models for sound business strategy development and management, and introduces the student to several of the traditional tools, methodologies, and techniques employed in the areas of accounting, finance, marketing/sales, and operations for decision-making.

**GBA 7222 - The Business of Teaming and Coaching**

This course sets the stage for understanding the unique dynamics of working collaboratively with people by understanding the differences in how people think, learn, and behave. It also covers teaming in a business environment, the effective use of oral and written communications, and interpersonal transactional analysis. Students are given several opportunities to apply the principles covered in the course in a simulated, interactive teaming environment, equipping them with the critical knowledge and skills required of any successful manager, at any level, to work effectively with others to assure that business results are achieved.

**GBA 723 I - The Enterprise Value Chain**

3-6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2-4 Credit Hours

All organizations operate as a complex system of integrated business processes, specific activities dependent on the availability of sufficient financial and human capital. The degree to which an organization’s performance incrementally improves is generally directly related to the degree to which its processes change in response to opportunities for improvement. This course provides an in-depth examination of the business processes commonly associated with an enterprise’s value chain, as well as with general project management, and introduces the student to traditional business process improvement methodologies.

**GBA 7232 - Managing Human Capital**

3-6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2-4 Credit Hours

Human capital is the fuel that runs the engine of the business enterprise; without it, a business is nothing more than an idle collection of products and/or services. Attracting and retaining the best employees, and effectively managing employee performance and reward and recognition programs, are crucial to optimizing an enterprise's human capital business model. This course covers several of the critical skills, knowledge, and abilities required of managers at all levels to be able to effectively manage human capital assets, and explores in depth the strategic partnership role of the Human Resources function in an organization. A special section covers post-merger workforce integration.

**GBA 7233 - Personal and Professional Development Planning**

2-4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2-4 Credit Hours

In today's business environment, self-reflection and continuous personal planning are important leadership skills. Naturally, managers who master these skills are more likely to achieve personal career goals, but they are also more likely to produce superior business outcomes for the organizations which employ them. This course includes the creation of a Personal Plan of Action and introduces the student to the practice of journaling as a method of critical reflection around career-related topics. The latter is integrated into personal coaching sessions to help the student deepen reflection and understanding of the unique and individual aspects of his/her personal and professional life. Most of the instructional activity for this course is delivered in a combination of a "virtual classroom" environment (using a technology unique to the Executive MBA program) and private in-person meetings with a member of the faculty who specializes in career coaching.

**GBA 7241 - Experiencing Business in a Global Environment**

6-9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6-9 Credit Hours

Rapid and persistent advances in technology, along with constantly improving efficiencies in transportation and logistics, have created unprecedented opportunity for global market access amidst an ever-changing landscape of country-specific cultural, political, legal, and economic infrastructures. This course discusses the global-scale issues faced by today's multi-national corporations, with a special focus on developing the personal knowledge and skills needed to compete effectively in this environment. Topics include the international aspects of accounting, finance, marketing, economics, and law.

A focal point of the course is an integrated co-learning experience with students from one of the largest Executive MBA-only educational institutions in Eastern Europe, known as ASEBUSS, which is located in Bucharest, Romania. Students and faculty travel to Romania and London to join students from ASEBUSS in the initiation of a team project focused on a wide range of international business practices. The project is ultimately concluded in the U.S. when the same ASEBUSS students travel to Atlanta seven months later. In the interim, the joint student teams work virtually using remote collaboration technologies.

**GBA 7242 - International Leadership and Collaboration**

6-9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6-9 Credit Hours

Working effectively in multi-national business enterprises and, specifically, multi-cultural teams, requires an understanding of some unique dynamics associated with this environment. This course is designed to allow students to learn and practice the skills needed to work collaboratively with people from multiple countries by understanding the differences in national and regional cultures and business practices norms. By integrating with the special joint activities in GBA7251 with students from ASEBUSS in Bucharest, Romania, U.S. students experience international virtual teaming, the role of emotional intelligence and interpersonal transactional analysis in inter-cultural collaboration, and the nuances of international leadership models.

**GBA 725 I - Application of Business Acumen and Leadership**

6-9 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6-9 Credit Hours

This course is the capstone course of the Executive MBA program, integrating the principles, methodologies, techniques, and skills covered in the overall program. As a comprehensive practicum, the course covers application of the business acumen, leadership, teaming, and coaching topics developed extensively in prior program courses. In addition, several closing topics in specialized areas such as executive compensation, business taxation, corporate governance, and other ever-changing contemporary issues facing managers today are included in the course curriculum.

**GBA 7253 - Managing Your Career. Credit hours**

2-4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2-4 Credit Hours

Career management involves identifying, pursuing, and maintaining one's personal ideal work environment – the type of business in which one is engaged, the places where one performs their work, the work colleagues with whom one interacts, and one's specific work responsibilities and activities. Virtually nothing in the world of work is perfectly stable, so continuous monitoring of these factors is critical to personal career satisfaction. In conjunction with GBA7233, this course enables implementation of a student's Personal Plan of Action via a combination of a "virtual classroom" environment (using a technology platform unique to the Executive MBA program) and private in-person meetings with a member of the faculty who specializes in career coaching.

**GBA 7314 - Telecommunications Public Policy**

4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

The telecommunications industry works in a very political arena, both at federal and state level. This course gives the historical background to present telecommunication regulation, present day regulatory issues, the methods to affect political decisions (including lobbying), and future trends and forecasts.

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**GBA 734 I - Business in a Global Environment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

Rapid and persistent advances in technology, along with constantly improving efficiencies in transportation and logistics, have created unprecedented opportunity for global market access amidst an ever-changing landscape of country-specific cultural, political, legal, and economic infrastructures. This course discusses the global-scale issues faced by today's multi-national corporations, with a special focus on developing the personal knowledge and skills needed to compete effectively in this environment. Topics include the international aspects of accounting, finance, marketing, economics, and law.

**GBA 7344 - Quality Management**

5 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 5 Credit Hours

Excellent execution is what separates great organizations from good organizations. This course teaches the basic principles of quality management, so that participants can ensure that processes at their organizations can achieve their organization's goals effectively and efficiently. After successful completion of the course, participants are awarded a Six Sigma Green Belt certificate.

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**GBA 8095 - International Internship**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Completion of at least 18 hours of 8000-level MBA courses; must be approved by the MBA program academic coordinator; no internship work can be completed in the student's country of legal residence or country of origin.*

A supervised three-credit hour work experience of one academic semester with a previously approved business firm or governmental agency substitutes for one elective.

Note A research paper is required to receive credit. The course will be graded on a satisfactory or unsatisfactory (S/U) basis.

**GBA 8950 - Special Projects in Business and Accounting**

1-3 (Repeatable not to exceed 6 semester hours) Credit Hours

Corequisite: Must be approved by academic coordinator and selected instructor.

Special projects for students who wish to pursue advanced work on a particular subject in a specialized area.

**Graduate Teaching****GRAD 9001 - College and University Teaching**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Current graduate student status.*

This course introduces students to effective pedagogical skills and is designed to prepare Graduate Teaching Assistants for their duties. Topics include understanding how students learn, creating active learning environments, using formative and summative assessments, grading, handling problematic student behavior, responding to student diversity, designing courses and syllabi, and creating teaching philosophies.

**History****HIST 7710 - Local History Research and Resources**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Candidates will gain a working knowledge of local historical resources and will examine what history is and the processes used by historians in interpreting and uncovering the past. They will build individual skills in these processes through the researching and writing of a term paper on a local topic using primary materials. Candidates will also explore strategies to incorporate local history into their classrooms; to increase their own and their students' civic awareness and involvement; to teach critical thinking skills; to facilitate the learning of history by use of local examples; and, to use local history to illustrate or challenge major viewpoints about both Georgia and national history.

**HIST 7720 - Continuity and Change in Selected Nation/State**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

An examination of the development of a particular nation/state including its relative place in the world. Themes will include economic and political systems, social structures, belief systems, population and migration, and environmental and geographic influences. Candidates will read selected works and consider teaching applications for engaging adolescents and young adults in responding to and interpreting a variety of sources.

**HIST 7730 - Minorities in America**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

An examination of the roles minorities have played in the development of America. Special attention will be given to racial, ethnic, and political minorities. Included will be the ways family, economic, and political issues have affected peoples of different ethnic and racial groups and how to make ethnic diversity a source of unity rather than divisiveness in our civic culture. Emphasis is placed on the use of a variety of resources that speak from diverse perspectives. Candidates will develop strategies for incorporating issues of diversity and social understanding in their classrooms.

**HIST 7740 - Economy and Society**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course will examine major themes in the history of economic thought. Students will read selected works by and about the major theorists and their times and consider teaching applications for engaging adolescents and young adults in understanding and responding to economic theory and content.

**HIST 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

**HIST 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature.

Note The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Inclusive Education****INED 7705 - Legal and Educational Foundations for Diverse Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT SPED or M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program.*

This hybrid course focuses on understanding laws, policies and procedures, as well as current legal trends and issues that impact both students with disabilities and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Emphasis is placed on eligibility procedures, providing services, and the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Professional ethics as it relates to diverse students are addressed. Candidates will also develop basic understanding of educational research paradigms.

**INED 7715 - Characteristics of Diverse Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT or M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program*

This hybrid course examines the characteristics of exceptional learners by exploring the cognitive, psychological, sociological and medical aspects of high incidence disabilities as well as learners who are culturally and linguistically diverse. Current research-based best practices will

be introduced within the context of how the brain learns. The course will explore the prevalence, identification procedures, causes, characteristics, educational/instructional considerations and assessment strategies relating to mild disabilities including autism.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required for clinical placement.

### **INED 7720 - Positive Behavior Management Strategies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT M.Ed. program in Special Education/Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program.*

The focus of this course is for candidates to develop skills in implementing proactive strategies for positive behavior management. The basic application of school-wide positive behavior support strategies (e.g., RtI), functional behavioral assessment, creating a positive classroom environment, using classroom positive behavior support strategies, and cultural influences on student behavior will provide the course's framework. Candidates will learn and apply research-based principles and strategies through the development of an application project while working in the field with one or more students with challenging behaviors.

### **INED 7725 - Education of Students with Severe Disabilities**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program. INED 7715 and INED 7740.*

This course focuses on a systematic analysis of the physical, affective, behavioral and educational problems of individuals with severe disabilities (intellectual and behavioral). There is an emphasis on etiological, perceptual motor, language and functional academic aspects of the problems with consideration for parental involvement in the educational process. It addresses age-appropriate curriculum, community-based instruction and adaptive and assistive technology.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

### **INED 7730 - Assessment of Diverse Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT or M.Ed. program or graduate add-on program.*

This course focuses on assessment practices aligned with legislative demands in special education. Candidates develop competencies in administration, development, and interpretation of norm-referenced, criterion-referenced, curriculum-based, observation, checklists/rating scales, authentic and informal assessments. Special emphasis is placed upon completion of case studies to apply progress monitoring skills to address academic and behavioral levels of students with disabilities and/or who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

### **INED 7731 - Assessment of English Language Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. or MAT program.*

This course focuses on the process of testing/assessing students' language proficiency and achievement in P-12 classrooms. Candidates develop competencies in administration and interpretation of norm-referenced tests and development, administration and interpretation of criterion-referenced, curriculum-based, observation, checklist/rating scale, and informal assessments.

### **INED 7735 - The Law and It's Impact on Programs for Diverse Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program in Special Education. EXC 7705 and EDUC 7700.*

This course focuses on the laws protecting the students with disabilities and English language learners as well as their families. Particular emphasis will be placed upon how the law translates to daily practices for teachers and school leaders. As part of the study, candidates will analyze of research data, federal and state law, rules of the Georgia State School Board, summaries of legal decisions, etc.

**INED 7740 - Advanced Behavior Strategies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program. INED 7720.*

This course focuses on the advanced application of the principles of applied behavior analysis, functional analysis, classroom ecology, and positive behavior support for the challenging behaviors of students with more significant disabilities and/or severe emotional or psychiatric disorders. This course will also focus on the use of single subject research methodology in designing and evaluating behavior interventions. Students will apply these principles through the development of an action research project using a single subject design.

**INED 7741 - Educational Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. in Inclusive Education or MAT in TESOL.*

Candidates develop a basic understanding of educational research paradigms including qualitative, quantitative and action research designs. Candidates also gain expertise in reading, analyzing, critiquing and synthesizing research in each of the three research paradigms. Additionally, candidates design and prepare to conduct an action research project focused on improving student learning in their own P-12 classrooms or schools. Major topics include but are not limited to validity, reliability, generalizability, data collection and analysis, ethical guidelines and Institutional Review Board (IRB) processes and procedures.

**INED 7745 - Social Skills Strategies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program. INED 7720 and INED 7740.*

This course focuses on means of reducing inappropriate behaviors through a multifaceted pro-social skills curricula.

**INED 7746 - Models of Development and Procedures for Assessment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Preschool/Inclusive Education Add-on Program.*

This course focuses on the physical, sensory, affective, behavioral, language and cognitive development of infants and children. There is an emphasis on the etiological, sociological, medical and intervention effects on both typical and atypical development. Issues concerning procedures for formal and informal assessment are stressed. The importance of collaborating with families as partners through a family-centered approach is also emphasized. Clinical applications in a field site are included.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required for placement.

**INED 7747 - Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Curricular Design and Methods of Intervention**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Preschool/Inclusive Education Add-on Program.*

This course focuses on developmentally appropriate and developmentally different practices for infants and preschool children with disabilities. Accommodations for appropriate settings, parental and/or family involvement and collaboration with other professionals are emphasized.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

**INED 7748 - Language Learning & Emergent Literacy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Preschool/Inclusive Education Add-on Program.*

The development and interaction of oral, written and social language are presented. Students will learn ways to access and enhance oral and social language development in infants and

preschool children with disabilities. The effect of cultural context and different language backgrounds will be addressed.

### **INED 7750 - Language, Power, and Pedagogy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. or MAT programs.*

This course is designed to engage candidates in critically examining a) the role of language and the implications of language policy on educational discourse, b) the nature and power of culture in the performance of students, c) the cultural context of children's lives in school, including values, worldviews, and language, d) how children can be misidentified, misunderstood, mislabeled, and misplaced because of language differences, e) institutional and structural discrimination in educational settings, f) the education related challenges culturally and linguistically diverse families experience, and g) pedagogical benefits of bilingualism.

### **INED 7760 - Curriculum Development for Diverse Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. and MAT programs.*

This course prepares candidates to develop core curriculum that is universal in design (UDL) and based on research-based practices to meet the varied needs of all students, including students with disabilities and English learners in the Response to Intervention (RTI) Tier 1 general education classroom. The proposed curriculum model utilizes the Georgia Performance Standards, includes the framework of Backwards Design (UbD) and integrates UDL, SIOP, differentiated and culturally responsive instructional principles, and built in accommodations and modifications.

### **INED 7770 - Psychoneurological and Medical Issues in Inclusive Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program. INED 7715 and INED 7730.*

This course focuses on the psychological, neurological, and medical bases of learning and behavioral differences exhibited by exceptional students. The link between psychological, neurological, and medical differences and performance in school will be explored to identify differential programming needs for these students. Multi-disciplinary collaboration, service coordination and preparation for addressing medical needs within the classroom setting will be emphasized.

### **INED 7780 - Collaborative Practices**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. Program.*

This course is designed to assist candidates in developing culturally responsive collaborative, communicative, and consultative skills necessary for working with diverse families, school and community personnel, and others to facilitate delivery of appropriate research-based instruction and services for diverse learners. Emphasis is placed on developing skills and dispositions to build and sustain effective family partnerships. Candidates will participate in a field experience focused on developing and implementing a co-taught lesson plan as well as a family needs assessment.

### **INED 7781 - Cultural Issues for ESOL Teachers**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed., MAT, or ESOL endorsement program.*

This course is designed to develop a knowledge base about culture, its influence on learning and teaching, and its role in intercultural classroom settings. In this course, prospective ESOL teachers will examine major theories related to educating a culturally diverse student body, and teachers will develop strategies for ensuring that ESOL students develop knowledge of mainstream culture as they become proficient in English.

**INED 7782 - Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teacher**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed., MAT, or ESOL endorsement program.*

Principles of linguistic systems and their acquisition as they occur in first and second languages. Candidates will explore the relationship of oral and written language and become familiar with assessment techniques and devices for evaluation of the development of English as an additional language.

**INED 7783 - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed., MAT, or ESOL endorsement program and INED 7781, and INED 7782.*

In this course, prospective ESOL teachers will develop skills in writing, adapting, and implementing curricula; critiquing and selecting materials, and applying strategies for teaching reading, writing, speaking and listening to speakers of other languages based upon English language proficiency level and development. This course also includes a supervised field experience. If the candidate is employed, the practicum may be conducted on-the-job. If not, the site of the teaching experience must be organized through the Office of Field Experiences in the BCOE.

Note Successful completion of this course is required in order to continue in the MAT and M.Ed. programs in TESOL.

**INED 7790 - Documenting Professional Growth**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Department approval.*

This course provides support for Master of Education or Masters of Arts in Teaching candidates in completing and presenting their professional portfolio to document their professional growth. Candidates work with a portfolio committee to organize reflections about their growth including: highlighting pivotal KSU learning experiences, reflecting on changes in practice, integrating research and practice, and relating these to the growth of their students. Outcomes will include an on-line portfolio and a multi-media presentation summarizing their portfolio to be completed at least three weeks before their graduation date.

Note May be repeated. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

**INED 7950 - Directed Study**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, and department chair.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature. The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**INED 7965 - MAT Special Education Practicum II**

1 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program. Successful completion of all prior required courses.*

This course is designed to prepare prospective special education teachers for development of instructional materials and implementation of effective teaching methods and management techniques. Candidates will be placed in two different supervised field placements among elementary, middle, and high school levels. This course requires approximately 15 hours per week in the field, verification of liability insurance, and a weekly hour-long seminar where candidates will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on their teaching experiences.

**INED 7970 - Special Education Practicum III**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT or M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or graduate inclusive education add-on program. Completion of all other requirements in the Inclusive Education Program. Approval of the department chair. For M.Ed.-Contracted employment teaching individuals with mild disabilities.*

This supervised clinical experience is designed to provide candidates with a full-time classroom experience. Candidates will be placed in an appropriate school setting where they will have the opportunity to apply and practice concepts addressed in previous courses. Candidates must pass this course in order to graduate. This course requires approximately 35 hours per week in the field, verification of liability insurance, and bi-weekly seminars to reflect upon teaching, action research, and present their professional portfolio.

Note This course may be repeated, if competencies are not met. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to beginning this course.

**INED 7980 - MAT TESOL Practicum**

0 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed., MAT, or ESOL Endorsement Program and INED 7783.*

This field experience is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in INED 7783, INED 7760 and INED 7780. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they carry out directed activities. Candidates spend approximately eighteen hours per week in classrooms with ELLs. Proof of liability insurance is required. Includes seminar or conference discussion of problems encountered and presentation of an approved study conducted during the experience.

**INED 7981 - TESOL Internship**

0 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3(S/Upgrades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to M.Ed. or MAT TESOL programs. Completion of all other program requirements or with approval of department chair.*

This course constitutes a full-time supervised teaching experience for candidates seeking an M.Ed. or MAT in TESOL. If the candidate is employed, the internship may be conducted on-the-job. If not, the internship site must be organized through the Office of Field Experiences in the BCOE. This course may be repeated one time, if competencies are not met. Candidates must pass this course in order to graduate.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required.

**INED 8305 - Critical Issues in Administering Special Education Programs**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course prepares special education administrators for organizational leadership by building their capacity to develop relationship with families and community agencies, improve student performance on the GPS, improve special education processes and procedures, build a professional learning community, make data-based decisions and effectively manage the operations. Candidates will be required to access Galileo, multiple websites and selected readings from the research. (For those who are otherwise qualified, successful completion of this course may lead to an endorsement as special education administrator.)

**INED 8310 - Inclusive Policies and Practices in Special Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course assists school leaders in developing their skills in distributed leadership, particularly in terms of managing large scale change. Class discussion focuses upon the federal and state laws and policies for general and special education in the key areas of accountability, assessment, curriculum, funding, professional development and governance and how they translate into daily practice at the district and local level. Secondly, the course assists aspiring school

leaders with basic collaborative strategies to implement policy at the local levels through shared governance and site-based management. (For those who are otherwise qualified, successful completion of this course may lead to an endorsement as special education administrator.)

### **INED 8315 - Supervision, Mentoring and Collegial Coaching in Special Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Inclusive Education/ESOL Ed.D. Program.*

This course assists aspiring supervisors in developing skills in distributed leadership, particularly in terms of effectively providing support, guidance and feedback to teachers, paraprofessionals and related services practitioners in their respective areas of expertise. Competencies are couched in effective collaboration, communication and collegial coaching aimed at increasing the outcomes for students with disabilities. This course ultimately prepares supervisors with the strategies to assist teachers in reaching the level of master teacher, one who routinely implements validated practices and engages in on-going professional development through classroom-based action research. (For those who are otherwise qualified, successful completion of this course may lead to an endorsement as special education administrator.)

