EDUCATION

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Graduate Study in Education

Five master’s degree programs are offered by the Department of Education. All applicants must meet the requirements of the Graduate School and a satisfactory background check through the Education Department. Additional information about this department may be found at the Department of Education (http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/education) website.

Degrees in Education and School Counseling and Preventive Mental Health

- Master of Education in Secondary School Teaching (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/secondary-teaching-med)
- Master of Education in Elementary School Teaching (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/elementary-teaching-med)
- Master of Science with a Major in Educational Leadership - Specialization in School Administration (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/educational-leadership-ms-school-administration)
- Master of Science with a Major in Educational Leadership - Specialization in Teacher Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/educational-leadership-ms-school-administration)
- Master of Science with a Major in School Counseling and Preventive Mental Health (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/school-counseling-preventive-mental-health/counseling-ms)

Dual Degree Programs in Education

- Master of Education in Secondary School Teaching / Master of Arts in Theology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/theology/theology-ma-secondary-med)

Certificate in Education

- Catholic School Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/graduate-certificate-catholic-school-leadership)

Courses

EDL 602. Introduction to Educational Leadership. 3 credits. SU
Introduction to the processes of educational administration. Exploration of the role and responsibility of elementary and secondary school principals, policies and procedures, and the principalship as a profession. P: DC.

EDL 603. Educational Research. 3 credits.
The introduction to the foundational terms, principles, and concepts of Educational Research are covered. Students will develop a small-scale research proposal. P: DC.

EDL 605. Foundations of Catholic Education. 3 credits.
This course focuses on the history and philosophy of Catholic schools. Students will study how Catholic schools have evolved over time as well as examine how their history might inform their future. Church documents will serve as the primary sources for student engagement of Catholic school mission and philosophy. Throughout the course students will apply theory to practice. P: DC.

EDL 606. Faith Leadership in Catholic Schools. 3 credits.
This course provides an introduction to the teachings of the Catholic Church in these areas: creed, liturgy and Sacraments, Christian morality, Christian prayer and spirituality, Catholic social teaching, and Scripture. This course will help leaders apply Catholic Church teaching to contemporary Catholic school issues, build faith community, and foster faculty/staff formation for mission. P: DC.

EDL 607. School Improvement. 3 credits.
This course addresses using and aligning the processes for continuous school improvement in elementary and secondary schools. Key concepts in this course include: the importance of a shared mission, vision, values, and goals, using data to develop a plan, role of professional development in school improvement, and monitoring and implementation of school improvement plan. Students will learn about the change process in order to understand how to implement continuous improvement efforts effectively. P: DC.

EDL 609. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Part I. 3 credits.
This course addresses developing and leading comprehensive rigorous curricular and instructional programs. Key concepts in this course include; alignment of curriculum, instruction and assessment, promoting effective use of technology to support learning, effective pedagogy that meets needs of all learners, and using culturally sensitive curriculum and assessments. Students will review national standards for public and Catholic schools and develop curriculum, instruction, and assessments aligned to standards.

EDL 612. Special Education Leadership. 3 credits.
Provides an orientation to special education issues and laws for regular education administrators. Covers essential knowledge of special education terms, procedures, and disabilities, as well as many of the common problems and issues that occur in the supervision of special education programs. Meets the requirement for coursework in special education required for all new administrator certificates (LB392) issued after September 1, 1992. P: DC.

EDL 614. Leading Professional Learning Communities. 3 credits.
This course addresses how to develop and promote a collaborative environment in elementary and secondary schools and sustains high expectations for all. Key concepts in this course include creating high impact/high functioning teams, developing teacher leaders, using protocols to analyze student work, and creating the infrastructure for PLCs. Students will lead and/or participate in a PLC and critique the team’s effectiveness. P: DC.

EDL 618. Cultural Issues in Education. 3 credits.
Course emphasizes the global dimensions in education dealing with multi-cultural issues and the role of the leader. This course meets the Nebraska Department of Education human relations requirement. P: DC.
EDL 619. School Culture. 3 credits.
This course investigates how to cultivate school culture in elementary and secondary schools that supports the school's mission and goals. Key concepts in this course include school climate, relationships, norms, traditions, parent and community partnerships, diversity, and school context. Students will practice strategies for analyzing, aligning, strengthening, monitoring, and changing school culture as well as for engaging parents, other stakeholders, and the broader community. P: Department consent.

