The M.A. in Social Foundations of Education is designed for those interested in increasing their knowledge base in history, philosophy, sociology, and anthropology of education. The degree will enhance current practitioners’ and leaders’ marketability and their capacity to earn professional development credits and pay raises. It will also prepare those who wish to continue on to earn a Ph.D. or another terminal degree in education and related fields. The curriculum is geared toward providing students with a strong foundation in theory and research, bridging together community service and outreach.

The curriculum for the M.A. degree consists of five areas described as follows:

1. **Social Foundations Core**: This aspect of the degree will provide all students in the program with a knowledge base in four core areas of social foundations: history of education, philosophy of education, sociology of education, and anthropology of education.

2. **Research and Inquiry**: This aspect of the degree provides students with basic knowledge and skills in research and inquiry. This will be accomplished by providing students core knowledge in foundations of research design and methodology and opportunities to interpret and conduct research.

3. **Social Foundations Electives**: This component of the program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to choose coursework in Social Foundations and related fields that help meet their unique interests, needs and future career goals.

4. **Community Engagement and Advocacy**: Students who take advantage of this opportunity may work with existing college of education programs or consider creating projects that involve teacher activism, school-community partnerships, curriculum development, and grants to serve art, STEM, or literacy initiatives.

5. **Master’s Thesis**: The thesis demonstrates the culminating effort of student’s Master of Arts degree. It is either a written report of a research-based original study or an essay presenting original ideas on a topic relevant to SCFD.

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Minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours beyond bachelor’s degree to include:
Social Foundations Core (12 credit hours)

SCFD 5123  History of Education
SCFD 5713  Educational Philosophy
SCFD 5873  Culture, Society, and Education
SCFD 5883  Educational Sociology

Research and Inquiry (9 credit hours, to be selected in consultation with advisor)

CIED 5073  Pedagogical Research
HIST 5023  Historical Methods
REMS 5013  Research Design and Methodology
REMS 5953  Statistical Methods in Education
SCFD 5913  Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry
SOC 5243  Social Research Design
SOC 5263  Quantitative Analysis of Social Research
SOC 5273  Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 5283  Advanced Qualitative Sociological Research
STAT 5043  Sample Survey Designs

Electives (9 credit hours; at least 3 within SCFD and remaining courses to be selected in consultation with advisor and primary program emphasis):

SCFD 5223  Role of the Teacher in American Schools
SCFD 5923  Popular Culture and Education
SCFD 5990  Problems and Issues in Social Foundations (e.g., Religion and Education, Child Sex Trafficking & the School)
SCFD 5993  Urban Education
SCFD 6853  Anthropology of Education
CIED 5623  Multicultural and Diversity Issues in Curriculum
CIED 5723  Gender and Curriculum
EDLE 5813  Leadership Theory and Ethical Decision-Making
EDLE 5953  Developing Educational Organizations
GWST 5300  Gender and Sexuality
HIST 5120  Readings Seminar in American History
HIST 5220  Research Seminar in American History
HIST 5140  Readings Seminar in European and World History
HIST 5240  Research Seminar in European and World History
SOC 5063  Seminar in Social Inequality and Stratification
SOC 5643  Seminar in Sociology of Gender
SOC 5663  American Pluralism, Race and Ethnicity in American Life
SOC 5493  Seminar in Environmental Justice
SCFD 5720*  Education Workshop (Community Engagement and Advocacy)

Master’s Thesis (6 credit hours)

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