### **INED 8320 - Special Education Administrative Internship**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Inclusive Education/ESOL Ed.D. Program.*

This class provides practical experience in the application of distributive school leadership (DSL) in an on-the-job setting. Depending upon the type of internship, candidates will be expected to successfully demonstrate all types of DSL in varying degrees. Candidates will effectively conduct administrative processes and procedures; develop their staff; demonstrate an understanding of reform in curriculum, assessment and instruction; act as a data-based change agent on critical issues and develop positive relationships among members of the staff, colleagues and families and other community members. Implementation of a school improvement project related to the education of students with disabilities is required. (For those who are otherwise qualified, successful completion of this course may lead to an endorsement as special education administrator.)

### **INED 8325 - Creating Culturally Responsive Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Inclusive Education/ESOL Ed.D. Program.*

School practices that have significantly impacted the academic achievement of all students and issues such as equitable access to academic opportunities will also be explored. The course focuses on theories and research-based, culturally responsive education practices essential for creating school environments that promote success for all students in an increasingly diverse school environment. Ultimately, candidates will be engaged in a distributive leadership focus, allowing their leadership potential to be developed and recognized as they effect change in curriculum, assessment and instruction as well as the relationship dynamics within the school.

### **INED 8330 - Creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into the Inclusive Education/ESOL Ed.D. program.*

Candidates will gain a clear understanding of how to plan and deliver culturally responsive instruction that closes the achievement gap for students with disabilities, as well as those who are culturally and linguistically diverse. The course focuses on the culture of the classroom and addresses discourse structure, applied behavior analysis, classroom ecologies, research-based applications, and action research. Candidates will participate in distributed school leadership that will allow leadership potential to be developed and recognized. In that regard, candidates will demonstrate the ability to reform classroom organization and structures to improve the performance of their students.

### **INED 8340 - Planning, Implementing & Assessing Instruction for Diverse Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Inclusive Education/ESOL Ed.D. Program.*

This course focuses on providing opportunities for candidates to plan, implement, and assess instructional activities in diverse settings. Candidates will examine the foundations of education and diversity of special pupil populations with an emphasis on the value and structure of the integrated general classroom as it relates to the identification of learning needs of students with emotional, cognitive, physical, sensory and multiple disabilities. Case Study Analysis will be employed. Distributed School Leadership (DSL) roles will be embedded in the course to give candidates an opportunity to recognize their potential to improve the learning and performance of students and teachers.

### **INED 8350 - Increasing Achievement of Diverse Learners Through Practical Application**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Inclusive Education/ESOL Ed.D. program and INED 8340.*

The goal of the course is threefold: (1) to examine the professional research and theory on instructional design for inclusive classrooms; (2) to demonstrate the ability to design curriculum; and instruction for such settings; and (3) and to apply this body of knowledge and skills in a P-12 setting. Distributed School Leadership (DSL) roles will be embedded in the course to give candidates an opportunity to recognize their potential for leadership by engaging in reform of curriculum, assessment and instruction.

### **INED 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Ed.S./Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning as they apply to students with disabilities and/or those who are culturally and/or linguistically diverse.

### **INED 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning, particularly as they apply to students with disabilities and/or those who are culturally and/or linguistically diverse. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

### **INED 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

## Information Systems

### IS 8005 - Informatics

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the program director.

This course will provide students with a study of the application of computer and statistical techniques to the management of information, and the science and art of turning data into information. This course requires the student to further refine technical research and authoring skills, report writing and presentations, computer-based statistical analyses and information organization and presentation.

Note This course is required of all MSIS students in their first semester.

### IS 8020 - Object-Oriented Software Development Methods and Technologies

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.

Current technologies and practices of object-oriented software engineering. Topics include data structures, design optimization, file and stream processing, templates, inheritance and reusability.

### IS 8040 - Data Communication Theory and Practice

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.

Overview of the principles of data communication including protocols, communication software, switching, networks design and management practices, and network implementation projects.

### IS 8050 - Project Management Methods

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.

Application of project management principles to Information Systems projects. Topics include project planning and estimation techniques, management of JAD projects, budgeting, concurrent project management strategies, managing project relationship with IT customers, and controlling project risks. Project Management software will be used to facilitate team projects and project reporting.

### IS 8060 - Information Systems Development Methods and Technologies

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* IS 8005.

This course examines the Systems Development Life Cycle and the technologies used to implement high-quality information systems. A variety of modeling techniques will be used by students to articulate client requirements and convert them into implementable specifications. Prototyping and methodology engineering will be covered.

### IS 8080 - Database Application Design and Implementation

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.

This course examines contemporary strategies for the design and implementation of applications supported by back-end database systems. Topics include data administration, data mining, user-interface design, reporting, data integrity issues, and distributed databases. Relational and object-oriented technologies are covered.

### IS 8100 - Advanced IT Project Management

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* Admission to the MSIS program or permission of the program director.

Implementation and reflection of project management principles for Information Systems projects. Students will analyze case studies and readings that address project risk management,

project portfolio management, project management for global teams, integrated project teams, and virtual project teams. Project management software will be used to facilitate team projects and project reporting.

### **IS 8110 - Information Security Administration**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

Examination of current Standards of Due Care and Best Business Practices in Information Security. Includes examination of security technologies, methodologies, and practices. Focus is on evaluation and selection of optimal security posture. Topics include evaluation of security models, risk assessment, threat analysis, organizational technology evaluation, security implementation, disaster recovery planning and security policy formulation and implementation.

### **IS 8112 - Information Security Technologies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8040.*

Detailed examinations of the application of technical controls to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and information assets. Includes tools, techniques and technologies in the protection of information from internal and external threats. Topics covered include: firewall configurations, hardening operating systems, intrusion detection systems and virtual private networks.

### **IS 8120 - Human Computer Interface Design**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate director.*

The human-computer interface models the ways in which humans use and react to computer systems. Topics: help systems, interaction styles, visual design principles, user interface prototyping, and human factor analysis.

### **IS 8130 - Query Languages**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8080.*

This course will provide students with in-depth understanding of SQL from the Oracle perspective. Additional topics will include SQL\*Plus and PL/SQL. Objectives for the course will be organized around the Oracle certification exam for SQL and PL/SQL.

Note The class will include a hands-on lab.

### **IS 8200 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIS program or permission of the program director.*

This course is a case based survey of contemporary legal and ethical issues faced by IS professionals. Topics include a review of applicable statutes and regulations that impact the IS organization. Students will conduct on-line research and explore ethical issues at the leading edge of the organization's technology frontiers.

### **IS 8300 - Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Planning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIS program or permission of the program director.*

A detailed study of strategic and tactical planning for non-standard operations resulting from events beyond the organization's control. Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning prepares the student to develop and execute plans to enable the organization to recover operations and continue critical business functions in the event of a disaster. This course includes an overview of incident response planning as a possible precursor to Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity and also examines Crisis Management planning.

**IS 8400 - Enterprise Process Models**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIS program or permission of the program director.*

Modern information systems contain many vendor-supplied components that must be selected, integrated, tested, and installed. This course analyzed current practices in systems integration, including enterprise resource planning (ERP), supply chain management (SCM), customer relationship management (CRM), and data integration. Further, this course explores the impact of enterprise models on work practices and the role of systems in transforming global organizations and markets.

**IS 8500 - Emerging Technologies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8005 or permission of the program director.*

This course addresses emerging technologies, how they evolve, how to identify them, and the effect of international, political, social, economic, and cultural factors on them. This course describes the business impacts of disruptive technologies, international perspectives on emerging technologies, and forecasting methodologies, such as monitoring, expert opinion, trend analysis, and scenario construction.

**IS 8600 - Global IS Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8005 or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the concepts and issues inherent in global/international IT. The global IS economy is characterized by an environment where customer and supplier organizations can buy or sell IS products and services from/to anywhere on the globe. This new environment is largely fostered by the spread of the Internet, global software development standards, global software packages, and fewer trade restrictions, U.S. organizations now regularly source software development, software maintenance, systems upgrades, platform transitions, help desks, and other IS-related work globally. In this course, students will use case studies and readings to analyze, interpret, and discuss companies that compete in the global IT environment.

**IS 8622 - Network Implementation and Security**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8040.*

Design, implementation and security of small-scale computer networks that support the organization's applications. Contemporary commercial systems will be evaluated and installed. Administration, maintenance, and security issues are explored.

**IS 8625 - Advanced Data Communications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8040.*

The course provides coverage of advanced data communications topics. Topics include inter-networking concepts, core data link, network, transport and application level TCP/IP protocols, and general concepts regarding wireless technologies.

**IS 8628 - Internetworking Technologies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8040.*

This course examines the integration of Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN) networking environments. The course also addresses key protocols, hardware, software and networking components. Topics include: router and switch operations, Internet gateway and firewall configuration, client/server systems and internetworking security.

**IS 8700 - Information Systems Policy and Strategy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8005.*

A capstone course, which integrates the program's coursework into comprehensive, IS policies and procedures, which support the organization's mission. Students will review and evaluate actual corporate IS strategies in a case-study format.

**IS 8722 - e-Business Systems Strategy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

This course focuses on business process redesign and change management in the context of e-business. Topics include impact of e-business on business models, channel relationships and the value chain, integration of emerging technologies with legacy systems, functional and inter-organizational integration, and transaction cost issues. Applications include supply and selling chain management, customer relation management, enterprise resource planning, e-procurement, and knowledge tone applications.

**IS 8724 - e-Business Technologies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

This course focuses on core e-business technologies. Topics include risk management, Internet protocols and security standards, cryptography and authentication, firewalls, electronic payment systems and intelligent agents. Students will conduct an analysis of infrastructure components from functional and management perspectives.

**IS 8726 - e-Business Systems Solution**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

This course focuses on analysis, design, development and deployment of e-business solutions by investigating business problems and examining emerging technologies and evolving e-business system solutions including composite applications, knowledge management systems, portals, decision support systems and business intelligence. Case study analysis will be heavily employed.

**IS 8800 - IT Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: IS 8005 or permission of the program director.*

This course focuses on the IT leadership of an overall organizational system consisting of the enterprise itself, the IS function and its role in using IT and information assets to support the organization, and the information technology architecture. Basic concepts of the leader, follower, and situation that influence IT decision-making are discussed. The role of the CIO within the organization is also discussed.

**IS 8822 - Information Systems Integration**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

Modern information systems contain many purchased components, which must be selected, integrated, tested, and installed. This course addresses the skills required to develop system RFPs, evaluate and manage contracts and contractors, testing methodologies, installation planning, and outsourcing.

**IS 8826 - Information Technology Services**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

Design and management of the service functions performed by the Information Systems orga-

nization. Topics include: Managing help desks, customer support, training end users, developing professional development programs for IS employees, documentation management, and marketing IT products. Internal and external clients are considered.

### **IS 8900 - Special Topics in Information Systems**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Must be approved by graduate program director.*

Exploration of selected contemporary topics of interest to the student and sponsoring faculty.

Note Can be repeated for credit.

### **IS 8910 - Special Projects in Information Systems**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Must be approved by graduate program director.*

Special projects and/or thesis option for students who wish to pursue advanced work on a particular subject in a specialized area.

Note Can be repeated for credit.

### **IS 8916 - Cooperative Education**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Must be approved by graduate program director.*

### **IS 8918 - Internship**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Must be approved by graduate program director.*

### **IS 8920 - IT Customer Relationship Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIS program or permission of the program director.*

In this course, applications such as customer relationship management, enterprise resource planning, and supply chain management in the context of e-business are explored. Business cases are an integral part of this coursework, and provide real-world contexts for the exploration and understandings of the strategic objectives, sources of revenue, core competencies, market competitiveness, critical success factors, and IT infrastructures required for successful implementation of e-business initiatives.

### **IS 8930 - Information Security Administration**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Full admission to the MSIS program or permission of the graduate program director.*

Examination of current Standards of Due Care and Best Business Practices in Information Security. Includes examination of security technologies, methodologies and practices. Focus is on evaluation and selection of optimal security posture. Topics include evaluation of security models, risk assessment, threat analysis, organizational technology evaluation, security implementation, disaster recovery planning and security policy formulation and implementation.

## **Instructional Technology**

### **ITEC 7305 - Data Analysis and School Improvement**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

In this course, educators will learn to utilize data to identify school improvement needs and make informed decisions in effectuating change. The ultimate goal of this course is to produce

educational leaders who effectively collect, analyze, and use data to improve schools through successfully demonstrated change models. In this course, educators will learn to systemically collect and analyze multiple sources of data to identify improvement needs, determine an effective response, monitor and correct progress, and demonstrate success to stakeholders. Additionally, students will learn to drive and sustain change in a collegial environment, culminating in students' understanding of, and ability to use, a wide range of applicable leadership practices. Finally, students will learn a variety of technology tools to use for data analysis. They will also learn a variety of Web 2.0 tools to facilitate school communication.

### **ITEC 7400 - 21st Century Teaching and Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course introduces candidates to the technologies most commonly purchased by school districts and explores technology-supported, research-based pedagogical strategies to maximize student learning in the candidate's certification field. Candidates will apply current research and instructional design principles to digital age learning experiences for students using interactive white boards, student response systems, instructional software and other frequently-purchased productivity tools.

### **ITEC 7410 - Instructional Technology Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course is designed to develop instructional technology leaders who are knowledgeable and skilled in technology leadership practices that improve student learning and school operations in PreK-12 schools. It addresses skills and competencies necessary for the support and assessment of national technology standards for teachers and administrators; technology planning (national technology plan, state technology plan, district/school technology plan); assessment and evaluation of technology initiatives; the change process as it applies to technology leadership; securing grants and establishing business partnerships and meeting the requirements of NCLB. This course will thoroughly examine issues and trends relevant to the field of educational technology.

### **ITEC 7420 - Productivity and Assessment Tools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course prepares instructional technology leaders to utilize and apply advanced features of productivity and assessment tools to improve instructional practice and maximize student learning. Candidates will use methods and strategies for teaching concepts and skills that support integration of technology productivity tools.

### **ITEC 7430 - Internet Tools in the Classroom**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course introduces candidates to pedagogical methods and strategies for using the Internet effectively in the classroom in the candidate's certification field. Students will experience a variety of Internet technologies and develop strategies for classroom implementation. The course includes guided tours of some of the best educational sites on the World Wide Web and explores ways to integrate use of the Internet into an educational setting. This course introduces students to systematic instructional methods and models for using the Internet effectively in the classroom. Candidates will create lessons that are current, highly motivating, and mentally engaging.

### **ITEC 7440 - Multimedia in Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course explores introductory topics in multimedia and emerging technologies and their role in education. Course coverage will include both theoretical understanding of multime-

dia technologies and hands-on experience with software and hardware. Topics may include research related to multimedia and emerging technologies; classroom applications; design and development techniques; hardware and software requirements; digitizing and manipulating images, voice, and video materials; and copyright and ethics. Students will apply instructional design processes and principles to designing and developing multimedia content. There will be a special focus on Internet technologies, such as podcasting. This course will also examine emerging technologies having potential to positively impact student achievement.

### **ITEC 7445 - Multimedia and Web Design and Development in Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: admission to any graduate program in the PTEU or consent of the instructor.*

This course is designed to provide candidates with technological pedagogical content knowledge (TPACK) and skills to design and develop multimedia and web-based projects to facilitate P-12 student learning. Topics include the design, development, and evaluation of multimedia and web-based learning environments; research related to multimedia and emerging technologies; classroom applications; design and development techniques; hardware and software requirements; digitizing and manipulating images, voice and video materials; universal design; and copyright and ethics. Candidates will apply instructional design processes and principles to design and develop multimedia and web-based projects in the candidate's certification field.

### **ITEC 7450 - Web Design and Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course is designed to provide candidates with knowledge and skills to design and develop multimedia and web-based projects to facilitate student learning. Topics include media-based tools, distance learning systems, web-based authoring tools, telecommunications tools, and online curricular projects.

### **ITEC 7460 - Professional Learning and Technology Innovation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course prepares instructional technology leaders to design and facilitate high-quality professional learning experiences that help other educators apply technology to enhance their professional practice and increase their productivity. Candidates will be prepared to implement technology in ways that support the emergence and evolution of professional learning communities in schools. Candidates learn to apply change models and diffusion theory in order to implement technology innovations in classrooms and schools.

### **ITEC 7470 - Educational Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course is designed to help candidates develop an understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methods and designs, focusing on interpretation and application relating to classroom practice.

### **ITEC 7480 - Introduction to Online Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. in Instructional Technology, admission to the Online Teaching Certification/Endorsement program or approval of the Instructional Technology faculty.*

This course explores principles for effective online learning and provides an introduction to key terms, issues, policies, challenges, and emerging trends in the field. Topics include published standards for quality online teaching and course design, accessibility to online courses, online assessment principles, accommodations for students with disabilities, strategies for supporting cultural and linguistic diversity, internet safety, student privacy and copyright. Candidates learn pedagogical strategies for use in an online learning environment and apply them to their certification fields.

**ITEC 7481 - Designing and Developing Online Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ITEC 7480.*

In this course, candidates develop a high-quality online learning experience for students using research-based elements and instructional design principles in online education. Candidates learn how to assess student learning needs, organize content into learning modules, create authentic and meaningful assessments, and engage learners in varied technologically-based activities to achieve learning outcomes. Candidates create this online course in a widely-used learning management system. As a practicum experience, candidates are enrolled in an online course currently being taught by an experienced online teacher. Candidates discuss how these experienced teachers apply principles discussed in class and how they organize, manage, and facilitate online teaching and learning.

**ITEC 7482 - Facilitating Online Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ITEC 7480 and ITEC 7481.*

This course addresses expectations, challenges, and issues specific to facilitating online learning. Topics include motivating students, creating a sense of community, monitoring progress, providing feedback, differentiating instruction, encouraging interactivity, collaboration and dialogue, and preventing plagiarism and other forms of cheating. Under the supervision of their professor, candidates complete and reflect upon an extended practicum experience as an online teacher.

**ITEC 7490 - Educational Technology Support, Management, and Operations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course examines the role of instructional technology leaders to support and manage technology in order to maximize student learning and increase the efficiency of school operations. It is designed to examine the technical aspects of building-related technologies including, but not limited to, desktop/laptop computers, wired and wireless networks, various instructional, administrative and technical software, and Internet technologies. This course will explore various models of technology support and present ideas on how to support technology effectively through teams of teachers, students, parents, and school system personnel. In addition, the course will address emerging technologies and their potential uses in education.

**ITEC 7495 - Legal, Social, and Ethical Issues in Instructional Technology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course emphasizes preventive strategies and knowledge technology leaders need to avoid costly, disruptive litigation as they attempt to successfully blend various technologies into the instructional and administrative work of schools. Course reflects recent legislation and court decisions. Topics include: Legal Systems and Structures; Instructional Technology and the Law: An Overview; Students, Technology, and the Law; Employees, Technology, and the Law; Data and Electronic Records (FERPA); The Off-Campus Electronic Presence; Technology in Instruction: Copyright and Fair Use; Unique Social and Ethical Issues in Technology; The Digital Divide: Ensuing Equitable Access in 21st Century Schools; Using Assistive and Adaptive Technologies in Schools (ADA, IDEA).

**ITEC 7500 - Capstone Experience and Portfolio**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This course represents the capstone experience for the Master of Education in Instructional Technology. The purpose of the portfolio is to document mastery of the ISTE technology facilitation standards as well as to serve as a systematic, reflection-in-action approach to problem-solving and decision-making. This process is designed to document the candidate's develop-

ment of expertise as an Instructional Technology facilitator. A primary goal of the portfolio is to document the candidate's ability to provide technology facilitation at the building level. The portfolio provides a detailed authentic picture of the candidate's professional practice and reflective analysis of the integration of courses taken supported by theory. Changes in classroom practices as well as philosophy and vision will be included.

### **ITEC 7555 - Special Topics in Instructional Technology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Instructional Technology.*

This individually designed course will examine topics in Instructional Technology emphasizing the student's area of specialty.

### **ITEC 8400 - Instructional Design and Technology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course is designed to prepare candidates to apply theories, research and best practices to the facilitation of instructional programs that integrate 21st century skills and promote relevant, authentic, and meaningful learning for all students. This course prepares candidates to design, evaluate and promote appropriate learning opportunities that apply technology-enhanced instructional strategies to maximize student learning.

### **ITEC 8410 - Technology, Professional Learning, and Change**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course is designed to prepare instructional leaders who are knowledgeable in the design and implementation of professional learning programs within a school/district. This course is grounded in research and focused on effective practices that promote continuous learning and development to increase student achievement. Topics include assessing professional learning needs, designing effective reflection and learning experiences, facilitating and presenting skills, mentoring, and evaluation. This course will also examine the design and development of effective online professional learning programs.

### **ITEC 8420 - Evaluating K-12 Instructional Technologies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course addresses processes for evaluating the potential of existing and emerging K-12 technology products for recommended purchase. The course also addresses evaluating the implementation of technologies in K-12 classrooms and the impact of those implementations on learning.

### **ITEC 8430 - Technology and Student Assessment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course emphasizes the use of technology in assessing student learning using a variety of assessment techniques in the classroom. Technology will be used to collect and analyze data, interpret results, and communicate findings to improve instructional practice and maximize student learning. In addition, candidates will evaluate the appropriate use of technology for teaching and learning.

