

Designated Emphases

A Designated Emphasis is available to students enrolled in the Ph.D. Program who matriculated after July 1, 2016. It is obtained through the successful completion of one emphasis core seminar, three advanced or special topics seminars, the capstone Proficiency Review, and an original dissertation that is related to the Designated Emphasis.

The Designated Emphases listed below are established and offered by the Ph.D. Program's four Majors (EDST, ECL, HMS, PPS). Students typically attain an Emphasis that is offered through their primary majors. Students seeking to obtain an Emphasis outside of their major must request and receive the special permission of the chair of their major.

Course Requirements

A Designated Emphasis requires the completion of altogether four, three-credit hour seminars as detailed below.

Research and Committee Requirements

Proficiency Review Committees must include at least one faculty member with the requisite expertise to evaluate the students' knowledge related to the selected Emphasis. The Ph.D. dissertation topic must be related to the designated Emphasis and the Ph.D. Dissertation Committee must include at least one faculty with the requisite expertise to evaluate it from that perspective.

Emphasis in Social Justice Education (EDST)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

EDST 805 - Special Topics: Advanced Issues in Social Justice Education

Advanced Seminars (Choose Three):

EDST 821 – Educating for Democracy and Social Justice: Critical Pedagogy and Pragmatism

EDST 825 – Education Law and Social Justice

EDST 820 – History of Higher Education and Social Justice

EDST 826 – Race, Racism and Critical Race Theory in Education

PPS 823 – Public Policy and Social Justice

EDST 805 - Special Topics: Social Justice Education Subtitle

Emphasis in Educational Leadership (EDST)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

EDST 805 - Special Topics: Advanced Issues in Educational Leadership

Advanced Seminars (Choose Three):

EDST 875 - Internship (in Educational Leadership context)

ECL 822 – Leadership and Change

ECL 851 – Art of Social Justice Leadership

ECL/EDST 818 – Design Thinking in Education and Leadership

EDST 805 - Special Topics: Educational Leadership Subtitle

Emphasis in Leadership for Social Justice (ECL)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

ECL 813 – Special Topics: Advanced Issues in Social Justice Leadership

Advanced Seminars (Choose Three):

ECL 804 – Critical Leadership

ECL 807 – Women, Leadership and Policy

ECL 809 - Leadership and Social Justice

ECL 814 – Leadership and Creativity

ECL 816 – Empathy, Dialog, and the Ethic of Care

ECL 851 – Art of Social Justice and Leadership

Emphasis in Transformation and Leading in Organizations and Communities (ECL)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

ECL 813 – Special Topics: Advanced Issues in Change Leadership

Advanced Seminars (Choose Three):

ECL 802 – MLK and Social Change

ECL 812 – Leadership for a Complex World

ECL 817 – Protest, Social Movements, Social Change

ECL 821 – Community Based Leadership

ECL 822 – Leadership and Change

Emphasis in Creative Writing (HMS)

Emphasis Core Seminars:

HMS 808 - Creative Writing I

HMS 823 - Creative Writing II

Advanced Seminars:

HMS 802 - Memoir and Identity

HMS 811 - Global Women's Writing: Art, Culture and Social Justice

HMS 818 - Form and Genre

Emphasis in Women and Gender Studies (HMS)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

HMS 803 - Gender, Identity, and Social Efficacy of the Constructed Self

Advanced Seminars:

HMS 814 - Gender, Sexuality, and Public Policy

ECL/PPS/MLK 807 - Women, Leadership and Policy

HMS 815 - Special Topics: Women and Gender Studies Subtitle

Emphasis in Social Policy (PPS)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

PPS 817 – Special Topics: Advanced Issues in Social Policy

Advanced Seminars (Choose Three):

PPS 812- Gender, Sexuality & Public Policy

PPS 813 – Critical Perspectives in Health Policy

EDST 825 – Education Law and Social Justice

PPS 817 – Special Topics: Social Policy Subtitle

Emphasis in Program Evaluation and Public Leadership (PPS)

Emphasis Core Seminar:

PPS 817 – Special Topics: Advanced Issues in Program Evaluation and Public Leadership

Advanced Seminars (Choose Three):

PPS 811- Program Evaluation

ECL 812 - Leadership for a Complex World

ECL/PPS/MLK 807 - Women, Leadership and Policy

PPS 817 – Special Topics: Program Evaluation and Public Leadership Subtitle