EDL 620. School-Community Relations. 3 credits.
Examination of the principles and practices used to improve the public relations between the school and its various communities. P: DC.

EDL 622. School Law. 3 credits.
The course provides background in Constitutional and statute law affecting the rights and responsibilities of public and private school educators with respect to students, parents, school policies, and working conditions. Abundant opportunities for application of legal principles are staples of this course. P: DC.

EDL 624. Differentiated Supervision for Professional Growth. 3 credits.
Reviewing and appraising the instructional process; organizing the supervision program with attention to the leadership role of the principal; developing in-service programs and promoting professional growth. P: DC.

EDL 626. Strategic Resourcing. 3 credits.
The course examines the means through which public and private schools acquire, spend, and account for resources. Related legal and ethical considerations are also applied in course projects and exams. P: DC.

EDL 627. Strategic and Political Leadership in Catholic Schools. 3 credits.
This course addresses the strategic and political dimensions of Catholic educational leadership. Topics include strategic planning, governance, networks and coalitions, political advocacy, funding, public relations, and marketing. The course stresses innovation, collaboration, and advocacy in positioning schools for the future. Course assignments emphasize practical application of theory and best practices. P: DC.

EDL 629. Educational and Managerial Leadership in Catholic Schools. 3 credits.
This course is designed to investigate educational leadership using the Catholic mission of the school as a focus and integrating principle. Student will also explore pertinent managerial leadership topics such as site-based management, models of shared leadership, school finance and the stewardship of school resources, and legal issues as they apply to the Catholic school setting, including safety. P: DC.

EDL 630. Leadership of Educational Technology. 3 credits.
The course gives the school principal knowledge of technology ethics, laws, and standards; skills in evaluating hardware and software, as well as facility and security issues; perspectives on emerging trends in educational technology; and strategies in formulating an effective technology plan for a school to improve student learning and school management. P: DC.

EDL 631. Human Resources. 3 credits.
This course requires students to learn and apply the theories and processes essential to effective leadership of the human resources function in PK-12 schools. Students will learn theories of human and organizational needs and apply them to public and private school settings. P: DC.

EDL 639. Internship I in Elementary School Administration. 3 credits.
Students complete prescribed tasks as interns that replicate actual experiences as a school principal under the supervision of the Creighton Education Department and a collaborating administrator in the school sponsoring the internship. In addition, students meet in a seminar weekly for reflection and extension of internship learning. P: DC.

EDL 640. Internship I in Secondary School Administration. 3 credits.
Students complete prescribed tasks as interns that replicate actual experiences as a school principal under the supervision of the Creighton Education Department and a collaborating administrator in the school sponsoring the internship. In addition, students meet in a seminar weekly for reflection and extension of internship learning. P: DC.

EDU 500. Remedial Reading. 3 credits. FA, SP
Focus of the course is on meeting the variety of individual educational needs that confront a teacher of reading. Techniques, methods, materials, and organizational systems that can be used within the framework of daily instruction. Students participate in a practicum during class. P: EDU 566; DC.

EDU 501. Psychology Of Exceptional Children. 3 credits.
A multidisciplinary and life span approach to the study of persons with differences. P: DC.

EDU 503. Foundations of Education. 1 credit. SU
This course serves as an introduction to the educational profession and Creighton University’s graduate program in teaching. Students will acquire a basic understanding of the history and philosophy of education in the United States, including Catholic school education. Students will also review professional ethics and complete case studies in ethical practice. Students will develop their own philosophy of education using an eclectic approach as the capstone assessment for this course. P: Dept. and program approval.

EDU 510. Growth And Development Of Children And Adolescents. 3 credits. OD, SU
This survey course covers the theory and research literature of child and adolescent development, beginning at conception and ending in late adolescence. Physical, cognitive, language, motor, personality, social, affective, moral, and spiritual development are considered as the course seeks to prepare students for roles in P-12 schools. Aiding hours in assigned school sites are required. P: DC.

EDU 525. Procedures for Including Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities in the Regular Classroom. 3 credits. FA, SP
Course designed to acquaint the regular elementary or secondary classroom teacher with the characteristics of students with mild/moderate disabilities. Discussion of diagnostic and remedial techniques for students with disabilities in the general classroom. Students complete a 15-20 hour practicum under supervision of a special education teacher. P: DC; CO: EDU 565/EDU 566 or EDU 568/EDU 569 or EDU 341 or EDU 551.