### **ITEC 8440 - Planning and Implementing Instructional Technology Programs**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course is designed to prepare candidates to facilitate the development of a shared vision for the comprehensive integration of technology and focus on policies, procedures, and budgeting that will foster an environment and culture conducive to the realization of the vision. This course is also designed to assist candidates with the planning and facilitation of the technology infrastructure within a school.

**ITEC 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Ed.S or Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

This doctoral seminar focuses on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading, and student learning in K-12 classrooms and schools with special emphasis on technological issues and contexts.

**ITEC 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Ed.D. program and permission of the advisor.*

This course is an individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning in K-12 classrooms and schools. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and the supervising professor.

**ITEC 9400 - Research and Theory in Instructional/Educational Technology**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

Candidates will explore landmark research findings and theoretical perspectives that have shaped the instructional uses of technology for the last two decades. Candidates will also review current research and explore the questions that are influencing current inquiry in the instructional applications of technology.

**ITEC 9410 - Instructional Leadership and Technology Facilitation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course will assist candidates in connecting their technology facilitation efforts to broader instructional issues such as academic achievement; best practices; national/state content/technology literacy standards; socio/economic issues; and private sector interests. The course will provide case studies of effective integration of technology into other high-profile instructional initiatives. The need for teachers and other instructional leaders to become informed advocates of instructional technology initiatives will also be addressed.

**ITEC 9420 - Evaluating Professional Learning and Technology Implementation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

In this course, candidates will review the theoretical principles and practices that are best suited to high-quality evaluations of professional learning programs promoting the effective use of technology. As a culminating project, students will develop and implement an evaluation plan related to a specific K-12 professional learning or instructional program.

**ITEC 9430 - Designing and Facilitating Online Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.D. program or permission of the instructor.*

This course provides an overview of theories and research currently guiding most online learning programs and assists students in applying these principles to design and develop high-quality online learning experiences for educators and/or students. Unique challenges facing virtual learning, including assessment and facilitator support for distance learners, are also addressed.

**ITEC 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Ed.D. program and 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

## International Conflict Management

### **INCM 9001 - Theories and Analysis in International Conflict Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course focuses on the theories and research in the international arena through which to analyze conflicts. These include, but are not limited to, culture, gender, economics, ethnicity, race, history, geography, resources, and religion. Students examine the emergence of the Conflict Management field, as well as the historical perspectives and current theories in the field of Conflict Management. This course provides an overview of the terminology of the field as well as various perspectives for studying the continuum of war and peace-making. Students will examine the paradigms and worldviews through which parties view conflict and consider the possible outcomes based on those paradigms and evaluate Conflict Management methodologies for conducting research based on various paradigms, worldviews, and conflict situations. Students will have the opportunity to select an area of particular interest and examine current research and practices in that realm.

### **INCM 9002 - International Relations: Theory, System, and Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course examines the major concepts, theoretical approaches, and dilemmas inherent to the study of international relations. In particular the course seeks to provide the basis for better understanding globalization and its consequence within the context of various policy sub-areas such as trade, human rights, migration, cross-border issues, and security. It also examines evolving attitudes toward the role of the state and sovereignty within a rapidly globalizing environment. What role does the international system have in shaping the global economy and ensuing interactions among states, transnational actors, and civil society? This seminar will focus on power, strategic bargaining, security, and other influences on international conflict management in order to answer this question.

### **INCM 9004 - Faculty Research Colloquium**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course serves to better familiarize the program students with the research interests of the faculty available to them as major professors and faculty mentors. This is where affiliated faculty would share their backgrounds and research interests.

### **INCM 9005 - Economics of Conflict**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course examines the links between economics as a social science and the study of conflicts. Topics covered include: how real world conflicts have shaped economic paradigms, how real world economics has spurred or reduced conflict, and how economic methodology can help to understand conflict dynamics.

### **INCM 9006 - Intercultural Dynamics in International Conflict Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course examines the intercultural dynamics that influence the formation, implementation, and evaluation of international conflict management. This course focuses on cultural and identity formation; intercultural communication, negotiation, and dialogue; and the theories that inform this area of scholarship.

**INCM 9101 - Fundamentals of Research Design**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course will focus on the fundamentals of scientific inquiry in areas of conflict including ethics of research, integrating cultural sensitivity in all stages of the research process, conceptualization and operationalization of research questions, data collection techniques, an introduction to qualitative and quantitative methods and measurement, a discussion of program evaluation research, and research proposal development.

**INCM 9102 - Quantitative Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9101.*

This course will focus on quantitative techniques including descriptive and inferential statistical analyses such as regression, correlation, hypothesis testing, analysis of variance, and sampling techniques. Students will apply these techniques using statistical software packages.

**INCM 9103 - Qualitative Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9101.*

This course will focus on qualitative techniques including case study, participant observation, discourse analysis, in-depth interview, and sampling techniques. Students will apply these techniques using statistical software packages.

**INCM 9210 - Advanced Quantitative Methods**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9102.*

This course focuses on the development of applied quantitative research skills using statistical analysis software packages. Topics covered include: structural equation modeling, path analysis, dummy-dependent variable estimation, non-linear regression, time-series analysis, and panel data.

**INCM 9230 - Advanced Qualitative Methods**

3 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9103.*

This course will cover advanced topics beyond those covered in INCM 9103, such as phenomenology, grounded theory, and content analysis. The lab component will involve projects interpreting and applying these techniques using software for qualitative analysis (e.g., NVIVO8) and/or practical field experience.

**INCM 9250 - International Program and Management Evaluation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9102 and INCM 9103.*

This course will focus on developing skills and knowledge for program analysis including causal effects of interventions and outcomes, instrument evaluation in international conflict management areas, cost effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis, quality control, risk assessment, and impact analysis.

**INCM 9290 - Special Topics in Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9102 and INCM 9103.*

This course covers topics in research methods that are of special interest to students, including survey design, geographic information system and spatial analysis, model building simulations, and interview design and implementation.

**INCM 9320 - Essentials of International Negotiation: Theory and Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This course covers the theory and practice of international negotiation. It examines the practice of negotiation in actual international settings. Students will study historical negotiation processes through the use of archival material. The cross-cultural aspects of negotiation, the differences in worldview, and the ethical dimensions of the work are of particular importance to this body of knowledge. Active simulations where dialogue and deliberation can be practiced will be the hands-on part of the class work. The course contains a practicum in which a student can work on a practical project of her/his own choosing.

**INCM 9330 - Foundations and Issues in International Political Economy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This seminar introduces students to the structure, institutions, and issues in international political economy. Particular attention is paid to global forces influencing trade and finance relations, distributive justice, and international agreements.

**INCM 9340 - Transnational Civil Society and Conflict**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This course familiarizes students with the theory and operation of transnational civil society (TCS). It introduces key theories of civil society campaign formation and influence, as well as questions about TCS legitimacy, representativeness, and agency. Students then apply these theories and address these questions by examining the impact of international civil society on national politics in fragile, conflict, and post-conflict states.

**INCM 9350 - Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping, and Reconciliation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 and INCM 9002.*

This course provides an opportunity for the student to choose a historical conflict of particular interest to him/her and examine the case in-depth, as well as develop the methodological tools to analyze the case. The policies and logistics related to the various models of peacebuilding and peacekeeping, both civil and military, are studied along with the examination of both internal and external forces that drove the conflict. Various case studies, among others, could be examined based on the interest of and experience by the student; Northern Ireland, Colombia, Sudan, South Africa, Nicaragua, or Rwanda. Models and historical examples of forms of reconciliation and harmony building are studied based on the historical perspective of each one. The students will conclude with an analysis of comparative goals, strategies, assumptions, and possible outcomes among the three approaches to peace.

**INCM 9370 - International Project Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This course provides an opportunity for the student to obtain the fundamental skills related to international project management. Included in this skill set are examinations of working in cross-cultural contexts, working with diverse groups, and conflicts within and among international organizations. A substantial amount of time in this class is spent on developing the skills of grant writing, fundraising, project identification, design, monitoring, implementation techniques and evaluation research. This practicum-like team experience allows the students to envision an international project, and write a grant that could support and provide for an evaluation of the project.

**INCM 9380 - Sustainable Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This interdisciplinary course introduces students to major philosophical debates and policy interventions in the field of development and sustainability. It raises the questions about the political and cultural assumptions undergirding conventional ways of thinking about development, production, distribution, consumption and conflict. Through case studies and policy critiques students also learn the pros and cons of particular methodologies of studying and practicing sustainable development in peace time and during conflict.

**INCM 9410 - Comparative Conflict Management Policies of International Organizations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001, INCM 9002, and INCM 9003.*

This course focuses on the role of international and intra-national organizations and the impact of their Conflict Management policies. The role of the United Nations will be studied along with various regional and transnational organizations. Conflict Resolution strategies and processes for analysis within international organizations are examined along with the coherence of and within those policies. Students will examine organizations that include, but are not limited to, the following: United Nations Development Programme, United States Agency for International Development, United States Institute of Peace, North American Free Trade Agreement, the African Union, World Trade Organization, Canadian International Development Agency, World Bank, and the European Union. Particular emphasis is placed on the impact of the North/South divide.

**INCM 9430 - Post-Agreement Reconstruction**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This course provides an opportunity to examine emerging research on the impact of peace agreements on the conflict process. Of particular interest will be the role for development economics, including programs to alleviate poverty like micro-credit, as well as the corruption of prospects for sustaining the ceasefire and building peace. External and internal influences are studied, such as donor fatigue, media attention, civic education, and the reintegration of participants of the conflict into civil society. Students will compare conflict mitigation processes and assess their effectiveness for the context in which they were utilized.

**INCM 9450 - Current Conflicts**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9101 and INCM 9102.*

A selection of Special Topics is offered on a rotating basis based on the interests of the students, the availability of program and visiting faculty, and current or emerging conflict issues. These topics might include, but are not limited to, the following: Disarmament, Reintegration and Demobilization; Health-related Conflict; Country Case Studies; Gender and Conflict Management; Identity and Conflict; Human Rights; Pre- and Post-conflict Processes of Democratization; Environmental Conflict; Internship with International Organization; Conflict Mitigation; Non-Governmental Organizations; International Non-Governmental Organizations; and Grassroots Organizing and Organizations.

**INCM 9451 - Conflicts in Africa**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

This course investigates the origins, causes, resolution, and consequences of conflicts in contemporary Africa in light of their postcolonial contexts. Among others, it examines ethnic/clan, religious, political, and environmental conflict factors, demographic pressures on land and natural resources, discusses strategies for conflict resolution and post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction, and evaluates the role of pan-continental and regional organizations, the United Nations and its agencies, Western powers and emerging Asian powers (especially China) in African conflicts.

**INCM 9510 - Related Study of a Selected Regional Area**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

Each student is expected to have an overseas internship experience and will be writing on a dissertation topic on events in a certain part(s) of the world. We therefore require a Regional Course. The knowledge gained will help in the internship and dissertation writing experiences and will provide the student with a sense of identity within the program. The courses may be at the master's level and would thus be cross-listed for the Ph.D. program. The regional course may be taught from any number of disciplines (anthropology, communication, economics, geography, history, literature, political science, etc.). The type and number of regional courses would vary, but the following are examples: North America, Middle America (including Caribbean), South America, Europe, Russian Realm, North Africa/Southwest Asia (Middle East), Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, or Pacific Realm.

**INCM 9530 - Related Study of a Selected Topical Area**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

The philosophy of this course is to assist the student in acquiring foundational ideas for their dissertation. Suggested topical courses may include the following (or a combination thereof), depending on the affiliated faculty interests: Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Global Communication, International Development, Peace Studies, Public Health, or Religion. These course may also be team-taught.

**INCM 9550 - Related Course Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

Students are expected to take an additional three credit hours in related study coursework, choosing from a pool of courses (available electives, cross-listed courses, directed study, transfer courses) selected in agreement with the faculty advisor.

**INCM 9600 - Dissertation Proposal Colloquium**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the advisor.*

This course will culminate in the formulation of theoretically significant, methodologically sound and policy relevant research questions, development of the dissertation prospectus, peer review of research proposals, and preparation of articles for presentation at conferences and publication.

**INCM 9601 - Case Writing and Case Teaching**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

In this course, students are introduced to the case study methodology and learn how to design and use case studies effectively in their professional environments. Students develop their own idea for a case study on a topic of particular interest to them. The study includes a target audience, a compelling story, one or more identifiable case/policy decision dilemmas, teaching notes, and some ideas about the policy implications of the dilemmas presented in their case.

**INCM 9602 - Peacebuilding Assessment**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

In this course students apply conflict management skills to the analysis of complex emergencies and international conflict using examples from the field of peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction. Through classroom discussion, exercises and role play, students develop policy recommendations and design and plan strategies for conflict prevention and/or intervention.

**INCM 9603 - Essentials of Mediation**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course emphasizes listening, facilitation, and collaborative problem-solving skills within a third-party process of conflict intervention. As a future-oriented process of dialogue and negotiation, mediation is appropriate for many, but not all, disputes; this course concludes with a focus on the ethical dimensions of mediation practice. The fundamental skills and processes of mediation are valuable to any professional who regularly works with organizational colleagues or international counterparts.

**INCM 9604 - Nonviolent Resistance**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course provides an overview of the different approaches to nonviolent resistance found in the literature (pragmatic vs. principled) and the theoretical concepts underlying the strategies and tactics used by scholars and nonviolent activists. In addition to the theoretical component, the course provides some practical nonviolent skills, including sessions on nonviolent communication and other active learning exercises exploring the challenges of practicing nonviolence in conflict situations.

**INCM 9605 - College and University Teaching**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course introduces students to effective pedagogical skills and is designed to prepare future faculty for teaching careers. Topics include understanding how students learn, creating active learning environments, using formative and summative assessments, grading, handling problemation student behavior, responding to student diversity, designing courses and syllabi, and creating teaching philosophies.

**INCM 9606 - Security System Reform (SSR)**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: INCM 9001 or INCM 9002.*

The success of post-conflict peace-building depends heavily upon reform of the security system (SSR), which includes security and civilian actors. This course addresses the fundamental issues in SSR, its effects, and its problems and covers a variety of topics ranging from the security system, the security-development nexus and effects of deficiencies of the security sector on underdevelopment and violence, principles and conceptual reference points in SSR, aspects of political implementation in SSR, and international donors.

**INCM 9607 - Strategy Development**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course examines the central concepts of strategy, strategy development and formulation, and their potential applications in the field of International Conflict Management. The course explores the process of strategy development and especially the construction of a strategic plan, and then applies that process to cases of particular interest to students.

**INCM 9608 - Elections & Electoral Systems Design**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. Program.*

In this course students will be exposed to the variety of electoral systems, the process of electoral system design and the main statistical tools for evaluating the impact of electoral system design on society. The coursework will involve readings, seminar discussion, and lab assignments. Discussions will take place both in-class and online to maximize participation. Students will be prepared to participate in design, monitoring and evaluation of electoral processes.

**INCM 9609 - Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

Most violent conflicts in the late 20th and early 21st century have been characterized by the participation of large numbers of regular, irregular and semi-regular troops. The termination of these conflicts – often in the form of a Comprehensive Peace Agreement – usually includes some provision for downsizing the armed forces of the participating sides, as it is recognized that the large numbers and low quality of these troops are often at the root of instability and potential future violence. To counter this, official or semi-official Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DD&R) programs have been run by national and international bodies.

**INCM 9610 - Culture, Ethics, & Leadership in International Conflict Management**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course will focus on the interrelated aspects of culture, ethics, and leadership in international conflict management. Culture generally refers to the learned beliefs, values, rules, symbols, and traditions common to a group of people, the shared qualities that make them distinct. Ethics, on the other hand, is universal, based on a usually inborn empathy and sense of fairness, and is concerned with enabling individuals to flourish, to fully realize their capabilities. Leadership in this context refers to practices of managing conflict in some mutually advantageous (“win-win”) way and doing this in an exemplary way, modeling a way that two different groups can each flourish as a result of trusted leadership.

**INCM 9611 - ICM Grant Writing and Evaluation**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program.*

This course will focus on the research and writing skills needed to discover funding opportunities and prepare competitive proposals for them. Students will apply these techniques by developing a proposal that responds to an actual call for applications. Students will write a narrative portion that is ready for submission with a detailed outline of all other pieces that will be required, plus an implementation timetable to meet the sponsor’s deadline. Depending on the deadline and the level of approval required from the University, the proposal may be submitted upon completion of the class with permission of the instructor.

**INCM 9613 - Gaming, Conflict, and Decision-making**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. program or permission of the program director.*

In this course students learn about decision-making games and how they can be used as tools for understanding, and managing, conflict. Reviewing the history of games used for conflict management and national security, this course examines how games shaped policy decisions about conflict and explores the theory of games and game design. Students participate in an international conflict management game and work on ideas for developing their own games.

**INCM 9700 - International Experience**

3-9, variable Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the INCM International Experience Coordinator.*

This course serves as a way to apply the theories and skills learned throughout the program and to gain valuable field experience in a “real world” laboratory. This requirement may be completed through an internship, directed study, study abroad, or a relevant previous experience in an international setting and may range from 3 to 9 credit hours, depending on the nature of the experience.

**INCM 9900 - Ph.D. Dissertation Research**

1-9 (repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Ph.D. candidacy.*

This course includes dissertation writing under the direction of the major professor (dissertation advisor). The course is taught using a non-traditional format of independent research and preparation of the doctoral dissertation.

**International Policy Management****IPM 7720 - World Politics and Governance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

This course provides an advanced survey of the study of international relations. This course explores the influence that states, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other non-state actors have in shaping contemporary international political issues. The topics examined in this course include war and peace, global trade, economic development, international terrorism, human rights, poverty, disease, and the environment. Particular attention will be devoted to the emerging field of governance: the study of government performance in the areas of democracy, integrity, and sound economic policies.

**IPM 7725 - Comparative Policy and Politics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

This course examines the theory and method of comparative politics through the study of Western and non-Western political institutions and societies. The course provides students with an appreciation of the ways comparative political analysis enhances understanding of many contemporary policy-related issues throughout the world. It provides students with a familiarity of the comparative method of inquiry and basic skills in conducting comparative research, analysis.

**IPM 7730 - International Conflict Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

This course examines the theory and practice of international conflict management which form an essential part of the methodology needed for international policy managers. The course will explore the causes of conflict, conflict management, conflict resolutions, and conflict transformation. Students will reflect upon various real-world examples facing policymakers and practitioners, and apply the tools and methods of conflict management to case studies and simulations.

**IPM 7735 - International Development: Policy and Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

With its focuses on policy applications related to developing countries, this course examines alternative theories and definitions of development as expressed in the major international institutions (governmental and non-governmental) concerned with the transfer of resources, with emphasis on the interaction of political and economic factors. It examines how institutions, politics and governance promote economic development from a comparative perspective. Students will also explore concepts of gender and their practical application to international development programs and policies; culture's impact on human interaction; strategies that address basic human needs, promote human rights, and strengthen civil society; and the trade-offs among social, political and environmental aspects of sustainable development.

### **IPM 7740 - Strategic Negotiation and Decision-Making**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

This course will encompass both theoretical and practical aspects of negotiations. Students will explore some of the major approaches scholars and practitioners apply to the subject. Central to this will be an exploration of contending frameworks for analyzing bargaining and negotiation. Students will consider the unique aspects of negotiations as found across a variety of environments, both public (e.g., diplomacy) and private (e.g., business negotiation). Particular attention will be placed on cross-cultural communication and the negotiation challenges to which this gives rise. A major objective of this course is to develop the skills necessary to make individuals efficient and effective negotiators.

### **IPM 7745 - International Political Economy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

This course examines the political influences which shape the global economic system. Particular attention will be devoted to the international organizations and global trade accords which shape the behavior of states and multinational corporations. In addition to exploring the mechanics and politics of the global economy, this course also examines the social impacts of the global exchange of goods and financial assets. The concept of globalization will represent an organizing theme for this course, and contentious debates surrounding this phenomenon will be explored.

### **IPM 7750 - Global Trade: Policy and Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

This course introduces students to the politics of global trade. Students will develop the analytical skills necessary to think broadly and critically about the conduct of cross-border trade. After examining some of the major analytical frameworks that inform our understanding of global trade relations, students will focus on several substantive trade-related topics. Topics to be examined include: the role of the World Trade Organization, the rise of regional trade, and the reciprocal and interactive relationship between international trade, exchange rates and global finance. A major objective of this course is to develop application-oriented policy-relevant skills which students can employ across a range of professional environments.

### **IPM 7755 - Political Risk Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program.*

Political risk analysis has been used to identify key political trends and developments in emerging and transitional economies, and to assess their impacts on flow of trade or capital. This course will investigate sources of political risk to foreign direct and other investments in a world characterized by increasing economic and financial interdependence, consider ways political risk can be analyzed, evaluated, and managed, and provide students hands-on experiences in assessing political stability and managing risk. Students will gain a basic understanding of different concepts associated with political risk analysis and the various approaches used by multi-nationals to the determination of political risk.

