

EDFN 3708 - Education and Society

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40885,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

3708. Education and Society. School as a dynamic social institution. An analysis of how schools interact with diverse communities and with social, political, and cultural institutions and traditions. Field hours required. Prereq.: Fifty semester hours. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Light in their Eyes	Nieto, Sonia	0807737836
Required	Hunger of Memory	Rodriguez, Richard	0553272934

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
8/25	Syllabus	Course Introduction and Assignments	
9/1	Nieto: Prologue	Sociopolitical Context of Education	Discussion Card 1
9/8	Nieto: Chapter 1	Experience and Learning	Discussion Card 2
9/15	Nieto: Chapter 2	Learning and Inequality	Discussion Card 3 Educational Autobiography
9/22	Nieto: Chapter 3	Culture and Learning	Discussion Card 4
9/29	Rodriguez: Prologue & Chapter 1	Aria	Discussion Card 5
10/6	Rodriguez: Chapter 2	Achievement of Desire	Discussion Card 6
10/13	Rodriguez: Chapter 3	Credo	Midterm Exam
10/20	Rodriguez: Chapter 4	Complexion	Discussion Card 7
10/27	Rodriguez: Chapter 5	Profession	Discussion Card 8 Cultural Essay
11/3	Rodriguez: Chapter 6 Nieto: pp. 101 - 113	Mr. Secrets	Discussion Card 9
11/10	Nieto: pp. 113 - 129	Who Does the Accommodating?	Discussion Card 10
11/17	Nieto: Chapter 5	Critical Pedagogy	
11/24	Nieto: Chapter 6	Teacher and Student Transformations	Field Research Project

12/1	Nieto: Chapter 7	Where do we go from here?	Field Research Project Presentations
12/8		Final Exam Week	Final Exam

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