EDU 530. Elementary School Observation and Student Teaching the Mildly/Moderately Disabled. 3-14 credits. FA, SP
Practical experience in the observation and conduct of classroom teaching and related activities for the mildly/moderately handicapped. This experience is obtained under the immediate supervision of a fully experienced cooperating teacher and a University supervisor. Application to the Director of Field Experiences for all student teaching must be made before February 1 for the Fall Semester and October 1 for the Spring Semester. The number of credit hours must be approved by the Director of Field Placement. P: EDU 591, 593, or initial teaching certificate; Sr. stdg; DC.
EDU 535. Human Relations And Cultural Diversity. 3 credits. SU
Course designed to provide teacher educators with human relations skills and to foster insight into effective communication with diverse racial and/or cultural groups. This course meets the human relations requirement of the Nebraska Department of Education. P: DC.

EDU 544. Framework of World Languages and Cultures. 3 credits. OD
Students will examine and compare cultural and language frameworks from world regions in order to understand the cultural and/or language dissonance experienced by limited or non-English speaking individuals in the United States. P: DC.

EDU 548. Teaching Reading In Content Areas In Middle And Secondary Schools. 3 credits. FA, SU
Course designed for junior-high and secondary-school content-area teachers who have had little or no background in the field of teaching reading. Practical concepts, techniques, strategies and activities designed to enable the content-area teacher to develop better a student’s reading skills and abilities while utilizing content materials. P or CO: EDU 341/EDU 342 or EDU 551/EDU 552, Jr. stdg.

EDU 551. Methods Of Instruction For Secondary Teaching. 3 credits. FA, SU
This course introduces students to the general principles of teaching in a secondary school. The course addresses planning for instruction, teaching methods, and assessing student achievement. Students practice their skills outside of class through weekly fieldwork experiences in local schools. P: DC; P: or CO: EDU 503, EDU 510, EDU 583.

EDU 556. Foundations and Best Practices of Early Childhood Education. 3 credits.
An in-depth study of early childhood development theory (birth through age 8), principles and current research including both typical and atypical development and the implications this has for early childhood education. Study will extend to observational strategies and application of growth and development data in decision making for developmentally appropriate practice. A total of 20 clock hours of field experience will be required in conjunction with EDU 556. P: EDU 211.

EDU 558. Content and Methods Specific to Early Childhood Education. 3 credits.
This course is designed to prepare candidates to use their knowledge of academic disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate experiences that will promote positive development and learning in the content areas of math, science, social studies, health and religion for each and every young child. Focus will be placed on the use of inquiry tools, knowledge of content, and developmentally appropriate teaching strategies and methodologies to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful and challenging curriculum that promotes positive outcomes for all early learners. Emphasis will also be placed on the candidate’s use of knowledge acquisition and self-reflection to deepen and improve teaching practices. This course will include a 15 hour field experience, which will allow the students to put into practice the skills they have learned throughout this course. P: EDU 210 and EDU 556.

EDU 563. Assessing Organizational Systems. 3 credits. OD
Workshop evaluating characteristics of organizations (including schools and service organizations). Practical training in assessing the effectiveness of such interventions as curriculum, training and development, and personnel. Special emphasis on planning, conducting, and interpreting surveys; developing questionnaires, interpreting results, and writing final reports.

EDU 565. Methods Of Teaching Language Arts In Elementary School. 3 credits. FA, SP
Emphasizes content and methods in teaching language arts in elementary and middle school. Students complete a minimum of 32 hours of practicum in a school classroom (EDU 565/EDU 566). P: EDU 103 or EDU 503; EDU 210 or EDU 211 or EDU 510; DC; CO: EDU 566.

EDU 566. Methods Of Teaching of Elementary Reading. 3 credits. FA
Designed to assist in understanding the process of developmental reading and to acquaint the student with the newest as well as the traditional tools for teaching reading. Students complete a minimum of 32 hours of practicum in a school classroom (EDU 565/EDU 566). P: EDU 103 or EDU 503, EDU 210 or EDU 510; DC; CO: EDU 565.

EDU 567. Methods Of Teaching Social Studies In Elementary School. 3 credits. FA
Emphasizes content and methods in teaching social studies in elementary and middle school. P: EDU 103 or EDU 503; EDU 210 or EDU 211 or EDU 510; DC.