### **IPM 7756 - Global Regulatory Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSIPM program (sequenced course requirement within cohort degree program).*

This course examines the development of domestic and international regulatory climates and ensuing regulations made by governments and international institutions such as the European Union. Regulation covers a broad range of topics including labor, trade, production, health and safety, and environmental issues and has a significant impact on private sector interface

with foreign governments and institutions. This course will also examine the impact of bilateral and multilateral treaties, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), on the regulatory arena.

### **IPM 7765 - Capstone: Practicum or Thesis**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Second-year status in the MSIPM program.*

All students will select a capstone path that includes either (1) a practical work experience and final written report; or (2) a traditional Master's thesis. The work experience can take the form of an internship or experience in an appropriate work setting. During this final semester students should be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and articulate the policy management context of a problem. The Capstone course provides the opportunity for students to clarify and refine the global policy issues presented during their professional experience or thesis hypothesis generation stage. Students will develop a project work plan; identify appropriate methodologies for collecting and organizing relevant information, and make policy recommendations for successful management of the issues.

## **Leadership and Ethics**

### **ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

This course provides a foundational understanding of ethics, including a multicultural dimension, and applies ethical philosophies to real-world problems. Students will gain experience in thinking and writing critically about ethical issues in the areas of politics, technology, business, and cultural conflict.

### **ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

This course will help students understand their leadership style relative to established and emerging leadership theory, and learn what they can do to enhance their leadership effectiveness. Emphasis will be on real-world application of leadership principles.

### **ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ILEC 8800, ILEC 8810, or permission of faculty.*

This course focuses on the challenges of effective ethical leadership in a global environment. Students will learn about their strengths and vulnerabilities as a leader through leadership assessment, the development of a personal leadership theory, and a leadership development plan with a global focus. Multiculturalism as well as situational leadership will be included.

### **ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

Selected current issues and topics in contemporary leadership and ethics practice.

### **ILEC 8910 - Technology and Ethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course examines the ethical impact of technology on business and society by examining issues in medicine, research, information technology, and the environment. Case studies and real-time events are included. This course will require at least two on-campus meetings with the majority of course work being done online.

**ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Leadership and Ethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

Selected current issues and topics in contemporary leadership and ethics practice.

**ILEC 8930 - Leadership and Ethics Abroad**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ILEC 8800, ILEC 8810, or permission of the instructor.*

This study abroad course will expose students to the concepts and context of leadership and ethics in another country. Students will have the opportunity to travel with the instructor to an international location. A program of study will be prepared depending on the destination and topical area for that year.

**ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics**

1-3 (Repeatable, for a maximum of 6 credit hours) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of instructor and approval of program director*

This course allows the student to work with a faculty member on an advanced study or special topic of their choice. The student and faculty member will work together to develop a syllabus and assignments for the class.

**ILEC 8980 - Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: ILEC 8800 or permission of faculty.*

This course will focus on assessing and building an ethical culture within an organization or community. Instruction includes defining, developing, implementing, and managing tools for shaping an ethical culture, and the study of the related legal requirements.

## Management

**MGT 8040 - Managing the Value Chain**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

The objective of this course is to learn how to maximize the overall value to the customer for the least cost possible. The value is the difference between what the final product (or service) is worth to the customer and the effort the system expends in filling the customer's request. Successful value chain management requires several decisions relating to the flow of information and products or services. Decisions fall into these three categories: (1) value chain strategy, (2) value chain planning, and (3) value chain operations. The topics include competitive scope and the value chain, the value chain and organizational structure, product/process design, capacity/inventory management, location/distribution management, quality, forecasting, shop control, cost evaluation, and their interrelationships.

**MGT 8050 - Managing and Leading Work Behavior**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

This course explores some of the many ways in which human behavior affects how one manages and leads and ultimately how it affects individual, group, and organizational performance. The course will examine behavioral issues from both the macro and micro level with three principal areas of focus: Individual and organizational effectiveness. Organizational behavior what people think, feel, and do in organizations. Leading organizational change. A conceptual understanding and knowledge of the applied consequences of these issues are requisite to understanding business matters as diverse as employee discipline policies, career development, marketing and promotion strategies, and the economics of the firm. The principal areas will be

examined with a thorough grounding in theory yet with a focus on how the associated knowledge and skills may be applied to develop better managers, leaders, and global citizens.

### **MGT 8200 - Supply Chain Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8040 or equivalent.*

This course focuses upon the strategic importance of supply chain management. The purpose of the course is to design and manage business- to-business to retail supply chain purchasing and distribution systems, and to formulate an integrated supply chain strategy that is supportive of various corporate strategies. New purchasing and distribution opportunities for businesses and inter/intra company communications systems designed for creating a more efficient marketplace are explored.

### **MGT 8410 - Organizational Communication**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8050 or equivalent.*

The study of interpersonal, organizational, and public communication processes as they relate to meshing individual and organizational goals, influence of communication processes on decision making, implementation of change, and adaptation of organizations to their environments.

### **MGT 8490 - Management Process Improvement**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8040 or equivalent.*

This course introduces process improvement methodology to turn a business into a world class operation. The course begins with the process view for both service and manufacturing operations, and is broken into three phases. In the first phase, management of innovation and creativity problem solving (CPS) concepts are introduced. A thorough examination of CPS steps which consists of finding problem or opportunity, gathering information, generating solutions, and implementing solutions is performed. In the second phase, waste elimination techniques such as process mapping, kaizen event, manufacturing/office cells, mistake proofing, and quick changeover are introduced. In the third phase, in order to focus process improvement efforts, synchronous operations techniques such as bottleneck identification (weakest link) and management of bottleneck is presented.

### **MGT 8520 - Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Creativity**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course addresses the needs of the would-be entrepreneur as well as the manager of creative and entrepreneurial activity within established organizations. This class is designed around three primary themes: dreams, skills, and action. This class will help you to experience the world in terms of the creative possibilities to dream big DREAMS and to identify and differentiate between ideas and opportunities. It will also help you develop the SKILLS you need to make these opportunities real. In addition, the course serves as a framework and catalyst to stimulate entrepreneurial motivation and ACTION.

### **MGT 8530 - New Venture Creation and Growth**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course is designed for students seeking entrepreneurial careers in new or established businesses. It describes the new venture startup process and strategies for increasing the likelihood of successful venture launch. Topics covered include models of new venture formation, strategic resource acquisition and deployment, marketing, operations, and financial strategies for successful ventures, and the leadership skills and behaviors required for venture success.

**MGT 8535 - Developing Effective Business Plans**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8520 or MGT 8530.*

This course provides students an opportunity to develop world class business plans for venture opportunities that they would like to exploit.

**MGT 8540 - Entrepreneurial & VC Financing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8530 and FIN 8020 or equivalent, or permission of instructor.*

This course focuses on the financing and financial management of new ventures and other non-publicly traded business enterprises. Topics covered include sources of startup and growth equity capital, including Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), loans and grants available to startups and small businesses, financial strategies for new ventures and small businesses, the valuation of non-publicly traded firms over time, and strategies for avoiding and recovering from financial distress.

**MGT 8545 - Launching New Ventures**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8520 and/or MGT 8530 + MGT 8535 or permission of the instructor.*

This course provides student teams the opportunity to start-up proposed business ventures while still in school. Each team will identify the key tasks necessary to start their venture. The members of the startup team will then be assigned and responsible for the completion of these tasks during the course with the help of one or more mentors.

**MGT 8550 - Consulting Services**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course suggests a framework for delivering consulting services within the business community. Basic consulting functions addressed include skill/market identification; opportunity recognition and establishment of client base; interview problem/needs assessments; observation; data collection, analysis and documentation diagnosis; recommendation, implementation, follow-up, and control; legal, ethical, and confidentiality issues; managing change; expectations; and collaborative teams and projects.

**MGT 8560 - Family Business**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

Explore the unique challenges and opportunities involved in managing a family business. Topics include the decision to join the family firm, establishing credibility as a son or a daughter, the stages of family business growth and strategic planning and succession.

**MGT 8800 - Human Resource Management and Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8050 or equivalent.*

Provides a general understanding of the human resource management function in contemporary organizations. Intended for students who have not taken a basic human resource management course at the undergraduate level.

**MGT 8810 - Managing Innovation and Technology Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course examines the process of managing innovation and technology development, its commercialization, and its diffusion in the marketplace. It involves managing the innovation process through research and development activities, including managing the introduction and use of technology in products and services, in manufacturing processes, and in other corpo-

rate or support functions. It also involves the development of science into technology and its further integration into new products, services, and process designs that can be effectively and efficiently produced and/or delivered.

### **MGT 8820 - Advanced Topics in Human Resource Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8800.*

This course covers significant new developments in three human resource functional areas: staffing, compensation systems, and performance management systems. The focus is on pragmatic, innovative, and cost effective strategies enabling the creation of sustainable competitive advantages through human resource management. Best practices in these areas will be addressed as well as implementation issues in order to enable students to transfer their knowledge to the work place.

### **MGT 8830 - Organizational Effectiveness and Change**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MGT 8800.*

This course focuses on the development of organizational capabilities in human resource management. The changing conditions facing organizations as they relate to human resources and the ability of human resource professionals to assist the organization in responding to change are the underlying themes. Areas covered in this course include creating learning organizations, fostering teamwork, employee involvement and commitment, creating trust, re-engineering, building flexible and cooperative work forces, and cross functional involvement.

### **MGT 8840 - Reinventing Business Leadership**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course addresses essential knowledge and skills of business leadership for professional and personal development. Using dimensions of leadership applicable to business information, integration, inspiration, integrity, innovation, and individuality students assess their individual leadership skills and competencies, learn best practices of current business leaders, and formulate strategies for lifelong leadership development. Application of leadership in both traditional organizations and evolving organizational structures, networks, technologies, alliances, and diverse populations is covered.

### **MGT 8850 - Women's Leadership Lab**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course is designed for both men and women to explore the special issues and challenges facing women aspiring to leadership positions in organizations. Experts from the academic and the business world will discuss critical issues facing women at this time. Self-assessments, simulations, and discussion of relevant literature will provide students with an opportunity to learn about the impact of their leadership styles and to practice effective behaviors.

### **MGT 8860 - Managing Project Activities, Teams, and Resources**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course addresses concepts and techniques for the management of business and technology projects and their associated activities, personnel, and resources. The content deals with planning, scheduling, organizing, and managing projects such as new product development, construction, system implementation, and special events. Primary class emphasis is on the project management process and tools. The course covers the project planning process in detail, addressing project scope and objectives, deliverables, milestones, tasks, work breakdown structure, responsibility and authority, project network, critical path analysis, costs, and resource allocation. The course also addresses the formation and organization of the project team, includ-

ing the selection of successful project managers, key staffing and group process issues, and the various organizational approaches used to structure projects. Topics covered include the project life cycle, project planning, project scheduling, project cost estimating, project risk analysis, project control techniques, project organizations and functions, project manager responsibilities, and team building.

### **MGT 8900 - Special Topics in Management and Entrepreneurship**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to Coles MBA, permission of the instructor, and approval of the MBA program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in management and entrepreneurship of interest to faculty and students.

### **MGT 8910 - International Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

This course deals with theoretical and practical aspects of managing international business operations in the global market. It offers a cross-cultural perspective on the challenge of managing business organizations in multiple national markets, and it focuses on issues of cultural diversity in socio-political and economic systems. This course offers an in-depth examination of the conditions that confront domestic enterprises when they undertake international expansion and the common business practices employed under such conditions.

### **MGT 8970 - Ethics in Managerial Decision Making**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA program.*

Managers must make decisions every day. This course examines a variety of ethical foundations which underlie managerial decision making, and asks participants to relate the material to their own experiences in the business world.

### **MGT 8999 - Strategic Management: An Integrative, Capstone Experience**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Completion of six MBA core courses and at least six hours of MBA electives, and permission from the Graduate Business Offices. This course is designed to be the final experience in the MBA programs.*

An integrative capstone course designed to provide an executive viewpoint of strategy formation and management of an enterprise. Teaches how to audit and analyze complex situations to determine the firm's strategies for long-run survival and growth in competitive markets. Examines techniques for analysis of environmental conditions and trends, opportunities and threats, resource strengths and limitations. Suggests how to plan, implement, and control organizational efficiency and effectiveness at both the strategic and operational level.

### **MGT 9601 - Seminar in Behavioral Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This course reviews applied behavioral research from the fields of accounting, marketing and management. Research will be introduced that considers how scholars from different fields use topics such as individual differences, judgment, decision making, motivation, and incentives in their research on individual and group or committee behavior. A portion of the course is devoted to specific research phenomena within each student's field of study. Each topic is introduced through a review of seminal theories and is reinforced with current research that applies or tests those theories.

**MGT 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program, completion of two of the four courses in the sequence of MGT 9601, MGT 9611, MGT 9612, and/or MGT 9650 and permission of the advisor.*

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic in business. The focus, content, and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor to provide the student in-depth knowledge of a research area within the student's discipline. The culmination of the study will be a research project or literature review resulting in a publishable quality paper.

Note This course is repeatable for up to 6 total credit hours.

**MGT 9611 - Seminar in Business Strategy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This course examines topics and research in business strategy focusing particularly on the major theories associated with global strategy formulation with the goal of firm short-term and long-term performance. Topics include theories of globalizing business, theories of national culture and business strategy, market structure and strategy, the resource based view of the firm, transaction costs theory, institutional theories, strategic alliances, and theories of strategic leadership. Each topic is introduced through research paper treatments of seminal theories. The theories are then reinforced with current research that apply and/or test these theories.

**MGT 9612 - Seminar in Marketing Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA and completion of DBA 9001 and DBA 9003.*

This course examines topics and research in marketing focusing particularly on the "4 Ps" (Price, Product, Distribution, and Promotions) in both domestic and international settings. Each topic is introduced through research paper treatments of seminal theories. The theories are then reinforced with current research that apply and/or test these theories.

**MGT 9650 - Special Topics in Management**

1-3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DBA program and permission of the program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in management of mutual interest to doctoral faculty and doctoral students.

**MGT 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program and completion of two of the four courses in the sequence of MGT 9601, MGT 9611, MGT 9612, and/or MGT 9650 and permission of the advisor.*

This course serves as an introduction to writing the dissertation. In this course we focus on a variety of issues including how to pick your topic, developing a research design (including how data is to be collected and what methods are to be employed in analyzing the data), developing a research plan, the structure and design of the Coles DBA dissertation (including how practitioner papers differ from academic papers), writing an introduction, writing a literature review, writing up the methods and findings sections, and writing up a conclusion and implications section. Each topic is introduced through selected papers and students come prepared to present and discuss their own dissertation ideas. The course is conducted in coordination with the course professor and student's research advisor.

**MGT 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program and completion of MGT 9901.*

In this course students defend their dissertation proposal. In addition, a variety of topics are offered to help them complete their dissertations. Students in consultation with their major

professor choose appropriate topics. They include experimental, survey, qualitative and secondary data collection methods, methods of data analysis including regression based statistics (including hierarchical regression), ANOVA and structural equation modeling. They also include writing topics such as writing an introduction, writing a literature review, how to write up the methods and findings sections, writing up a conclusion and implications section, and writing a practitioner paper. In prior consultation with their major professor, students choose among the offered topics as well as schedule a time to defend their proposal.

### **MGT 9904 - Dissertation Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program, completion of 12 hours of graduate level research courses and permission of advisor.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers. Course may be repeated as necessary.

## **Marketing**

### **MKTG 8030 - Strategic Marketing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Coles MBA or MAcc program.*

Development of marketing strategies and programs and their application in firm's decision-making. Examination of the impact of marketing strategies on firm's financial performance. Cases, competitive marketing simulations, and marketing plan developments will be used to provide for application experience.

### **MKTG 8440 - Marketing for e-Business**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

This course develops a framework for understanding the forces driving the internet revolution in marketing and business. The course will cover such topics as online behavior, customer support, new product development, branding, pricing, and internet marketing plans.

### **MKTG 8670 - Promotion Strategy and Tactics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

A course examining the use of promotion in profit and nonprofit organizations is studied. Methods of promotion including public relations, advertising, professional selling, and sales promotion will be analyzed, including how and when to use each, how to measure effectiveness, and how to select promotion service suppliers.

### **MKTG 8710 - Consumer and Buyer Behavior**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

Utilizes the behavioral sciences and research methods to analyze, forecast, and meet consumer needs. The roles of advertising and ethical issues are analyzed.

### **MKTG 8720 - Strategic Product Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

A study of the strategic product portfolio from the perspective of the marketing manager. In-depth analysis of the total product, development of products. and strategies related to product introduction, change, and deletion.

**MKTG 8730 - International Marketing Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

The course focuses on the application of marketing management strategies and tactics in a global economy. Using case studies, the course analyzes how varying environmental forces influence adaptation of the marketing mix and how homogenizing forces influence global standardization of marketing strategy.

**MKTG 8740 - Sports Marketing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030.*

The course introduces students to the application of basic principles of marketing to the unique industry of sports (i.e. sponsorships, licensing). Furthermore, the advanced use of marketing strategies is applied to the sports industry for the preparation of student placement in management roles.

**MKTG 8750 - Applied Marketing Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

Examination and evaluation of marketing information sources and systems for opportunity identification and analysis, planning, decision making, and control.

**MKTG 8770 - Sales Management Decisions**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

Advanced study of conceptual and methodological tools used to support decisions required for the management of sales personnel and the planning and control of sales operations.

**MKTG 8780 - Business to Business Marketing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

An examination of the areas of strategic and tactical planning and implementation when dealing with products sold to other business firms.

**MKTG 8790 - Applied Global Business Strategies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent.*

This course focuses on an applied multi-disciplinary approach to understanding and implementing global business strategy. It examines the phases of global strategy evolution, emphasizing the key strategic thrusts as well as how to leverage the firm's position and competencies to take advantage of potential synergies. A special learning opportunity is provided by a required overseas business study tour. Students will be exposed to foreign culture and perspectives on global strategy formulation and implementation.

**MKTG 8900 - Special Topics in Marketing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MKTG 8030 or equivalent, and permission of the instructor and the program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in marketing and professional sales of interest to faculty and students.

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3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

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in their research on individual and group or committee behavior. A portion of the course is devoted to specific research phenomena within each student's field of study. Each topic is introduced through a review of seminal theories and is reinforced with current research that applies or tests those theories.

### **MKTG 9608 - Concentration Doctoral Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

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Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic in business. The focus, content, and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor to provide the student in-depth knowledge of a research area within the student's discipline. The culmination of the study will be a research project or literature review resulting in a publishable quality paper.

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3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

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### **MKTG 9650 - Special Topics in Marketing**

1-3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DBA program and permission of the program director.*

Selected contemporary topics in marketing of mutual interest to doctoral faculty and doctoral students.

### **MKTG 9901 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

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**MKTG 9902 - Research Methods & Dissertation Design II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program and completion of MKTG 9901.*

In this course students defend their dissertation proposal. In addition, a variety of topics are offered to help them complete their dissertations. Students in consultation with their major professor choose appropriate topics. They include experimental, survey, qualitative and secondary data collection methods, methods of data analysis including regression based statistics (including hierarchical regression), ANOVA and structural equation modeling. They also include writing topics such as writing an introduction, writing a literature review, how to write up the methods and findings sections, writing up a conclusion and implications section, and writing a practitioner paper. In prior consultation with their major professor, students choose among the offered topics as well as schedule a time to defend their proposal.

**MKTG 9904 - Dissertation Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission into Coles DBA Program, completion of 12 hours of graduate level research courses and permission of advisor.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers. Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Mathematics****MATH 7495 - Advanced Perspectives on School Mathematics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program.*

This course is for prospective 6-12 mathematics teachers who have a strong undergraduate training in mathematics. This course is designed so that students can revisit key ideas in school mathematics, bringing with them the skills and understandings of college course work in mathematics and connecting more advanced ideas to the topics they will teach in middle school and high school. The goal of the course is to deepen and broaden students' understanding of fundamental ideas involving algebra, functions, trigonometry, number theory, discrete mathematics, probability, and mathematical modeling. The emphasis is on engaging the students in reasoning and problem solving, communication about mathematics, making connections among different areas and concepts of mathematics, and exploring different ways of representing mathematical principles.

**MATH 7700 - Elementary Set Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

A course in the theory of sets with application to the development of the real number system. Proofs, applications and history will be included.

**MATH 7712 - Discrete Mathematics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This is an application-oriented course that introduces a variety of discrete mathematical topics such as finite graphs, matrices, recursion, counting, probability, and modular arithmetic. It is designed to reflect current recommendations of the Mathematical Association of America and the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics for the preparation and development of mathematics teachers.

**MATH 7713 - Statistics and Data Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course focuses on applications of statistics and data analysis to various fields such as education, science, and business. Through the use of various technologies as data analysis tools, the students will solve problems using descriptive and inferential statistics, as well as apply algebraic techniques for analyzing data.

**MATH 7714 - Geometry from Multiple Perspectives**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course focuses on Euclidean, non-Euclidean, and transformational geometry. Topics include incidence, order, parallelism, formal and informal proof, proportional reasoning, spatial visualization, and axiomatic systems. An investigative approach encourages students to conjecture, test, and verify geometric principles.

