

## Information about Selecting Education Electives and Open Options

When selecting electives and options, you may wish to consider focusing on a specific topic by ‘bundling’ a number of relevant courses together to develop your capacity in that area. You might also wish to seek out volunteer or paid work experiences that focus on a specific area. For example, in recent conversations with representatives from the two metro-Edmonton school jurisdictions, they identified a number of areas in which they believe our pre-service teachers would be well served by gaining additional knowledge, skills and experience, including:

1. Indigenous/Aboriginal Education
2. Early Childhood Education
3. English Language Learners and Culturally Diverse Schools
4. Special Education

Below is a list of some examples of Faculty of Education courses that align with each of four areas, but please note the following:

- The list is not exhaustive and there may be other relevant Education courses that do not appear.
- The list does not include potentially relevant courses from outside of the Faculty of Education.
- There is no guarantee that all of these course will be offered in any given term or even that they will be offered on an annual basis.
- The important thing is that you select courses that you see as being relevant to developing the capacities you will require as a teacher and that you can establish this connection when addressing potential employers.

Each key area listed below includes a required course indicated with an asterisk (\*) as well as additional courses that could be selected to develop further knowledge on the topic. **This is in no way a requirement or expectation and students are free to use these spaces as they see fit. Students will not be granted any formal credential or certificate for completing a certain number of courses in a particular area; however, work in the identified areas would be something to highlight during the application and interview process.**

### Indigenous/Aboriginal Education

\*EDU 211 - Aboriginal Education and Contexts for Professional and Personal Engagement

EDPS 432 - The Education of Native Peoples in Canada

EDPS 474 - Contemporary Issues in the Education of Native Peoples

EDES 409 - Aboriginal Curriculum Perspectives

EDEL 412 - Teaching Language Arts in First Nations, Inuit and Métis Contexts

LIS 405 - Canadian Children's Literature for Young People in Schools and Libraries

### **Early Childhood Education**

\*EDPY 302 - Learning and Development in Childhood  
 EDPY 472 - Introduction to Language Development  
 EDPS 341 - Concepts of Childhood in History  
 EDEL 355 - Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Settings  
 EDEL 404 - Developing Literacy: Pre-School to Grade Three  
 EDEL 455 - Play as a Teaching and Learning Strategy  
 EDEL 457 - Theory and Practice in Early Childhood Education

### **English Language Learners and Culturally Diverse Schools**

\*EDSE 307 - Language, Literacy and Society in Educational Contexts  
 EDPY 413 - Principles and Practice in Teaching ESL Learners  
 EDPY 416 - Introduction to the Teaching of English as a Second Language  
 EDPY 417 - Grammar of English for Teachers of Adult ESL  
 EDPY 418 - Methodology in the Teaching of ESL to Adults  
 EDPS 360 - Society and Education  
 EDPS 411 - Cross Cultural Studies in Education  
 EDPS 425 - Global Education: Issues and Strategies for Teachers  
 EDEL 413 - Teaching Language and Literacy in Multilingual Classrooms  
 EDEL 451 - Methods and Programs in the Teaching of English as a Second Language  
 EDSE 369 - Curriculum and Teaching for Secondary School ESL Minors

### **Special Education**

\*EDPY 301 - Introduction to Inclusive Education: Adapting Classroom Instruction for Students with Special Needs  
 EDPY 401 - Assessment and Instruction of Students with Special Education Needs  
 EDPY 454 - Teaching Students with Challenging Behaviours  
 EDPY 458 - Assessment and Programming for Children with a Specific Reading Disability  
 EDPY 470 - Deaf Education: An Introduction and Survey  
 EDPY 472 - Introduction to Language Development  
 EDPY 474 - Introduction to American Sign Language  
 EDPY 497 - Learning Disabilities  
 EDPY 497 - Supporting Students with Math Learning Difficulties and Disabilities  
 EDEL 406 - Diagnostic Teaching of Reading and Writing