EDU 568. Engaged in Math: Effective Methodologies for Pre-Service Elementary School Teachers. 3 credits. SP
Pre-service teacher candidates need to be prepared to be effective mathematics educators. This course seeks to prepare pre-service teachers for the ever-evolving mathematics instructional practices that will undoubtedly emerge in this era of high-stakes accountability. It will allow the students to take a dynamic classroom role as the orchestrators of authentic learning environments. This will be accomplished by fostering the teacher candidates’ ability to use inquiry, technology, systematics assessment, prescription, implementation, and oral communication, all of which are associated with mathematics education for diverse classroom communities. Over 25 hours of field experience are required for this course, allowing the students to experience a variety of real world teaching situations. P: Admittance into the Education Department and Completion of Foundations Oral Communication course; Co: EDU 569.

EDU 569. Methods Of Teaching Science in Elementary School. 3 credits.
Emphasizes content and methods in teaching science in elementary and middle school. Students complete a 25-hour practicum (EDU 568/EDU 569). P: EDU 103 or EDU 503; EDU 210 or EDU 211 or EDU 510; DC; CO: EDU 568.

EDU 572. Action Research and Assessment for Teachers. 3 credits. SP
Course emphasizes the fundamentals of educational research and the development, implementation, and analysis of formative and summative assessments utilized within PK-12 schools. Students will design and conduct a small scale assessment/research project within a PK-12 classroom.

EDU 575. Action Research in Your Content Area. 3 credits. FA
The purpose of the course is to give students a working knowledge of educational research methods and secondary teaching methods within a content area. Students will explore best practices in teaching secondary content areas using site based interviews, literature reviews, and a variety of classroom activities. This course includes a 25 hour practicum experience in a local school, which is an integral part of this course. P: DC; P or CO: EDU 341 and EDU 342 or EDU 561 and EDU 552, or DC.
EDU 577. Special Methods for Teaching in the Secondary School. 3 credits. OD
This course deals with teaching in the secondary school. Attention is directed to the selection, organization, and presentation of meaningful materials, as well as assessment of learning. The course meets one of the requirements for secondary teacher certification in the disciplines. Observation of instructional practice in a school setting integral to the course. P: DC; P or CO: EDU 341, and EDU 342 or EDU 551.

EDU 583. Management Practices For Classroom Teachers. 3 credits. FA, SU
Creating and/or maintaining a positive learning environment through techniques of observation, description, measurement and evaluation for optimum student learning. P or CO: EDU 341 or EDU 503 or EDU 565/EDU 566 or EDU 568/EDU 569 or DC. Graduate standing required or DC for summer offering.

EDU 586. Special Topics in Education. 2-3 credits. OD
Course designed to deal with current theory, research and practices in a specific area, e.g., social studies education. Faculty will provide a subtitle and a brief description for inclusion in the "Schedule of Courses." P: DC.

EDU 587. Methods Of Teaching Religion In Elementary School. 3 credits. OD (Same as THL 587)
The course is designed to prepare students to effective religious educators in Catholic elementary schools. The course content will encompass the four dimensions of religious education: message, community, service and worship. Students will not only become acquainted with methods and materials for teaching religion, but they will also gain experience planning liturgical celebrations.

EDU 590. First Year Teacher Induction Workshop. 3 credits. OD
Designed to ease the isolation and provide continuity between the theory of pre-service preparation and the realities of teaching. Assistance provided in acquiring additional knowledge and instructional skills, combating the effects of isolation, and becoming integrated into a school community. P: DC.

EDU 591. Clinical Practice (Student Teaching). 3-14 credits. FA, SP
Practical experience in the observation and conduct of classroom teaching and related activities. This experience is obtained under the immediate supervision of a fully experienced cooperating teacher and a University supervisor. Application to the Director of Field Experiences for all student teaching must be made before February 1 for the Fall Semester and October 1 for the Spring Semester. Secondary: P: EDU 341 and EDU 342 or EDU 551, EDU 548, EDU 525, EDU 583, EDU 575; CO: EDU 593. Elementary: P: EDU 500, EDU 525, EDU 565, EDU 566, EDU 567, EDU 568, EDU 569, EDU 583; CO: EDU 593; DC.

EDU 593. Clinical Practice (Student Teaching) Seminar. 1 credit. FA, SP
Student teachers deal with issues of classroom management, communication with families and communities, applications, portfolios, interviews, and relevant teaching concerns. CO: EDU 591.