**MATH 7717 - Elementary Number Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Introduction to the basic principles of number theory. Topics include properties of integers, congruences, divisibility, greatest common divisors, the Euclidean algorithm, Pythagorean theorem, prime number theorems, Diophantine equations, Fermat's Last Theorem, Goldbach's conjecture, Euler's theorem and applications in cryptology.

**MATH 7718 - Functions and Analytic Techniques**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Study of families of functions from the perspective of multiple representations. Extends knowledge of basic algebraic and trigonometric functions and the modeling process through applications using various technologies.

**MATH 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

**MATH 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature.

Note The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and student.

**Mathematics Education****MAED 6416 - Teaching Secondary Mathematics I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L or EDUC 6110 and EDUC 6120.*

An examination and application of curriculum issues, learning theories, teaching strategies, instructional materials and assessment procedures for teaching middle and secondary school mathematics in the multicultural and diverse classroom of today. Includes a secondary school field experience in mathematics teaching and seminars.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placement.

**MAED 6416L - Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L or EDUC 6110 and EDUC 6120.*

*Corequisite: MAED 6416.*

This field experience is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in the corequisite course, MAED 6416. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they carry out direct activities. Candidates must have a satisfactory practicum to continue in the MAT program without remediation.

Note A criminal background check and verification of liability insurance is required.

**MAED 6475 - Teaching Secondary Mathematics II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MAED 6416, MAED 6416L.*

Building upon knowledge and skills developed in MAED 6416, candidates continue to examine and apply curriculum issues, learning theories, teaching strategies, instructional materials and assessment procedures for teaching secondary school mathematics in diverse classrooms.

**MAED 6475L - Practicum III**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: MAED 6417 and MAED 6417L.*

*Corequisite: MAED 6475.*

This field experience is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to apply and reflect on concepts addressed in the corequisite courses, MAED 6417. Candidates are placed in appropriate school settings where they observe, assist, and teach. Candidates must have a satisfactory practicum to continue in the MAT program without remediation.

Note A criminal background check and verification of liability insurance is required.

**MAED 7701 - History of Mathematics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

A historical and cultural development of mathematics from ancient times to the present as a natural development of human endeavors. Selected topics include numeration, mathematical notation, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, analysis, and prominent mathematicians. Individual projects allow students to research topics which would be appropriate to their areas of mathematical interests and to applications in their school classrooms.

**MAED 7715 - Mathematical Problem Solving**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

Investigations in this course center around formulating, solving, and extending problems from various areas of mathematics and other disciplines. The course includes issues related to problem solving such as historical perspectives, Polya's contributions, and research-based ideas for teaching and assessing problem solving.

**MAED 7716 - Math Studies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

Students' understanding of the mathematics they teach will be deepened and broadened through the study of problems in Algebra, Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, and Mathematical Modeling. This course is designed so that students can explore key ideas in mathematics, bringing with them the skills and understandings of advanced course work, enhancing their understanding, and connecting more advanced ideas to the topics they teach.

**MAED 7719 - Technology and Mathematics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

Focus is on the current effects and potential of technology for doing, teaching, and learning mathematics. Students explore mathematics as they develop skill in innovative mathematics technologies. Technologies include graphing calculators, data collection technologies (such as CBL, CBR), dynamic geometry software, statistics software, web simulations, web courseware, and other technology tools for mathematics.

**MAED 7723 - Patterns & Relations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Using patterns will provide the P-5 teacher an opportunity to explore a variety of mathematical topics such as exponents, number theory, rational numbers, measurement, geometry, etc. These explorations will allow the student to construct understandings, to provide reasons for their actions, to communicate their understanding and to make connections to other mathematical topics.

**MAED 7724 - Shapes and Measures**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Students will model, map, and engage in activities to discover, visualize and represent concepts and properties of geometric figures in the physical world. These geometrical explorations and investigations will provide P-5 teachers opportunities to strengthen their spatial intuitions and gain greater understanding of geometric concepts necessary to function effectively in a three-dimensional world.

**MAED 7725 - Mathematical Exploration, Discovery and Problem Solving for Teachers (P-5)**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course will provide opportunities for teachers to investigate, discuss, question, conjecture and verify their conclusions from situations generated within the context of everyday experiences. Critical thinking skills and assessment techniques will be included.

**MAED 7751 - Mathematics Teaching and Learning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

Emphasizes general mathematical concepts and reasoning methods and how they undergird the development of analytic thinking. Emphasizes the link between mathematics and mathematics pedagogy. Topics include multiple representations, thinking and reasoning mathematically, communication, modeling, connections, and applications. The impact of these mathematical processes on school mathematics instruction is addressed in such topics as standards-based education, alternative curricula, testing and assessment, differentiation of instruction, and the use of innovative teaching tools.

**MAED 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic or theme in mathematics education for experienced classroom teachers.

**MAED 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature. The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**MAED 8900 - Research Methods & Critique in Mathematics Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. program.*

This course is designed to survey, from an advanced point of view, research methods used in mathematics education by examination of important research in mathematics education. Students will analyze, summarize, and critique published research. Students will also have an opportunity to read extensively the literature relevant to their proposed dissertation research and focus the research questions for their dissertation.

**MAED 8900 - Research Methods and Critique in Mathematics Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Ed.S. or Ed.D. Program.*

This course is designed to survey, from an advanced point of view, research methods used in mathematics education by examination of important research in mathematics education. Students will analyze, summarize, and critique published research. Students will also have an opportunity to read extensively the literature relevant to their proposed dissertation research and focus the research questions for their dissertation.

**MAED 9300 - Critical Issues for Student Learning: (Topic)**

3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

A doctoral seminar focused on analysis and problem solving of a current topic of vital concern relevant to teaching, leading and student learning in secondary and middle grade classrooms and schools.

**MAED 9350 - Doctoral Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

Individualized and independent scholarly investigation and research of an important topic involving teaching, leading and student learning in secondary and middle grade classrooms and schools. The focus, content and expectations for this study will be formally established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**MAED 9900 - Dissertation**

3-9 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: 12 hours of graduate level research courses.*

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure will provide individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers.

Note Course may be repeated as necessary.

**Music****MUSI 7900 - Special Topics in Music**

1-3 (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Selected special topics of interest to students and faculty.

**MUSI 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Covers special topics and seminars external to regular course offerings.

Note May include original research projects.

**Music Education****MUED 6660 - Instrument Techniques**

1 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 1 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

Instrument techniques are a requirement for all certification programs in music education. They are taken by advisement according to the Instrument Techniques Requirement Display. This display provides for the necessary competencies in each of the music education specializations.

Note (MUED 6660/01 through 6660/15)

**Nursing****NURS 6150 - Analytical Business Applications & Leadership Skills for Advanced Practice Nursing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 7785.*

The course provides the advanced practice nurse with foundational business knowledge and the analytical and leadership skills needed in the economic environments of health care organizations. The focus is on the financial skills needed to provide leadership in the successful creation, distribution, and management of health care services.

**NURS 7715 - Professional Advanced Role Development and Health Care Issues**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program.*

Within this course, role theory, change theory, and leadership theory as they apply to advanced practice nursing are examined. The issues related to the role of the advanced practice nurse in today's health care environment are explored. Ethical and legal decision-making processes are investigated. The standards and regulations governing advanced practice nursing are examined.

**NURS 7725 - Health Care Theory**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program or permission of the program coordinator.*

Theories from healthcare, nursing and related fields are analyzed and critiqued from the perspective of theory development and theory utilization. Theoretical concepts are considered as they apply to the advanced practice nursing in research, communication, practice, and professional autonomy.

**NURS 7735 - Advanced Health Assessment, Health Maintenance and Health Promotion**

2 Class Hours 6 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program.*

This course is designed to develop the student's skill and critical appraisal of the history and physical examination of clients. Health promotion, risk screening, and disease prevention are

emphasized while clinical strategies and interventions are critiqued utilizing research and theoretical data. A clinical practicum provides experiences in health promotion and maintenance allowing students to develop their assessment, interpretive, and diagnostic competencies.

### **NURS 7736 - Advanced Health Assessment**

2 Class Hours 1 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to develop the student's skill and critical appraisal of the history and physical examination of clients of appropriate age groups. Health promotion, risk screening and disease prevention are emphasized while clinical strategies and interventions are critiqued utilizing research and theoretical data. A clinical practicum provides experiences in health promotion and health maintenance allowing students to develop their assessment, interpretive and diagnostic competencies.

### **NURS 7737 - Health Policy and Vulnerable Populations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of the program director.*

This course focuses on health policy and appropriate health care to selected vulnerable populations. Health policy, such as advocacy, policy development and analysis, and health care delivery systems will be explored. The concepts of vulnerability, diversity, determinants of health, and health care disparities provide the foundation of caring for vulnerable populations. The issues related to the role of nursing leaders in being active in policy making that can influence vulnerable populations are explored.

### **NURS 7745 - Theoretical Foundations, Research Applications, and Outcome Evaluations I**

4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program or permission of the program coordinator.*

This course extends foundational competencies in research methods, epidemiology, and biostatistics. The focus is on examining research designs, methodology, data measurement and analysis, the ethics of research, and outcome evaluation for relevant problems encountered by the advanced practice nurse. Theories from health care, nursing, and related fields will be analyzed and critiqued from the perspective of theory development and utilization during inquiry. Students will analyze relevant scientific studies and begin development of the scientific proposal process in a particular area relevant to advanced nursing practice.

### **NURS 7746 - Research Applications in Nursing**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program or permission of the program coordinator.*

This course builds upon the student's basic knowledge of the research process. It explores research design, methodology, and data analyses and outcome evaluation for relevant problems encountered by the advanced practice nurse. Both quantitative and qualitative methods are examined. Students will critique relevant studies in an area of interest and develop a proposal related to a topic in their selected area of interest.

### **NURS 7747 - Theoretical Foundations, Research Applications, and Outcome Evaluations II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 7745.*

This course continues the instruction begun in NURS 7745 with emphasis on data collection, database development, and use of software programs for various research. In addition, the course explores the analyses and interpretation relevant for specific research problems encountered in advanced nursing practice. Students obtain approval for the appropriate Institutional Review Board and implement the scientific proposal developed in NURS 7745. This is the second course required for students completing a master's thesis project.

**NURS 7751 - Curriculum Design and Evaluation in Nursing Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to provide the advanced practice nurse with the theoretical underpinnings of curriculum development, design, and evaluation. The knowledge gained can be applied to the educator role in a variety of diverse academic nursing programs, in health care agencies, or in corporate settings with a health care focus.

**NURS 7752 - Instructional Methods & Outcome Measurement in Nursing Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to assist the advanced practice student in nursing education to understand innovative teaching methods and outcome measurement. Principles of teaching, learning, and evaluation are addressed as these apply to the development and implementation of educational courses, seminars, workshops, or community programs. Students will apply best practice strategies in the development of instructional plans, including the use of technology to enhance or present content.

**NURS 7753 - Technology in Nursing Education and Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of program director.*

This course is designed to assist students in preparing to teach in a technology-rich environment. This course includes the use of emerging technology in education and nursing practice. Content includes the use of technology and information systems (electronic health records, telecommunications, informatics) for decision making in the provision of safe, effective care; use of multiple methods of simulation and virtual reality learning, distance learning. Online course development, tele-health/thel-medicine, and other technology based instructional methods will be included.

**NURS 7755 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program or permission of the program coordinator.*

This course expands the experienced professional nurse's understanding of pharmacological principles, including pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. Emphasis is placed on enhancing the knowledge necessary to improve client care outcomes.

**NURS 7765 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program or permission of the program coordinator.*

This course is designed to provide the experienced professional nurse with advanced content concerning normal and abnormal human physiologic responses to pertinent pathophysiologic conditions. Emphasis is placed on the clinical manifestations of these conditions may successfully intervene in a variety of advanced practice clinical settings.

**NURS 7780 - Seminar in Conflict Management & Ethics of Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of the program coordinator.*

This course introduces the principles, theories, and skills of conflict management required for advanced practice nurses. In addition, the course engages the student in exploration of the ethical and legal frameworks, theories and applications that relate to leadership, management, and decision-making in health care organizations. Case analysis and presentation will emphasize the student's ability to identify problems and offer collaborative resolutions in areas related to patient care, patient safety, and appropriate workplace environments that support quality care.

**NURS 7785 - Health Policy and Finance**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSN program or permission of the program coordinator.*

This course is designed to provide the practice nursing student with an overview of the factors involved in understanding the current state of health care policy in the United States. Various methods of health care financing, organization, role of government in health care, and an historical perspective will be explored. Issues such as access, the roles of health care providers, primary care, and organizational structures will be discussed.

**NURS 7793 - Health Policy Leadership Seminar**

4 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN program.*

This seminar provides students with an advanced understanding of the issues of leadership and health policy as it relates to nursing. The course addresses theories and models of the health policy process with a focus on integrating health service research theory and methods. Students engage in intensive study of trends in health policy, leadership issues related to policy, and the active engagement of the advance practice nurse in forming health policy. Perspectives on agenda setting, media roles, advocacy, policy innovation, diffusion, and implementation are also integrated with examples of specific nursing policy problems.

**NURS 7794 - Advanced Leadership & Policy in Multicultural, Changing World**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN program.*

This course develops proactive leadership skills in leading and shaping organizations and health policy through the myriad of changes that are occurring in the health care environment and in a multicultural society. The course examines the impact of family and welfare policy on health status, health care access, and health outcomes. It allows the opportunity to explore global policy that influences diverse populations. Transformational leadership skills, organizational assessment, business ethics, climate analysis, communication, cultural competency and information management will be emphasized to effect leadership and policy in a changing, multicultural world. Diversity and cultural competence will be studied in relation to the changing populations seen globally. Emphasis will be placed on improving organizational performance and creating a learning healthcare organization.

**NURS 7795 - Global Initiatives in Healthcare, Changing World**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 7715, NURS 7793, NURS 7794.*

This course focuses on the global perspective of policy development and implementation in health care. By examining global perspectives, intercultural engagement and global citizenship, the student will recognize and incorporate a worldview of health care and the advanced practice nurse.

**NURS 8800 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Adults**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 7735.**Corequisite: NURS 8850.*

This course addresses the common health conditions, both simple and complex, affecting individuals, aged 17 and older, frequently encountered in primary care setting. Client's clinical presentation, underlying causes, and appropriate treatment modalities are explored. The nurse practitioner's role in the clinical management of common health conditions in the adult client is the focus with emphasis on referral, follow-up, and client education. The impact of health problems on the family unit is also explored.

### **NURS 8805 - Clinical Management of Selected Common Health Conditions in Children**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 7735; 8800.

*Corequisite:* NURS 8851.

This course is designed to provide an exploration of theories and knowledge needed for child health supervision in the primary care setting with a focus on the nurse practitioner's role in clinical management, anticipatory guidance, referral, and follow-up. Emphasis is placed upon parents as participants in assessment, decision-making, and management of common health problems and the stresses of normal development in infancy, childhood, and adolescence.

### **NURS 8830 - Clinical Management of Reproductive Health**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 8805 or 8815.

*Corequisite:* NURS 8852, 8853.

This course focuses on the health care needs of essentially healthy women throughout the reproductive years and beyond. Emphasis is placed on the clinical management of common health problems of women, well pregnant women and the care of the newborn. Appropriate referral and follow-up care for more complex health problems and high risk pregnancy are explored.

### **NURS 8850 - Primary Care Residency I**

1 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 7735.

*Corequisite:* NURS 8800.

This course consists of an introductory practicum with a nurse practitioner, physician assistant or physician preceptor approved by NP faculty. Beginning clinical management skills are the focus of the course. The theory component emphasizes student case study presentation and critique.

### **NURS 8851 - Primary Care Residency II**

1 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 8850.

*Corequisite:* 8805 or 8815.

A continuation of the practicum experience with appropriate preceptors. Improved clinical management skills are an expectation in a variety of clinical sites. The case study methodology is continued.

### **NURS 8852 - Primary Care Residency III**

1 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 8851; 8805 or 8815

*Corequisite:* NURS 8830, 8853.

A continuation of the practicum experience with appropriate preceptors. Increasing complex clinical management skills are an expectation in a variety of appropriate clinical sites. The case study methodology is continued.

### **NURS 8853 - Primary Care Residency IV**

1 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 8851.

*Corequisite:* NURS 8852, 8830.

This course is the capstone practicum experience in which students synthesize all elements of their clinical management skills. Competence in the clinical management of health conditions frequently encountered is an expectation.

**NURS 8854 - Primary Care Clinical Project**

2 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 2 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 7746.

*Corequisite:* NURS 8853, 8852.

The clinical project provides the student with the opportunity to synthesize and apply acquired knowledge and skills in a clinically focused project related to the role of the nurse practitioner in research, health promotion, and community education. The student identifies a problem/need and designs a project that will improve the health care of a specific population.

**NURS 8863 - Thesis/Research Project**

0-3, variable Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 7747.

*Corequisite:* NURS 8862.

This course will allow students to complete their thesis/research project under the supervision of a graduate faculty member. Competencies related to implementation of nursing research and the scientific analytical processes required for completion of a thesis/research project relevant to nursing will be included.

**NURS 8873 - Nurse Educator Practicum I**

1 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 7736 and NURS 7751.

This course is designed to introduce students to the nurse educator role in a setting with a preceptor identified as being appropriate to the student's area of interest. Advanced educational concepts and principles are the focus of the course with an emphasis on case presentation and critique. Students also explore issues related to standards of practice, practice guidelines, evidence-based practice, health literacy, culture, and ethics as they apply to the nurse educator.

**NURS 8874 - Nurse Educator Practicum II**

1 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 8873.

This course is a continuation of the practicum experience designed to provide students with the opportunity to explore and utilize increasingly complex education concepts and principles with the guidance of an appropriate preceptor. Students will also explore issues related to communication theory and skills, leadership in the classroom, group dynamics, conflict management, and the use of technology in nursing education.

**NURS 8875 - Nurse Educator Practicum III**

1 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 8874.

This course is the capstone of the practicum experience. It is designed to provide students with the opportunity to synthesize elements of their acquired knowledge and skills in the implementation of a variety of education models in nursing education settings. Settings will be selected to further develop students' knowledge and skills as nurse educators. Competence in advanced nursing education is an expectation.

**NURS 8880 - Leadership Role in Nursing Administration & Health Policy - Practicum I**

1 Class Hours 6 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite:* NURS 7793, NURS 7794, NURS 7715.

The course consists of an introductory practicum with a preceptor/site identified as being appropriate for the student's area of interest/track and approved by the faculty. Advanced health policy competencies are the focus of the course for students in the Health Policy Leadership track. The theory component emphasizes case study presentation and critique related to the leadership issues associated with health policy and advanced practice nursing.

### **NURS 8881 - Leadership Role in Nursing Administration & Health Policy-Practicum II**

1 Class Hours 6 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 8880.*

This course is a continuation of the practicum experience with appropriate preceptors/sites. Advanced nursing leadership and health policy competencies continue to be the focus of the course with greater expertise an expectation and a particular focus of the core competencies related to financial management and quality and safety of healthcare delivery systems.

### **NURS 8882 - Leadership Role in Nursing Administration & Health Policy-Practicum III**

1 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 8881.*

A continuation of the practicum experience in which students synthesize all elements of their advanced health policy and leadership competences at a specific agency with appropriate mentor/preceptor. The theory component continues to emphasize case study presentation and critique related to the leadership issues associated with health policy and nursing leadership with an emphasis on synthesis of global health leadership and management.

### **NURS 8900 - Special Topics in Advanced Practice Nursing**

14 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program or permission of the program director.*

This course is a concentrated exploration of a selected contemporary topic within the discipline of advanced practice nursing and of interest to faculty and students.

### **NURS 8940 - Directed Study in Advanced Practice Nursing**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSN Program or permission of the program director.*

Admission to this course requires permission of the Program Director and faculty member, who will be involved in instruction. A directed study is a special, one-time offering of a topic for a specific student. The directed study is a concentrated investigation with a well-defined proposal that is of an advanced nature, and has detailed learning objectives and deliverables.

Note The specific content will be determined jointly by the instructor and student.

### **NURS 9000 - Structure of Scientific Inquiry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the history and nature of scientific explanation and inquiry, including testability and utility and includes exploration and analysis of major philosophers, philosophy of science, and the origin and development of nursing philosophy and nursing science. Focus is on reflection, critical thinking and making sound judgments related to students extending their knowledge of the conduct and application of theory-based science in healthcare and nursing education settings.

### **NURS 9005 - Theoretical Basis of Nursing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines the historical evolution of knowledge development in nursing and critically examines deductive and inductive approaches to theory development and theory testing. Students explore major nursing theories, human behavior theories, healthcare theories, and education theories which support substantive health and nursing education issues.

**NURS 9010 - Bioethical Issues**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines traditional and contemporary theories of Eastern and Western philosophy as they apply to ethical issues and problems in nursing and healthcare around the world. Philosophies of justice are critiqued for relevance to healthcare research, business and leadership practices.

