

CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS - M.A.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration
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About This Program

Explore education in its social and cultural contexts through a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives with the M.A. in Cultural Foundations. This program will help you develop the knowledge and skills to analyze and critique policies, and promote innovative practices in schools, cultural institutions and civic associations worldwide. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Mostly online
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Education administrators, postsecondary

- 3.7% about as fast as the average
- 190,500 number of jobs
- \$97,500 potential earnings

Education administrators, kindergarten through secondary

- 3.9% about as fast as the average
- 283,200 number of jobs
- \$98,490 potential earnings

Education administrators, all other

- 8.1% much faster than the average
- 52,100 number of jobs
- \$87,580 potential earnings

Education teachers, postsecondary

- 4.8% about as fast as the average
- 77,300 number of jobs
- \$65,440 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:¹
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

Applicants will be assessed holistically, considering academic credentials, related professional experience, academic or professional references, scholarly activities and professional activities, among others.

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Rolling admissions
- **Spring Semester**
 - Rolling admissions
- **Summer Term**
 - Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
CULT 65530	FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES	3
EPSY 65520	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
or EPSY 65523	LIFE SPAN DEVELOPMENT	
or EPSY 65524	LEARNING THEORIES	
RMS 65511	RESEARCH IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3
Major Electives, choose from the following:		15
CULT 60030	SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF EDUCATION: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND THEORY	
CULT 69510	CLASSICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION	
CULT 69521	MULTICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE AND POLICY	
CULT 69522	ETHICS IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	

CULT 69530	MULTICULTURAL THEORIES AND SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION	
CULT 69560	CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION	
CULT 69564	HISTORY OF AMERICAN EDUCATION	
CULT 69569	INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES	
CULT 69571	GLOBALIZATION AND EDUCATION	
CULT 69575	ANTHROPOLOGY AND EDUCATION	
CULT 69582	SOCIAL THEORIES IN EDUCATION	
CULT 69591	SEMINAR IN CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS	
CULT 69595	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS	
CULT 69691	VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR: GREAT IDEAS IN EDUCATION	
Other electives with faculty advisor approval		
<i>Culminating Requirement</i>		
CULT 60199	THESIS I	6
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

policies and practices and to promote innovative practices in a variety of educational settings, domestically and worldwide.

Students in the M.A. degree write a thesis on an educational topic of their own choosing. Thesis students work closely with their academic supervisor to generate a thesis topic and design a research study or undertake a scholarly analysis of an issue of interest to the student.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Students have six years from the term of first enrollment to complete the program.
- No more than one-half of a graduate student’s coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, economic and political assumptions shaping educational policies and reforms in the United States and other societies.
2. Understand the nature of the democratic challenge for schooling in answering such foundational questions as: "What should be taught?" "Who should be taught?" and "Who should teach?"
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the convergence of social class, race, gender, sexual orientation and disability as barriers to and opportunities for educational change, domestically and internationally.

Full Description

The Master of Arts degree in Cultural Foundations explores education through a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives: philosophy of education, history of education, sociology of education, comparative/international education, anthropology of education, gender studies, multicultural studies and religious studies. Students examine the social contexts of education, with particular emphasis on structural inequalities, issues of access, and the distribution of educational opportunity, normative considerations about the purposes of education and the transformative potential of education.

The degree program promotes students’ responsibilities as change agents in a range of educational settings, including schools, cultural and religious institutions and civic associations. Graduates of the program have the knowledge and skills to interpret and critique educational