

EDFN 1501 - Introduction to Education

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40071,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

1501. Introduction to Education. Historical, political, legal, cultural and ethical perspectives on the work and roles of teachers and schooling. Issues confronting educators, voters, parents and children. Observe the organization and governance of school districts. Field hours required. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Foundations of American Education	L. Webb & Arlene Metha	0134026411

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Course Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Syllabus	Course Introduction and Field Experiences	
8/31	Webb & Metha: Chapter 1	What is the Status of the Profession	
9/7	Webb & Metha: Chapter 2	What is the Status of the Profession cont.	Reaction Paper 1
9/14	Webb & Metha: Chapter 14	What factors influence school governance?	Reaction Paper 2
9/21	Webb & Metha: Chapter 15	What factors influence the curriculum and instruction used in schools?	Reaction Paper 3
9/28	Webb & Metha: Chapter 4	What impact has educational theory had on educational practice?	Reaction Paper 4
10/5	Webb & Metha: Chapter 6	American Education: From the Revolution to the 20th Century	Exam I
10/12	Webb & Metha: Chapter 7	Modern Education: Progressive Movement to the 21st Century.	Reaction Paper 5
10/19	Webb & Metha: Chapter 8	The Social Context of Schooling in America	Reaction Paper 6
10/26	Webb & Metha: Chapter 9	Responding to Diversity	Reaction Paper 7
11/2	Webb & Metha: Chapter 10	What are At-Risk Behaviors?	Reaction Paper 8 Exam II
11/9	Webb & Metha: 12	Legal Framework of Education	Resume
11/16	Webb & Metha: 12 cont.	Legal Framework of Education cont.	Reaction Paper 9
11/23	Webb & Metha: 13		Reflection Paper

11/30	Webb & Metha: 13 cont.	Reaction Paper 10
12/7	Final Exam Week	Final Exam

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