**NURS 9015 - Applied Quantitative Scholarly Inquiry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 9100 and STAT 9200.*

This course presents theories and methods of applied quantitative research. Students examine and apply fundamental quantitative designs in the development and conduct of research to address substantive health and nursing education issues.

**NURS 9025 - Applied Qualitative Scholarly Inquiry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course presents philosophies, theories, and methods of applied qualitative research. Students examine and apply fundamental qualitative designs in the development and conduct of research to address substantive health and nursing education issues.

**NURS 9035 - Practicum in Applied Nursing Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to give students a guided in-depth hands-on experience with applied nursing research. Students work with a nurse researcher or other healthcare researchers in the conduct of research applied to substantive health or nursing education issues. The focus, content, and expectations for this course will be established by the doctoral student and supervising professor.

**NURS 9100 - Health Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program or permission of the program director.*

This course provides an orientation to various analytical and substantive components fundamental to health policy. Students develop skills in analysis, application, evaluation and development of policies related to public health with a focus on issues related to inequalities in health services such as access, costs, utilization, and rationing. Health care policies, along with methods and delivery systems, are compared within developed and developing countries. Real situations are examined in which specific policy decisions are made by public and private health managers or officials.

**NURS 9105 - Philosophical Foundations of Responses to Health Disparities**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course develops more in-depth knowledge related to philosophies, theories, and models of health disparities and vulnerable populations. The meanings of health disparities and vulnerable populations are examined and analyzed within a historical context.

**NURS 9110 - Sociopolitical Theories/Models in Health Disparities**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course builds on the foundation of knowledge derived from the theoretical foundations of responses to health disparities course, and develops more in-depth knowledge of socio-political

theories/models with a focus on vulnerable populations. Research and oversight monitoring will be addressed surrounding issues of IRB, informed consent, protection of human subjects in vulnerable populations.

### **NURS 9200 - Pedagogical Strategies for Teaching Nursing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program.*

This course is an overview of education and theories of teaching and learning related to nursing education and practice. The focus is on general categories of cognitive and behavioral theories and selection of appropriate teaching/learning theories and pedagogical strategies to address the learning needs of culturally diverse groups and individuals.

### **NURS 9205 - Philosophical Foundations of Nursing Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course examines and analyzes philosophies and theories that are foundational to nursing education. Emphasis is on exploration of the intersection of education and nursing, and the philosophical issues that make the education of persons learning to become nurses or those advancing their nursing education unique.

### **NURS 9210 - Curriculum Theories/Models in Nursing Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course critically examines curriculum theories and models and their relevance to nursing education. It includes examination of a variety of conceptual frameworks and their appropriateness for various settings, students, and curricular elements. Emphasis is on curriculum development, and evaluation at institutional, course, and individual class levels in academic and clinical settings, as well as empirical support for curriculum processes within nursing education.

### **NURS 9215 - Role of the Nurse Leader in Nursing Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: NURS 9200 and nursing core courses.*

This course focuses on the roles of nurse educators within schools/colleges of nursing. The roles of nurse faculty leaders related to teaching and mentoring students, professional and institutional service, research and scholarly activity, and professional development are explored. Emphasis is on nursing education within the context of society and healthcare related to strategic planning, resources, political influences, conflict, change and leadership. Students will participate in a realistic nursing educator role within an academic nursing program.

### **NURS 9300 - Special Topics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to take advantage of opportunities to teach special topics of interest to nursing doctoral students regarding nursing and healthcare, health disparities and vulnerable populations, nursing education, applied research, or other related topics. The focus, content, expectations, and methods of evaluation for the course are formally established when the course is developed.

### **NURS 9310 - Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of Supervising Instructor.*

This individually designed course allows students to independently examine or research advanced topics related to health disparities and/or nursing education. The focus, content, expectations, and methods of evaluation for the course are formally established by the doctoral student and the supervising professor.

**NURS 9400 - Dissertation**

1-9 (repeatable) Credit Hours

Course work supports and guides doctoral candidates in the implementation of their applied research and the development and defense of the dissertation. This format and structure provides individual time with the Doctoral Committee and collegial and academic support from their peers. Course may be repeated as necessary.

**NURS 9405 - Dissertation Seminar**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS program or permission of the program director.*

This course is designed to give students supervised and guided direction as they begin the dissertation process. Students will work with both course faculty and their dissertation chair in the development of a dissertation. The seminar format fosters collegial and academic support from doctoral faculty as well as peers.

**Physics****PHED 5400 - The Teaching and Learning of Physics**

2 Class Hours 2 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Acceptance into the MAT physics program or any other graduate education program.*

This course will deepen and broaden the graduate students' understanding of the content taught at the high school level and will expose them to a variety of educational resources and tools that facilitate students' learning. Current physics education research literature on topics such as active learning strategies, misconceptions, laboratory design, demonstrations, and assessment will be examined. Primary focus of the course is the application of content and pedagogical knowledge to the practice of teaching physics.

**PHED 6416 - Teaching of Physics**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100 and EDUC 6100L or EDUC 6110 and EDUC 6120, admission to the MAT in Physics program, approval of the instructor.*

An examination and application of learning theories, curricular issues, instructional design and assessment strategies for teaching middle and secondary school physics in diverse classrooms. Candidates develop initial competencies for establishing a well-managed, productive learning environment, applying science content knowledge to the task of teaching adolescents, and promoting an understanding of the nature of science through inquiry-based instruction. Emphasizes practices supported by science education research and endorsed by the NSTA. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving school placements in the co-requisite practicum.

**PHED 6417 - Teaching of Physics (6-12) Practicum**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to PHED 6416.*

Middle and secondary school field experience in teaching physics with concurrent seminars. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placements.

**PHED 6475 - Teaching of Physics (6-12) Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Grade of "C" or better in PHED 6416 and PHED 6417.*

Full-time teaching experience in physics under the supervision of a middle or high school mentor teacher and a college science education supervisor. Includes regularly scheduled seminars. Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving a school placement.

**PHYS 5100 - Classical Mechanics and Applications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAT program and a C or better in MATH 2202 and PHYS 2212 (or equivalent).*

This course provides a modern coverage of topics in classical mechanics, including a deeper understanding of the dynamic laws and a focus on connections to other topics in physics and to real life applications of the topics. Topics include a review of Newton's laws of motion which is followed by an examination of conservation laws in physics, Newton's theory of gravitation, the two-body central force problem, the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian frameworks, and a study of simple harmonic motion and oscillations. Connections with other fields of physics and to applications are made when appropriate to broaden, deepen, and strengthen students' physical insights and understanding.

**PHYS 5305 - Physics of the Micro World and the Cosmos**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAT program and :C: or better grade in MATH 2202 and PHYS 2212 (or equivalent).*

This course focuses on topics in non-classical physics. Students are exposed to the main ideas of 20th and 21st century physics. Special relativity is covered in some detail and the broad ideas of general relativity is introduced. The framework of quantum mechanics is presented and applications to the study of the atom and nucleus is made. More recent advances in particle physics and cosmology is described. Connections with other fields of physics and to applications to real life and technology are made when appropriate to broaden, deepen, and strengthen students' physical insights and understanding.

**PHYS 5340 - Electronics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: C or better grade in PHYS 1112 or PHYS 2212.*

The primary objective of this course is to present the fundamental principles of analog and digital electronic circuitry and their application to modern technology. The course begins with basic DC and AC circuits with resistors, inductors and capacitors. Next the p-n junction is discussed and its use in diodes and transistors, with a particular emphasis on applications for signal processing. The course finishes with the development of logic gates and flip-flops and their use in digital electronics. This course serves the student in the understanding of basic workings of instruments as well as everyday electronic devices.

Note The lab involves hands-on work with both analog and digital electronic components.

**PHYS 5400 - Electricity & Magnetism with Applications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAT program and a C or better in MATH 2202 and PHYS 2212 (or equivalent).*

The primary objective of this course is to present the experimental and theoretical basis of the principles of electricity & magnetism and their application in everyday phenomena and devices. The course begins with the concept of an electric field and develops the idea of electric potential energy differences. Application to conductor, capacitors and simple electric circuits is discussed. Next magnetic forces and field are introduced as well as the concept of inductance and magnetic field energy. Applications to RL circuits and devices (e.g., security screens, electric generators and motors) are considered. Lastly unification of electricity and magnetism is established through the Theory of Special Relativity and culminates in the derivation of the electromagnetic waves equation from Maxwell's Equations. To underscore all of the conceptual developments of the course, electromagnetic phenomenon is further explored in the natural world in both terrestrial and astrophysical contexts. Mathematical ideas of vector calculus (e.g., curl, divergence) and simple differential equations are developed in parallel with the course content. General concepts used and developed in this course (waves, energy conservation, special relativity, vector calculus all overlap with other courses in the sequence and significantly reinforce student learning.

Note The lab involves hands-on work with both analog and digital electronic components.

**PHYS 7900 - Special Topics**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Selected special or current topics of interest to faculty and students.

**PHYS 7950 - Directed Study**

1-4 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature. The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Political Science****POLS 7705 - Political Ideologies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A description and assessment of the most common ideologies facing the world and their economic, social and political consequences. Emphasis will be placed on capitalism, socialism, fascism, democracy and totalitarianism.

**POLS 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

**POLS 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature.

Note The content of the directed study will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Professional Writing****PRWR 6000 - Issues and Research in Professional Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director. (Students must take this course within their first two terms in the MAPW program.)*

The course is the required core course in the Master of Arts in Professional Writing (MAPW) program. It introduces students to the three program concentrations applied writing, composition and rhetoric, and creative writing by focusing on key issues, theories, and research methods specific to each field as well as those that cut across all three concentrations. The course provides the necessary foundation of knowledge, skills, and practice through a variety of readings on contemporary issues and through discussion, critique, and application of research methodologies for students to complete MAPW requirements and course work within their concentration and support areas.

**PRWR 6100 - Readings for Writers**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

The study of writers describing their ways of writing and /or how others' writing has influenced writers. This course studies the works listed as influential and then examines the application of such influence in later texts. Readings will vary, but will include literature, drama, poetry, essays, journalism and scientific and professional texts

Note This course is repeatable

**PRWR 6150 - Context, Style and Audience in Professional Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

A study of the ways context, stylistic choices, and audience influence all areas of writing in action, whether in the workplace, on the Internet, in publishing, or in the classroom. Course will focus on the creation of specific texts, many by the students themselves, with attention to the rhetorical traditions behind all spoken and written acts.

**PRWR 6240 - Technical Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the MAPW program director.*

An intensive workshop focused on creating technical documents for clients, consumers, and the general public. Topics addressed will include the history, function, theory, and ethical practice of technical writing. Students will become more capable and informed technical writers and potential leaders in their organizations.

**PRWR 6260 - Managing Writing in Organizations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

A foundational course introducing students to organizational writing and the planning that informs it. Students will learn to think creatively and systematically about the writing needs of businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. They will analyze the missions, constituencies, structures, and cultures of existing organizations to identify the most appropriate rhetorical strategies and products for organizations in their real-world contexts. Next, students will draft a plan for an organization, which may include a mission statement, key messages, organizational branding, a list of essential (print, electronic, audio, and video) documents, a yearly calendar of events and document releases, a budget and production plan, and a distribution plan for key documents. In addition, students will study how professional writers face situations that require ethical analysis and action to guard an organization's mission and reputation. The course will also inform students about careers available to organizational writers and the technologies they use in performing their work.

**PRWR 6280 - Business and Technical Editing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MAPW program or permission of graduate director.*

The study and practice of business and technical editing in texts found in corporate, engineering, government, high-tech, and scientific settings, including reports, proposals, manuals, company newsletters, and Internet web pages. Editorial responsibilities for document development, copy editing, and proofreading will be explored.

Note Practice of electronic editing and hard copy editing will be stressed.

**PRWR 6300 - Understanding Writing as Process**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

The study of the concept of writing as process and its implications for professional writers in various creative, workplace, and instructional situations. This course will focus on such ques-

tions as What happens when we write? Can the processes by which individuals shape written texts be observed, documented, and theorized? How does social context affect writing processes? How does understanding writing as process affect the teaching of writing?

### **PRWR 6410 - Feature Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

The study of the principles and processes of news reporting and feature writing techniques, including editorial writing, promotional communications, and informative newspaper and magazine article writing.

### **PRWR 6440 - Professional and Academic Editing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

The study and practice of professional and academic (trade, professional, educational, and scholarly) editing for magazines, journals, books, and textbooks. Editorial divisions of labor and approaches and responsibilities of editors, along with the introduction to text development, acquisition, and line editing.

### **PRWR 6455 - The Genres of Creative Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

This course introduces students to the basic principles and building blocks of creative writing. As such, it is required of all students whose concentration or whose support area is creative writing, making it a prerequisite to all creative writing courses offered in the MAPW Program. This course will be especially valuable to students whose concentration is not creative writing but who have selected it as their support area. Students with appropriate expertise in creative writing may petition the director of the MAPW Program for a waiver of this course and enroll in the next one. The course focuses on the theory behind creative writing as well as the practice of it, making it a combination of seminar and workshop.

### **PRWR 6460 - Fiction Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

*Those outside of the creative writing track must have taken PRWR 6455.*

Workshop course in the writing of fiction. Short stories and novellas may be studied. Small group critique, one-to-one conferences and peer revision techniques may be used.

### **PRWR 6470 - Poetry Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW Program or permission of the graduate program director.*

*Those outside of the creative writing track must have taken PRWR 6455.*

Workshop course in the writing of poetry. Study of traditional, free verse, haiku and experimental forms by means of small group critique, one-to-one conferences and peer revision.

### **PRWR 6480 - Play Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

*Those outside of the creative writing track must have taken PRWR 6455.*

Workshop course in the writing of drama. Study and practice in writing monologues and dialogues, presenting stage directions and the production of one act and multi act dramatic works.

**PRWR 6490 - Screen and Television Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director. Those outside of the creative writing track must have taken PRWR 6455.*

Workshop course in writing for cinema, radio and television. Study and practice in effective screenplay writing techniques, on air report writing, on screen news writing and the principles of script writing, evaluation and promotion will be examined.

**PRWR 6500 - Teaching Writing in High Schools and Colleges**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

An investigation into the theories and practices that have shaped writing instruction over the past thirty years. Students will examine student-centered instruction, writing process theories, current methods of assessment, technologies of writing, and other important advances in order to produce curricular design for high school and college writing classes.

**PRWR 6520 - Creative Nonfiction**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director. Those outside of the creative writing track must have taken PRWR 6455.*

Readings from and writing in creative or literary nonfiction, including the personal essay, biography, travel writing, the research essay, and the nonfictional novel. Attention to the history and development of the genre and its subdivisions and to the markets for its manuscripts.

**PRWR 6550 - Document Design and Desktop Publishing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

Principles and practice in computer-aided publishing. Examine word processing and desktop publishing capabilities, develop graphic and text design experience, explore the skills needed to produce professional quality newsletters, brochures, reports, pamphlets and books.

**PRWR 6650 - Introduction to Literacy Studies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

An overview of approaches for studying and shaping literacy in a range of social contexts, including workplaces, instructional settings, and the literary marketplace. This course will explore competing definitions of literacy and their implications for professional writers with students learning to use research about literacy to enhance their work as professional writers.

**PRWR 6750 - Teaching Writing to Speakers of Other Languages**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

The study of the theories and practices in the teaching writing to ESL writers. Emphasis will be placed on second language acquisition of writing skills and ESL composition techniques and principles for various ESL writing situations.

**PRWR 6760 - World Englishes**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program, or permission of the graduate program director*

A study of the unprecedented growth of English on a global scale. Course will examine the current state of English in the world and the cultural/social factors that have given rise to a number of different varieties of English in the world. These varieties, attitudes towards them, and implications for various written media of communication will be explored.

**PRWR 6800 - Careers in the Literary Arts**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

The first half of the course will survey components that make up the literature field and introduce the student to the management concerns in selected components. The survey will inform the student about professional and organization infrastructures that support the literary arts in the United States and give the student theoretical and practical knowledge concerning arts management. The second half of the course will focus on the writer's personal management. Grantsmanship and fellowship writing as well as submissions-and-publications procedures, literary promotions, and time management will be discussed.

**PRWR 6850 - Web Content Development**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director*

Study and practice in writing and development of Web content for multiple, diverse audiences in commercial areas, such as e-business, public relations, and advertising; in public service organizations, including nonprofit and government organizations; and in the area of personal and career development. Students will create their own professional e-portfolio and develop Web content for a commercial, nonprofit, or public organization. Course topics will include site architecture, visual rhetoric, audience analysis, collaboration with graphic designers to create Web pages, ethics, accessibility for disabled users, corporate intranet design, and international considerations.

**PRWR 6860 - Intercultural Communication in Context**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program, or permission of the graduate program director.*

A study of written communication across cultures. Course will use a case studies format to explore principles for effectively communicating in English across different cultures. Topics will include document design for international audiences, rhetorically sensitive strategies, issues of translation and contrastive rhetoric. Students will be able to study a specific type of written communication in a specific region or regions of the world according to their interests and need.

**PRWR 7460 - Advanced Fiction Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PRWR 6460.*

This is an advanced course in the writing of fiction. Short stories and novellas may be studied. Small-group critique, one-on-one conferences and peer revision techniques may be used.

Note May be repeated with permission of the program director.

**PRWR 7470 - Advanced Poetry Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PRWR 6470.*

This is an advanced course in the writing of poetry. Various types of poems, from free verse to formal verse and prose poems, may be studied. Small-group critique, one-on-one conferences and peer revision techniques may be used.

Note May be repeated with permission of the program director.

**PRWR 7480 - Advanced Play Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PRWR 6480.*

This is an advanced course in the writing of plays. One-act and full-length plays may be studied. Small-group critique, one-on-one conferences and peer revision techniques may be used.

Note May be repeated with permission of the program director.

**PRWR 7490 - Advanced Screen and Television Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PRWR 6490.*

This is an advanced course in the writing of scripts. Scripts for both film and TV may be studied. Small-group critique, one-on-one conferences and peer revision techniques may be used.

Note May be repeated with permission of the program director.

**PRWR 7520 - Advanced Creative Nonfiction Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PRWR 6520.*

This is an advanced course in the writing of creative nonfiction. Memoirs, autobiographies, biographies, poetic essays, and other types of creative nonfiction may be studied. Small-group critique, one-on-one conferences and peer revision techniques may be used.

Note May be repeated with permission of the program director.

**PRWR 7550 - Advanced Applied Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 (Repeatable) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director; PRWR 6260 or permission of instructor.*

This advanced applied writing course builds on the lessons of PRWR 6260 and is intended for students studying applied writing. Focusing each semester on a significant topic in applied writing, the course will offer students advanced, in-depth study of subjects critical to organizational writers such as grant and proposal writing, organizational writing for external audiences, organizational writing for internal audiences, and instruction in multimedia writing. The course will involve substantial service-learning writing assignments to prepare students for careers as professional writers in corporate, nonprofit, and governmental organizations. Students will collaborate with clients and classmates as they plan, draft, and finalize short, long, and electronic texts. In addition to reading and critiquing written texts, each course will include appearances by guest speakers whose current and previous employment experiences provide insights into the careers of those who write for organizations.

**PRWR 7600 - MAPW Practical Internship**

1-6 (Up to six hours may be used to satisfy MAPW degree requirements.) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director and/or faculty advisor.*

Guided and supervised practical experience in one concentration of the MAPW Program.

**PRWR 7900 - Special Topics**

3 (Repeatable) Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program or permission of the graduate program director.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

**PRWR 7950 - MAPW Directed Study**

3 (Repeatable Once) Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAPW program, or permission of the graduate program director, PRWR 6000, and a graduate course in the field of the directed study.*

An intensive, advanced investigation of selected topics derived from individual courses of study. The content will be determined jointly by the instructor, the student, and the student's advisor. The proposed course of study must be submitted to the graduate director by a deadline published each term for MAPW Committee approval.

**PRWR 7960 - MAPW Capstone Project**

1-6 Class Hours

*Prerequisite: Completion of 27 credit hours in the MAPW program and at least four courses in the concentration; approval of capstone committee.*

A project designated as a thesis, portfolio or practicum and accompanied by a rationale for its purpose and design that involves electronic and/or print media and is relevant to the student's concentration in professional writing. After submitting an approved capstone proposal, the candidate works under the direction and advice of two faculty members to produce the project. The candidate must submit the capstone project at least two weeks before either 1) a discussion about the project with the faculty committee, or 2) a public presentation about the project or a reading from the project for an audience of faculty and peers.

Note The candidate will consult with the capstone committee chair and committee member about which option to choose.

**Public Administration****PAD 6200 - Fundamentals of Public Administration and Public Service**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Covers the public policymaking process, civil service and administrative agencies, and policy implementation, with brief introductory foray into motivation, leadership, decision making, finance and budgeting, and personnel. Contrasts between public and business administration will be included.

**PAD 6250 - Research Methods and Computer Applications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Develops familiarity with methods of research and analysis useful to public service practitioners. Survey and research design, statistical methods such as descriptive and inferential statistics, including multiple regression, will be covered. Involves intense hands-on computer work using statistical software.

