

COURSE SYLLABUS

Departments: Adolescent, Career and Special Education

Course Number: SED 698 & 699

Credit Hours: 3 - 6

I. Title: SED 698 & 699 Thesis

II. Catalog Description:

Designed to enable students to choose a thesis topic with the consent of the student's thesis faculty director, implement the topic research design and produce a master's degree thesis suitable for publication.

III. Purpose:

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with the opportunity to engage in research under the direct supervision of graduate special education faculty.

IV. Course Objectives:

The following objectives, address Standard 1 of the Kentucky Experienced Teacher Standards. As a result of participation in this course, students will:

1. select a research problem
2. review the literature
3. evaluate the research literature
4. select appropriate instrumentation and research design
5. administer the instrumentation
6. conduct the study
7. process the research data
 - a. Prepare a research proposal
 - b. Designing the research treatment plan
 - c. Pre testing or gathering data
 - d. Implementing treatment plan
 - e. Collection past data
 - f. Analysis and writing of final findings

V. Content Outline:

See objectives above.

VI. Instructional Activities:

To learn the research process.

VII. Field and Clinical Experience:

None

VIII. Resources:

All research resources available through the MSU community.

IX. Grading Procedure:

To be approved by the student's thesis committee.

X. Attendance Policy:

This course adheres to the policy published in the MSU Undergraduate Bulletin.

XI. Academic Honesty Policy:

Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person's mater as one's own), or doing work for another person who will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination, the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, or term papers or the presentation of unacknowledged material as if it were the student's own work. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the academic discipline administered by the faculty member who teacher the course in which the cheating took place.

XII. Text and References:

Not applicable.

XIII. Prerequisites:

SED 646 and approval of thesis committee.