**PAD 6300 - Public Organization Theory**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Offers conceptual and practical perspectives for understanding and managing organizations. A spectrum of theories of organization will be examined. The concepts and issues to be discussed include mechanical and organismic aspects of organizations, organizational culture and politics, organizational psychodynamics, and recent theories of organizing. The implications of the theories for a reflective practice will be the focus of class discussions.

**PAD 6350 - Public Service Budgeting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Techniques of financial management, chiefly in local agencies, covering the origins and types of modern budgeting, from line-item, program and performance, to zero-based budgeting. Attention will be paid to both the politics of the budgetary process and the financial and accounting principles involved, with a strong emphasis on hands-on exercises.

**PAD 6450 - Governmental Relations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Examines the interaction between the federal, state, and local levels of government in the United States and their interaction with nonprofit and other private sector organizations. Special attention is given to the constitutional and fiscal relationships between these levels of government.

**PAD 6500 - Policy Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6250.*

Deals with the theoretical issues and practical techniques of policy analysis. Focus will be on problem definition, alternative and criteria formulation, and decision making phases of prospective policy analysis. Students will learn to conduct simple analyses for policy decisions. Policy-analytic report writing and other forms of policy communication will also be emphasized.

**PAD 6600 - Program Evaluation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6250.*

This course is designed to introduce the basic methods of policy and program evaluation. These evaluation methods are used in needs assessments, monitoring social programs, and assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of their impacts. Quantitative approaches, such as experimental, quasi-experimental, and reflexive designs and the social, political, and ethical context of evaluation studies will be discussed.

**PAD 6700 - Human Resource Management in Public Service**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate college.*

This course addresses theories and principles of managing people in public and nonprofit organizations. Issues that will be addressed are the application of human resources concepts and processes, the legal and political influences impacting human resource management, and the distinctive role of human resource management in public and nonprofit organizations.

**PAD 7100 - Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Provides students with a comprehensive overview of the historical development of community service and nonprofit organizations. Particular emphasis will be given to distinguishing the nature of nonprofit organizations from business and traditional government organizations. Also, the course will emphasize the unique philosophy of nonprofits, especially the notions of charity, philanthropy, community caring, and volunteerism.

**PAD 7120 - Health Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6200.*

Provides an overview of current health policy in the U.S. and government's role in it and how these have evolved in historical perspective. The organization, financing, and delivery of health care will be examined as well as issues such as access and the roles of various health care providers.

**PAD 7130 - Regional Politics and Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts in politics of local and regional governance. The history of the city and county administration in the U.S., power relations in urban areas, and the legal/structural bases of urban policymaking will be discussed in the class. The history and structure of American cities will be compared with those of European cities and the global implications of urban problems will be discussed.

**PAD 7150 - Contemporary Public Issues**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

Covers a spectrum of issues which may range from local matters such as education, housing, and urban planning to broader concerns such as health care and economic policy as well as environmental conditions. For each issue cross-national comparisons will be explored and alternative policy solutions will be developed and discussed.

**PAD 7180 - Nonprofit Governance and Administration**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course will cover how to build successful boards for responsible governance, community impact, and mission advancement; how to recruit, train, and manage staff and volunteers; how to develop resources and raise funds from institutional as well as individual contributors. It will also emphasize special ethical dimensions of nonprofit governance and administration

**PAD 7230 - Local Governance and City Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study.*

This course will cover the common practices and problems of local government administrators and city managers, with special attention to the complex environment of and interrelations in the metropolitan and regional setting. It will explore the relationship between politics and administration and between city and county managers and their multiple constituencies.

**PAD 7250 - Leadership and Ethics in Public Service**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6200.*

To increase the ability of individuals to deal with public and social problems in all areas of public service, this course concentrates on understanding and developing leadership roles and ethical practices. Emphasis will be on ethical leadership in the context of teamwork, participatory decision making and employee empowerment, and on the development of organizational cultures that promote individual initiative and leadership.

**PAD 7390 - Public Financial Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6350.*

Public Financial Management is a sequel to the public budgeting course. Public finance is the study of where and how governments acquire resources. Taxes, fees, charges, debt concepts, and public finance theories are explored with an emphasis on actual government problem solving.

**PAD 7430 - Regional and Local Planning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6200.*

This course covers the theory, history and the technical and legal bases of regional/metropolitan and local planning. The topics to be discussed are the history of planning in the U.S. and European countries, the legal bases and politics of planning, the tools of land-use planning, community development, transportation planning, economic development and growth management, and environmental and energy planning. Particular emphasis will be on the legal and technical aspects of planning in cities, counties, and metropolitan regions. The implications of citizen participation in planning for democracy and political processes will also be discussed.

**PAD 7455 - Administrative Law**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6200.*

Administrative law provides students with a broad ranging analysis of how public administrators must handle constitutional and legal restraints placed on them by legislators, executives and the judiciary. The course provides an overview of those constraints and discusses the United States Supreme Court cases in which the law and constitution are applied to administrative actions.

**PAD 7470 - Issues in Criminal Justice Administration**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: PAD 6200.*

This course explores societal issues and trends which influence the administration of justice. These include liability issues; labor law applicability to a 24 hour /7 day a week operation;

privatization; and diversity. It will address particular attention to the creation and impact of public policy.

### **PAD 7900 - Special Topics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Consent of the program director. (Repeatable).*

Addresses topical issues in public or community services administration that are of special concern to students, faculty, and to the community.

### **PAD 7950 - Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Consent of the program director. (Repeatable).*

Concentrated independent readings and investigations of special topics of interest to individual students.

Note Readings, research, papers, and other projects will be determined jointly by the student and the instructor.

### **PAD 7985 - Internship in Public Service**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Completion of 21 credit hours in the MPA program and approval of program director.*

Culminating exercise required of all in-service students; students must have permission of the graduate director prior to registering for this course or alternatively for PAD 7995. Students shall work for a minimum of 300 hours on site during the term (approximately 20 contact hours per week). Objectives for the internship, field placements, readings, and research topics will be determined jointly by the student and supervising faculty. Requires preparation of a final written paper that summarizes how internship objectives were met and culminates in an oral presentation that demonstrates how the candidate's internship has developed him/her as a public service professional.

Note Emphasis will be placed on actual issues and problems faced by practicing administrators.

### **PAD 7995 - Public Service Practicum**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Completion of 21 credit hours in the MPA program and approval of program director.*

Culminating exercise required of all in-service practitioners; students must have permission of the program director prior to registering for this course or alternatively for PAD 7985. With the guidance of the program director, the student will select a suitable topic and develop a proposal to guide completion of a fieldwork/research project during the semester. Requires preparation of a written paper that summarizes the results of project and culminates in oral presentations that demonstrate how the candidate's work as a professional in public service will serve him/her and the community.

Note Emphasis will be on actual issues and problems faced by practicing administrators.

## **Reading**

### **EDRD 7715 - Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literature**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education, evidence of criminal background check.*

An advanced study of the socio-psycholinguistic foundations of literacy. This course examines theories of language development and acquisition of reading and writing as well as the theoretical foundations for a range of instructional practices related to the five dimensions of reading. Historical perspectives of literacy as well as prominent researchers and theorists are also studied.

**EDRD 7716 - Young Adult Literature in Middle and Secondary Schools**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

In this course, candidates will build upon their understanding and use of young adult literature in middle and secondary classrooms. Candidates will read, review, and evaluate a wide-range of contemporary young adult literature genres, trends and issues, while concurrently reviewing and evaluating methodologies for teaching. Candidates will be asked to design and develop classroom and school-based literature activities and programs to enhance instruction and foster motivation.

**EDRD 7717 - Reading Assessment and Instruction**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDRD 7715, evidence of background check.*

An advanced study of reading assessment instruments used for understanding the literacy needs of all grade-level readers. Candidates will use assessment data to plan evaluate, and revise effective reading and writing instruction to meet diverse learning. Durrent trends and issues in testing and assessment in U.S. schools will be studied.

Note A field component is required. All candidates must submit evidence of passing a criminal background check.

**EDRD 7718 - Content Area Reading and Writing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDRD 7715.*

An advanced study of the processes and problems of literacy instruction in content area classrooms. This course explores components of the reading and writing processes related to content area instruction including technical reading and writing, prior knowledge, research-based strategies, supplemental texts, and methods of grouping. Special emphasis is placed upon teaching struggling readers and/or diverse learners.

Note A field experience is required; therefore, all candidates must provide documentation of passing a criminal background check.

**EDRD 7765 - Teaching Reading in the Content Area to Diverse Learners**

2 Class Hours 3 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education, EDUC 7760.*

Teaching & Learning II focuses on the various forms of research-based, special instruction for students with disabilities. Specific focus will be on direct instruction, strategy instruction (metacognitive and cognitive behavior management), cooperative learning, social or functional skills development and systematic instruction using task analysis, prompts & cues, particularly as these practices apply to education of students with disabilities. Course content will build on information presented in Teaching and Learning I (e.g., the development of curriculum and instruction that follows the precepts of best practices and universal design in all academic areas.) Special attention will be given to embedded forms of student assessment and ongoing data collection procedures to evaluate the overall impact of instruction on student learning will be discussed.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to field experience placement.

**EDRD 8360 - Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education.*

The focus of this course is diversity, emphasizing issues related to content instruction for students with English as a second or foreign language. Specific issues include (but are not restricted to) first and second language acquisition, knowledge of proficiency levels, linguistic and phonemic awareness, phonics instruction, fluency, comprehension, content-area instructional

strategies for comprehension and vocabulary, and adult learning and family issues. Distributed school leadership (DSL) will be embedded in the course to give candidates an opportunity to recognize their potential for teacher leadership, particularly as it relates to the learning and development, curriculum, assessment and instruction reform.

### **EDRD 8365 - Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the M.Ed. program in Inclusive Education or ESOL Ed.D. program.*

This course focuses upon dyslexia and other forms of reading disorders, emphasizing issues related to early acquisition of reading skills and comprehension. Specific issues include (but are not restricted to) principles of language learning, phonemic awareness, phonics instruction, fluency, comprehension, and instructional strategies for comprehension and vocabulary for practical applications. Distributed school leadership (DSL) will be embedded in the course to give candidates an opportunity to recognize their potential for teacher leadership, particularly as it relates to the learning and development, curriculum, assessment and instruction reform.

## **Science**

### **SCI 7724 - Environmental Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate studies in education.*

This course will explore concepts and processes in the environmental sciences appropriate for the teachers of adolescent and young adult learners. Emphasis will be placed on the following concepts: flow of energy and cycling of matter in an ecosystem, interconnection of Earth's systems, stability and change in ecosystems, resource use and conservation, and human impact. Individual projects will focus on materials appropriate for different age groups.

### **SCI 7725 - Chemistry**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course will explore concepts and processes in chemistry appropriate for the teachers of adolescent and young adult learners. Emphasis will be placed on the nature and structure of matter, chemical reactions, fundamental aspects of kinetics and thermodynamics, and periodicity. Individual projects will focus on materials appropriate for particular age groups.

### **SCI 7726 - Life Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course will explore concepts and processes in the biological sciences appropriate to the teachers of adolescent and young adult learners. Emphasis will be placed on the structure and function of cells, the genetic basis for the transfer of biological characteristics from one generation to the next, diversity and classification of living things, and the role of natural selection in the development of the theory of evolution. Individual projects will focus on materials appropriate for particular age groups.

### **SCI 7727 - Physics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course will explore concepts and processes in physics appropriate to the teachers of adolescent and young adult learners. Emphasis will be placed on the laws of motion, laws of conservation, electricity and magnetism, waves, and optics. Students will build devices and conduct hands-on activities that utilize inquiry based learning principles. They will learn to develop and adapt similar learning activities to use in the K-12 learning environment.

**SCI 7728 - Earth Science**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course will explore concepts and process in the earth sciences appropriate to the teaching of adolescent and young adult learners. Areas of exploration will include the motions of the earth and the materials and systems that compose it, the processes that shape the earth's surface and the relation of these cycling processes to the living environment. Individual projects will focus on materials appropriate for particular age groups.

**SCI 7729 - Astronomy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course will explore concepts and process in space science appropriate to the teachers of adolescent and young adult learners. Areas of exploration will include: gravity and the laws of motion applied to the planets, the origin of the solar system and the Earth, light, planetary atmospheres, comparative planetology and cosmology. Individual projects will focus on materials appropriate for particular age groups.

**SCI 7900 - Special Topics**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education. Additional prerequisites vary with topic; see schedule of credit courses.*

Exploration of a specifically designed topic.

**SCI 7950 - Directed Study**

1-9 (Repeatable, Regular Grades) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education and permission of advisor, instructor, department chair, and director, graduate study in education.*

A concentrated investigation of selected topics of an advanced nature.

Note The content will be determined jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Science Education****SCED 6416 - Teaching of Science (6-12)**

6 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: EDUC 6100, 6100L, admission to MAT Science program, approval from instructor.*

An examination and application of learning theories, curricular issues, instructional design and assessment strategies for teaching middle and secondary school science in diverse classrooms. Candidates develop initial competencies for establishing a well-managed, productive learning environment, applying science content knowledge to the task of teaching adolescents, and promoting an understanding of the nature of science through inquiry-based instruction. Emphasizes practices supported by science education research and endorsed by the NSTA.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving school placements in the co-requisite practicum.

**SCED 6417 - Teaching of Science (6-12) Practicum**

0 Class Hours 9 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to SCED 6416.*

Middle and secondary school field experience in teaching science with concurrent seminars.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to school placements.

**SCED 6475 - Science Teaching Practicum II**

0 Class Hours 18 Laboratory Hours 6 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in SCED 6416 and SCED 6417.*

Full-time teaching experience in science under the supervision of a middle or high school mentor teacher and a college science education supervisor. Includes regularly scheduled seminars.

Note Proof of professional liability insurance is required prior to receiving a school placement.

**SCED 7750 - Contemporary Issues in Science Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

A study of the current research based models of science instruction and curricula. Includes the designing of science curricula based upon this research.

**Social Science Education****SSED 7750 - Current Issues in Social Science Education**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to graduate study in education.*

This course examines issues, concepts, and subject matter of the social studies curriculum in middle grades and secondary classrooms including the disciplines of history, geography, political science, economics, anthropology, and sociology. Materials available for the middle grades and secondary teachers are examined including textbooks, technology, and community resources. Assists students completing the program of study to assemble and defend the professional portfolio.

**Social Work****SW 7700 - Social Work Foundations: Diversity, Social Justice and Ethics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course is organized around the following assumptions:

1. Membership in a population-at-risk substantially affects the person's life experiences, world view.
2. Membership in a population-at-risk group increases risk factors for exposure to discrimination and economic stress.
3. Professional social work practice requires a solid knowledge of ethical standards.
4. Culturally sensitive practice is essential to intervention and,
5. Practitioners must learn to apply social justice approaches to influence assessment, planning, access to resources, intervention, and research.

This course provides a framework of values and ethical standards to evaluate practice related to ethical dilemmas in a systematic way. Supplementary readings, handouts, and cases provide students with an opportunity to explore diversity and understand the importance of culturally competent practice. Students will examine how personal and professional values affect their practice and will learn models for ethical decision-making and intervention planning. By exploring these issues and cases, students will learn about the relativity of values, the standards of their own professions, and the thinking of experts in the field.

**SW 7701 - Social Work Practice I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course provides an introduction to direct social work practice with an emphasis on work with individual clients based on an ecological/systemic theoretical perspective. The problem solving process including problem definition, assessment, goal planning, intervention, termination and outcome evaluation is examined. The task centered approach and crisis interventions are included as examples of the problem solving process in direct social work practice. The strengths perspective is emphasized in the content on assessment and problem solving processes. Mutuality in relationship building, communication skills, such as empathic and active listening, and the professional use of self are also included.

**SW 7702 - Social Welfare Policy and Services**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course provides the historical foundation and current overview of social welfare policy in the U.S. and the role of the social work profession. In addition, the course introduces major human service programs designed to increase the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities. The course provides students with the background to understand current social welfare policy and services, the formulation, operations and impact on vulnerable populations. Different models for policy analysis are also presented.

**SW 7703 - Social Work Practice II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 7701.*

This second practice course in the foundation year emphasizes the on-going phase of work with individuals, families, and groups. Students develop their skills in purposeful intervention and further their ability to analyze their own practice methods, with particular attention to cultural and gender differences. The course focuses on generalist social work with families and small groups. It incorporates content on care coordination (case management) and participation in teams in relation to direct practice. Specifically, the course emphasizes assessment and intervention with clients/client systems inclusive of their risk, protective factors and strengths in the context of the supports and demands of their environment.

**SW 7704 - Human Behavior in a Social Environment I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course designed to provide students with an understanding of human behavior in the context of social environment. The course uses a strengths perspective to develop awareness of diversity and ways of understanding behavior and problem solving. Specifically, the course focuses on the physical, social, and emotional development and mastery of growth crises from birth to death. Included in the course are current theories and research about the life cycle, with particular emphasis on the ways in which culture, ethnicity, and community influence and shape development.

**SW 7705 - Human Behavior in a Social Environment II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 7704.*

This human behavior course builds upon the learning begun in HBSE I. Whereas HBSE I focused on normal development, this course focuses on psychosocial dysfunction. Health and dysfunction of individuals and families are viewed within a framework that emphasizes the multiple determinants of human behavior. Content is selected and organized based on the view that healthy emotional and social development are related to biological, psychological, social and environmental factors. The course is premised on the assumption that knowledge of etiology of psychosocial function and dysfunction provides the basis for effective prevention and intervention.

**SW 7706 - Introduction to Social Work Research**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

The objective of this course is to apply research concepts and principles to the actual conduct of studies addressing questions relevant to direct practice with individuals, families, and groups. The course prepares students for active roles in practice and program evaluation. An introduction to the use of computers in statistical analysis is included. The course provides a beginning understanding and appreciation of the principles and techniques of social work research and statistics and their application to social work practice. Highlighted are techniques which are used to study organizations and communities

**SW 7707 - Practice Focused Research Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 7706.*

This course provides advanced knowledge and skills in research methods, with particular emphasis on process and outcome practice research methods. It is the second research course in the MSW curriculum. It builds on Research I and is a study of practice-outcome research. The course focuses on single case designs, needs assessment and program evaluation; recording methods; behavioral and standardized measures; applications to individuals, families, groups, programs, and communities.

**SW 7708 - Foundation Internship/Integrative Seminar I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSW program.*

A supervised educational experience with specified educational objectives in an agency setting, completing the required hours per week for the duration of the field placement..

Note Field Instruction I and II require a minimum of 560 hours

**SW 7709 - Foundation Internship/Integrative Seminar II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to MSW program.*

A supervised educational experience with specified educational objectives in an agency setting, completing the required hours per week for the duration of the field placement.

Note Field Instruction I and II require a minimum of 560 hours

**SW 8701 - Individual and Group Practice in Addictions**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: All MSW foundation level courses.*

Building upon the generalist base developed in the foundation year Social Work Practice sequence, MSW program graduates in the substance abuse concentration will synthesize a broad range of knowledge and skills related to practice with addicted clients individually and in groups. The course presents techniques and skills needed to assess for and diagnose all categories of substance abuse and dependence. Additionally, instruction will be given on treatment planning and the continuum of care in substance abuse services.

**SW 8702 - Advanced Clinical Practice I: Working With Individuals**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This advanced practice course will build upon basic skills covered in the foundational year practice sequence. It is designed to increase knowledge and understanding essential for effective therapeutic interventions in psychological and behavioral disorders. This course builds upon the foundation year courses by expanding the conceptual dynamics of the ecological perspective related to individuals. Topics will include advanced clinical interventions with indi-

viduals using multiple theoretical orientations and models. Formulation of intervention strategies will employ multiple research-based techniques. Assessment of intervention effectiveness is central to this course.

### **SW 8705 - Advanced Clinical Practice II: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Service Planning**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW Program.*

This advanced social work practice course focuses on assessment and planning. Building upon the content of HBSE and direct practice foundation courses, this course will begin with a review of the DSM-IV and then explores advanced content related to clinical assessment of individuals and families. Using this advanced knowledge, the course will focus upon the process of treatment planning.

### **SW 8706 - Addictions Theory and Policy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

Building upon the generalist base developed in the foundation year Human Behavior in the Social Environment sequence, MSW program graduates in the substance abuse concentration will synthesize a broad range of knowledge related to the theories regarding the etiology of addiction, and of the historical and current treatment approaches to working with substance abuse. Additionally, this course will present the pharmacological affects of the various substances of abuse.

### **SW 8711 - Advanced Clinical Practice III: Working With Groups**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

Current group interventions used with a diverse population of children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly will be covered in this course. Students will become familiar with children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly from diverse backgrounds, affirming and respecting their strengths and differences in group settings. The major focus of this course is on the identification, analysis, and implementation of empirically-based intervention strategies for clinical practice with groups. Students will explore multiple perspectives in the advanced application of theories, models, and skills utilized in short- and longer-term group interventions. This course is based on social work values and the ethical decision-making process, as presented in the NASW Code of Ethics.

### **SW 8712 - Advanced Internship/Integrative Seminar III**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 8711.*

Students will build on their foundation knowledge and experience from the first year internship as they begin advanced placements in their concentration area, either the development of advanced clinical skills in Children and Family Services or Substance Abuse. Students in Advanced Field Placement III will complete 720 hours of supervised internship (360 clock hours per semester) dedicating 3 full days per week (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday) for the duration of the academic year.

### **SW 8713 - Advanced Field Placement IV**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 8712.*

Students will build on their foundation knowledge and experience from the first year internship and their first advanced field placement (fall semester) as they culminate their field experiences. Students will continue refining their clinical skills completing 740 hours of supervised internship (320 clock hours per semester) dedicating 3 full days per week (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays) for the duration of the academic year.

**SW 8714 - Addiction Policy in the U.S.**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course will explore the historic policies regarding substance abuse in the U.S., as well as looking at the current policies and policy questions affecting the field today. Students will utilize the policy analysis skills learned in the Introductory Policy course to look at addiction policies and be able to place the history of addiction within the overall social welfare history introduced in the earlier course. Additionally, this course will present the student with theory regarding the implementation of policy on an agency level, specifically as it relates to clinical supervision in addictions agencies.

**SW 8715 - Children and Youth Mental Health**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course is designed to provide students with additional knowledge and skills related to the theory, research, and implications of child and adolescent maltreatment for child development and psychopathology. Course content will be presented within the context of child welfare practice and social work with children and adolescents in public agencies and programs. Particular attention will be given to common psychological disorders that result from maltreatment and accompanying treatment issues. Issues related to individuals, families, groups, and communities are covered and attention is given to working with ethnic minorities, women, gays and lesbians, and persons with disabilities.

**SW 8721 - Social Work Practice and the Law**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course familiarizes social work students with the legal rights of individuals, pertinent laws, and the legal process and clinical practice issues (e.g., confidentiality), thereby enhancing their ability to help their clients. Legal issues relating to HIV / AIDS, juvenile justice, child welfare, the mentally ill, and entitlement benefits are covered.

**SW 8725 - Social Work Practice with Domestic Violence**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This elective examines the effects of oppression and violence on individuals, groups, and our society. The course focuses on helping practitioners recognize, assess, and intervene with persons affected by violence.

**SW 8729 - Crisis Intervention**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course applies crisis theory to intervention services for suicide, rape, natural disasters, and other crises. A base of crisis theory will be developed and then applied to various types of crises including suicide; sexual assault / rape; natural and manmade disasters; personal loss; basic needs attainment; terminal illness; and life cycle crises.

**SW 8801 - Seminar on Clinical Practice in Child Welfare**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This integrative seminar will allow students the opportunity to explore a variety of issues and problems in the area of child welfare and treatment. Emphasis will be placed upon sharing experiences gained during the field internship and application of the course content to assessment or problem solving.

**SW 8810 - Community Mental Health Practice**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course is aimed at developing the knowledge and skills necessary for working with individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness using recovery-oriented, evidence-based practices. It is designed for MSW students and MSW mental health practitioners. Students will become familiar with evidence-based practices, within a recover-oriented paradigm, as a general approach to practice as well as specific evidence-based interventions to use for individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness. It is assumed that students will have a basic knowledge of serious mental illness as a pre- or co-requisite, however a review will be provided. Students will learn to examine research literature to determine the various levels of support for specific interventions and essential principles for translating research into practice. In addition, they will identify the appropriate treatment outcomes that reflect effective, quality mental health practice. Each evidence-based practice presented will also be examined for its utility with diverse groups. Providing assessment and treatment to a diverse group of individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness is the focus of this course and will be discussed in detail.

**SW 8812 - Clinical Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families: Child Protective Services**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course begins with a review of key bio-psycho-social theories that guide assessment and intervention. Focus will be given to both the sequelae and the impact of child abuse and neglect. The course will also provide content on best practices in prevention and family preservation.

**SW 8813 - Family Therapy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

This course discusses family systems theory as a paradigm for conceptualizing the family as a system in society. This course addresses the major theories in the family therapy field, the core concepts and their relevance for clinical application, the phases of therapy with a family including assessment, basic interventions, implementation of change, and the formulation of a psychosocial assessment of a family system, with attention to the therapist's use of self within the "therapeutic system." Students will study their own clinical work and focus on specific strategies of intervention according to different types of families relative to race, culture, sexual orientation, religion, and family structure. A family therapy case with supervision under a licensed clinical social worker is required.

**SW 8814 - Seminar in Substance Abuse**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 7702.*

This course will cover various areas of discussion, including such topics as; HIV/AIDS, co-existing disorders, sexual orientation, and racial and cultural issues, among others. This seminar will give students the chance to help direct their learning experience by using their skills in researching topics for discussion, and communication and presentation skills, as they take a leadership role in the classroom.

**SW 8815 - Prevention Theory in ATOD Abuse**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 7702.*

Building upon the generalist base developed in the foundation year Human Behavior in the Social Environment sequence, MSW program graduates in the substance abuse concentration will synthesize a broad range of knowledge related to theories regarding the etiology and epidemiology of addiction, the historical and current treatment approaches to working with substance abuse, and historical and current prevention approaches to working with adolescent substance abuse, in all relevant domains, including schools, families, and communities. Additionally, this course will present the pharmacological effects of the various substances of abuse.

**SW 8816 - Social Work Practice with Addicted Families**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.*

Building upon the generalist base developed in the foundation year Social Work Practice sequence, MSW program graduates in the substance abuse concentration will synthesize a broad range of knowledge and skills related to practice with addicted families. The course presents techniques and skills needed to work with families of addicts, as a primary means of treatment. Additionally, instruction will be given on the theory and techniques of working with individuals raised in addicted families.

**SW 8820 - Social Work Forensics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program or permission of the director of the MSW program.*

This course provides an overview of the interplay between human service professionals and the court systems. It will also focus on forensic social work practice and theory. Additionally, it illustrates the skills for working with diverse populations across the lifespan and across diverse settings, such as, community, medical, school, child welfare, mental health and addictions, and juvenile and criminal justice systems.

**SW 8821 - Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 8820.*

This course covers the history, comparative perspectives, legal framework and responses to child maltreatment. It also discusses the skills necessary to work in the field and other pertinent issues pertaining to child maltreatment and child advocacy. The field of child maltreatment is fraught with controversy. Much of the class focuses on these controversies. The approach of the course will be from a variety of diverse, professional perspectives including the perspectives of a prosecuting attorney versus a defense attorney.

**SW 8822 - Professional and System Responses to Child Maltreatment**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SW 8820.*

The purpose of this course is to prepare students to identify and investigate child maltreatment and apply intervention strategies for children and their families including prosecution where indicated. The class will discuss issues related to child witnesses such as recantation, suggestibility, memory and the impact of multiple interviews on children.

**Spanish****SPAN 7702 - Sociolinguistics**

3 Class Hours 1 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program in Foreign Languages.*

This course explores how social, geographic, cultural, and economic factors contribute to language variation across the Spanish-speaking world. In addition to discussing variation theory, students gain experience in conducting empirical research.

Note Requires weekly field experience. Course taught in Spanish.

**SPAN 7704 - Topics in Spanish Linguistics**

3 Class Hours 1 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SPAN 7702.*

An exploration of language-related issues (theoretical and/or applied) that impact the teaching and learning of Spanish as a second/foreign language. Students gain an understanding of these issues through readings, discussion, and action research.

Note Requires weekly field experience. Course taught in Spanish.

**SPAN 7712 - Hispanics in the U.S.**

3 Class Hours 1 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program (Foreign Languages).*

A multidisciplinary study of the migration history and cultural experience of the major Hispanic groups in the United States, including the portrayal of these groups in current events.

Note Requires weekly field experience. Course taught in Spanish.

**SPAN 7714 - Topics in Hispanic Culture**

3 Class Hours 1 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SPAN 7712.*

A multidisciplinary study of the migration history and cultural experience of the major Hispanic groups in the United States, including the portrayal of these groups in current events. Requires weekly field experiences.

Note Course taught in Spanish.

**SPAN 7722 - Literary Masterpieces**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MAT program (Foreign Languages).*

This course explores the most representative masterpieces of twentieth century Peninsular and Spanish American Literature from all genres. Students examine how these works define (or defy) the aesthetic and cultural canon of the period.

Note Requires weekly field experience. Course taught in Spanish.

**SPAN 7724 - Topics in Literature**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: SPAN 7722.*

An exploration of a period, movement or genre in literature and its relationship to culture. Topics are chosen for their significance and impact on Hispanic cultures.

Note Course taught in Spanish.

**Statistics****STAT 7000 - Introduction to Mathematics for Statistics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 0 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSAS program or permission of the program director.*

This course reviews the necessary background in calculus and linear algebra for the students enrolled in the Master of Science program who need to refresh their knowledge. Topics in calculus include: continuous functions, derivatives, applications to finding minima and maxima of functions, integrals; elements of multivariate calculus: partial derivatives, solving optimization problems, multiple integrals. Topics in linear algebra include: matrices and operations with matrices, the inverse of a matrix, vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , linear transformations on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

**STAT 7010 - Mathematical Statistics I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8120 and STAT 8210.*

Fundamental concepts of probability, random variables and their distributions; review of sampling distributions; theory and methods of point estimation and hypothesis testing, interval estimation, nonparametric tests, introduction to linear models.

**STAT 7020 - Statistical Computing and Simulation**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Corequisite: STAT 7100.*

Topics covered in STAT 7020 will include stochastic modeling, random number generators based on probability distributions, discrete-event simulation approaches, simulated data analysis, nonparametric analysis and sampling techniques. Given the importance of the SAS software to these types of applications, students will, by definition, refine and improve their SAS programming skills. The class will utilize real-world datasets from a variety of disciplines including, finance, manufacturing and medicine.

Note The course will involve lecture notes, case studies, and student projects.

**STAT 7100 - Statistical Methods**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the MSAS program.*

Stat 7100 is designed to give students the foundation in statistical methods necessary for further study in the Master of Science in Applied Statistics program. The course begins with a study of statistical distributions (binomial, Poisson, uniform, exponential, gamma, chi-square and normal), descriptive statistics, the Central Limit Theorem, t-tests (one-sample, two-sample and paired) and confidence intervals. The course then moves on to more advanced techniques including categorical data analysis (chi-square tests), correlation, simple linear regression analysis and one-way analysis of variance.

**STAT 7900 - Special Topics**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Approval of the Program Director.*

Exploration of selected topics of interest to students and faculty.

**STAT 8020 - Advanced Programming in SAS**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 7100 and STAT 7020.*

This course will cover advanced programming techniques using the SAS system for data management and statistical analysis. The topics covered include macro programming, using SQL with SAS and optimizing SAS programs. Upon completion of this course students will be prepared to take and pass the certification test and obtain the Advanced Programmer for SAS 9 certification.

**STAT 8110 - Quality Control and Process Improvement**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 7100 and STAT 7020.*

Classical quality control methods, including control charts and sampling plans, will be integrated with process improvement tools such as process flowcharts and simple graphical tools.

**STAT 8120 - Applied Experimental Design**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 7100 and STAT 7020.*

Methods for constructing and analyzing designed experiments are considered. The concepts of experimental unit, randomization, blocking, replication, error reduction and treatment structure are introduced. The design and analysis of completely randomized, randomized complete block, incomplete block, Latin square, split-plot, repeated measures, factorial and fractional factorial designs will be covered.

Note Statistical software will be utilized.

**STAT 8125 - Design and Analysis of Human Studies**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 7020 and STAT 8210.*

This course will serve as an introduction to epidemiologic methods used to investigate disease outbreaks and the effectiveness of public health interventions. At the end of the course, students will be able to design, analyze, and report the results of an epidemiologic investigation and will be able to interpret literature related to analysis of studies of disease causality and treatment.

**STAT 8140 - Six Sigma Problem Solving**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8110 and STAT 8120*

The focus of this course is applying Six Sigma methods such as DMAIC to industrial problems using the statistical methods studied in prior courses. Students will analyze industrial data and brainstorm appropriate approaches utilizing Six Sigma methods. Since Six Sigma methods will be utilized throughout the program, this course is a synthesis of prior learning. Students will take the American Society for Quality practice Green Belt exam to help prepare them for the actual Green Belt exam. The class will review exam questions and address areas where students are having difficulty.

**STAT 8210 - Applied Regression Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 7100 and STAT 7020*

Topics include simple linear regression, inferences, diagnostics and remedies, matrix representations, multiple regression models, generalized linear model, multicollinearity, polynomial models, qualitative predictor variables, model selection and validation, identifying outliers and influential observations, diagnostics for multicollinearity, and logistic regression.

**STAT 8220 - Time Series Forecasting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 7020 and STAT 8210.*

This course provides an introduction to univariate time-series analysis that emphasizes the practical aspects most needed by practitioners and applied researchers. Topics covered include linear regression applied to time series, simple autoregressive models (ARMA and ARIMA), and Box-Jenkins methodology.

**STAT 8225 - Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8210.*

This course introduces students to methods of longitudinal data analysis and issues involved with the analysis of repeated measures data. The course will be based on multilevel models (also referred to as hierarchical models, mixed effects models, and random coefficient models) with a major emphasis on modeling intraindividual effects as a precursor to modeling inter-individual effects. Students will learn how to choose an appropriate model so that specific research questions of interest can be addressed in a methodologically sound way.

**STAT 8240 - Data Mining**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8210.*

Data Mining is an information extraction activity whose goal is to discover hidden facts contained in databases and perform prediction and forecasting through interaction with the data. The process includes data selection, cleaning and coding, using statistical pattern recognition and machine learning techniques, and reporting and visualizing the generated structures. The course will cover all these issues and will illustrate the whole process by examples of practical applications.

Note Students will use SAS Enterprise Miner software.

**STAT 8310 - Applied Categorical Data Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8210.*

This course will cover methods of contingency table analysis, including data categorization, dose-response and trend analysis, and calculation of measures of effect and association. The students will learn to use generalized linear regression models including logistic, polychotomous logistic, Poisson and repeated measures (marginal and mixed models), and apply these appropriately to real-world data. Applications to Statistical software packages such as JMP, MINITAB, and/or SAS will be used.

**STAT 8320 - Applied Multivariate Data Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8120 and STAT 8210.*

Survey course in statistical analysis techniques. Through a combination of textbook and real-world data sets, students will gain hands-on experience in understanding when and how to utilize the primary multivariate methods Data Reduction techniques, including Principal components Analysis and Common Factor Analysis, ANOVA/MANOVA/MANCOVA, Cluster Analysis, Survival Analysis and Decision Trees.

**STAT 8330 - Applied Binary Classification**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: STAT 8210.*

This course is a heavily used concept in Statistical Modeling. Common applications include credit worthiness and the associated development of a “FICO-esque” credit score, fraud detection or the identification of manufacturing units which fail inspection. Students will learn how to use Logistic Regression, Odds, ROC curves, maximization functions to apply binary classification concepts to real-world datasets. This course will heavily use SAS-software and students are expected to have a strong working knowledge of SAS.

**STAT 8916 - Cooperative Education**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of Program Director.***STAT 8918 - Internship**

1-3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of Program Director.***STAT 8940 - Applied Analysis Project**

1-9 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Must be approved by graduate program director.*

Students will work with a Department faculty member on an analysis approach using real data. The data may be generated from a problem in their workplace or from any other source that illustrates the statistical method being studied. In the first part of the semester, the theory of the method will be studied to obtain a solid foundation in the methodology. Later, data will be analyzed using one or more statistical software packages. Students will prepare a written report that will become part of their Statistical Methods Portfolio.

**STAT 8950 - Directed Study**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Permission of Program Director.*

Special advanced topics external to regular course offerings.

**STAT 9100 - Statistic Methods I**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program or permission of the instructor.*

This course presents basic concepts and techniques of statistical methods, including: the collection and display of information, data analysis and statistical measures; variation, sampling and

sampling distributions; point estimation, confidence intervals and tests of hypotheses for one and two sample problems; principles of one-factor experimental design, one-way analysis of variance and multiple comparisons; correlation and simple linear regression analysis; contingency tables and tests for goodness of fit. SPSS statistical software will be used.

### **STAT 9200 - Statistic Methods II**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the DNS Program.*

This course presents advanced treatment of the design of experiments and the statistical analysis of experimental data using analysis of variance (ANOVA), multiple regression, multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA), discriminant analysis, cluster analysis and factor analysis.

## **Study Abroad**

### **SA 8900 - Study Abroad**

1-12 (varied by course) Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: Varies with discipline and subject.*

Upper division study abroad course denoting graduate level work. Each course is uniquely designed to maximize field experiences in a manner appropriate to the country visited and the discipline or cross disciplinary perspective applied. Specific course titles are assigned to each study abroad course and major course equivalencies may be substituted with departmental approval.

## **WebMBA**

### **WMBA 1000 - Georgia WebMBA Orientation**

0 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 0 Credit Hours

The purpose of the Georgia WebMBA Orientation is to create a learning community to support student success throughout the WebMBA learning experience. Teams are formed and students obtain skills related to areas such as behavioral preferences, learning styles, interpersonal exchanges and managing differences, and developing operating agreements within team settings. Students and faculty share expectations and explore technology necessary to engage in on-line learning.

### **WMBA 6000 - Human Behavior in Organizations**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

An examination of the behavioral and structural factors affecting the performance of organizations including both micro and macro organizational issues. This course provides an overview of the field of organizational behavior with an emphasis on employing the human resources of the firm to achieve organizational performance. Topics include motivation, leadership, job satisfaction, selection, training, and the dynamics of teams.

### **WMBA 6010 - Managerial Accounting**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

This course will cover a wide range of topics that will emphasize the use of both internal and external data to enhance the decision-making skills of managers. Concepts covered will include an overview of the management accounting function within the organization, cost management and cost accumulation systems, planning and control systems, use of historical data in forecasting costs, and the use of accounting information in management decision-making. Case readings will be used to enhance students' critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills.

**WMBA 6020 - Managerial Communications**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

Designed to meet the needs of the practicing manager. Included are the internal and external communications carried out by managers in organizations and the organizational and human variables, which influence these communications. Included is the management of information systems. Communication styles of managers from different cultures are discussed.

**WMBA 6030 - Global and International Business**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

This course is designed to provide the student with an understanding of how companies enter and operate in the global market. Additionally, students will learn how culture, politics, legal, and economic systems impact the marketing and trading of products in other countries. Students will develop an understanding of the business strategies and structures in the global arena, and will learn how managers interact and manage diverse groups.

**WMBA 6040 - Managerial Decision Analysis**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

A study of advanced quantitative analysis techniques and their applications in business. Topics include game theory, decision analysis, forecasting, linear programming, transportation and assignment problems, network models, project management, queuing theory and market analysis.

**WMBA 6050 - Strategic Marketing**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

This course provides a study of the strategic managerial aspects of marketing given the growth of E-Commerce. Topics focus on product, price, promotion, and place in the ethical planning, implementing, and controlling of marketing operations.

**WMBA 6060 - Managerial Finance**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

A study of financial risk and return, capital budgeting, valuation, capital structure, working capital management, and current topics in financial management. This course is designed to develop a student's knowledge, analytical skills, and communication skills in the area of financial management. The student will be exposed to the reasons financial management is critical to the success of a business as well as to the tools that will enhance their managerial skills. Specifically, this course will give the student tools to analyze a company's financial position relative to the industry, apply time value of money concepts to business cash flows, evaluate the acceptability of short-term and long-term financial decisions, understand the relationship between capital structure, risk, and the cost of capital, and improve communication skills.

**WMBA 6070 - Entrepreneurship: New Ventures**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

*Prerequisite: None.*

This course is designed for students seeking entrepreneurial careers in new or established businesses. It describes the new venture startup process and strategies for increasing the likelihood of successful venture launch. Topics covered include models of new venture formation, strategic resource acquisition and deployment, marketing, operations, and financial strategies for successful ventures, and the leadership skills and behaviors required for venture success.

**WMBA 6080 - Management Information Systems**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

A study of the effects of information technology on firms, industries, and the organization of work. This includes the development of strategies for corporate growth based on effective use and management of information technology, the analysis of business problems and relevant information systems solutions, and the use of IT to transform business processes and provide more effective management control and decision systems.

**WMBA 6100 - Production and Operations Management**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

This course is an introduction to the concepts, principles, problems, and practices of operations management. Emphasis is on managerial processes for achieving effective operations in both goods-producing and service-rendering organizations. Topics include operations strategy, process design, capacity planning, facilities location and design, forecasting, production scheduling, inventory control, quality assurance, and project management. The topics are integrated using a systems model of the operations of an organization.

**WMBA 6110 - Business Strategy**

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

An integrative course designed to provide an executive viewpoint of strategy formation and management of an enterprise. The course teaches how to analyze complex business situations in order to determine a firm's strategies for long-run survival and growth in competitive markets. Participants will examine techniques for analysis of environmental conditions and trends, opportunities and threats, and resource strengths and limitations. Focus will be on developing plans and implementing and controlling those plans at both the strategic and operating level. Primary teaching method will use real-time case studies that cover policy formulation and administration. A strategy simulation will also be used. The point of departure for the course is top-and- middle management, where company-wide objectives are set and departmental policies and activities are coordinated.

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