EDU 600. Principles Of Curriculum Construction For Elementary And Secondary Schools. 3 credits. FA
Course designed to prepare educators for instructional leadership in identifying curriculum determiners, planning procedures, and evaluation processes for both elementary and secondary schools. P: DC.

EDU 601. Instructional Technology for the Classroom. 3 credits. SU
This course will train teachers to develop a more robust, engaging, and student-centered curriculum through the use of educational technology. We will focus on practical uses of technology in the classroom through simulations and lesson development. Students will build a personal learning network (PLN) to facilitate professional collaboration beyond this class. P: Gr. stdg.

EDU 602. Faith Leadership in Catholic Schools. 3 credits. OD
This course provides an introduction to the teachings of the Catholic Church in these areas: creed, liturgy and Sacraments, Christian morality, Christian prayer and spirituality, Catholic social teaching, and Scripture. This course will help leaders apply Catholic Church teaching to contemporary Catholic school issues, build faith community, and foster faculty/staff formation for mission. P: DC.

EDU 603. Educational and Managerial Leadership in Catholic Schools. 3 credits. OD
This course is designed to investigate educational leadership using the Catholic mission of the school as a focus and integrating principle. Students will also explore pertinent managerial leadership topics such as site-based management, models of shared leadership, school finance and the stewardship of school resources, and legal issues as they apply to the Catholic school setting, including safety. P: DC.

EDU 606. Strategic and Political Leadership in Catholic Schools. 3 credits. OD
This course addresses the strategic and political dimensions of Catholic educational leadership. Topics include strategic planning, governance, networks and coalitions, political advocacy, funding, public relations, and marketing. The course stresses innovation, collaboration, and advocacy in positioning schools for the future. Course assignments emphasize practical application of theory and best practices. P: DC.

EDU 616. Consulting Techniques. 3 credits. OD
Course designed to acquaint students with models for providing consultation to schools, teachers, and students. Distinction between medical and consultation models is provided, and goals for consultant behaviors and the culture of the school are discussed. Emphasis on problem-solving, collaborative consultation, curriculum-based measurement, and precision teaching.

EDU 617. Leadership in the Administration of Educational Technology. 3 credits. SP
The course gives the school principal knowledge of technology ethics, laws, and standards; skills in evaluating hardware and software, as well as facility and security issues; perspectives on emerging trends in educational technology; and strategies in formulating an effective technology plan for a school to improve student learning and school management. P: DC.

EDU 620. Practical Aspects Of School Law For Teachers And Administrators. 3 credits. FA, SP
The course provides background in Constitutional and statute law affecting the rights and responsibilities of public and private school educators with respect to students, parents, school policies, and working conditions. Abundant opportunities for application of legal principles are staples of this course. P: DC.

EDU 623. Managing the School Climate. 3 credits. OD
Examination of the factors and strategies that create a school environment conducive to learning. Emphasis on the leadership role of the administrator in establishing a safe and productive learning climate. P: DC.
EDU 624. Supervision of Learning. 3 credits. FA
Reviewing and appraising the instructional process; organizing the supervision program with attention to the leadership role of the principal; developing in-service programs and promoting professional growth. P: DC.

EDU 625. Practical Knowledge Of School Finance For Teachers And Administrators. 3 credits. SP
The course examines the means through which public and private schools acquire, spend, and account for resources. Related legal and ethical considerations are also applied in course projects and exams. P: DC.

EDU 631. Leadership in the Administration of Human Resources in Education. 3 credits. OD
EDU 631 requires students to learn and apply the theories and processes essential to effective leadership of the human resources function in PK-12 schools. Students will learn theories of human and organizational needs and apply them to public and private school settings. P: DC.

EDU 652. Differentiating High School Teaching. 3 credits.
Students will utilize previous experience in grades 7-12 teaching to identify their skills and growth areas in differentiating teaching. Students will then expand on existing skills and develop new skills so that all students in their classrooms can reach identified learning outcomes.

EDU 675. Special Methods for Magis Teachers. 3 credits. FA
This course educates and mentors new Magis teachers in exploring their content areas. Magis teachers in secondary school placements research best methods in their content areas to continue their formation in teacher education and increase their knowledge base. The course delivery method is partially asynchronous and online, but also includes eight observations of the teacher in the classroom and multiple one-on-one meetings with the instructor to discuss observations and review the progress of the teacher in his/her classroom and content area growth. P: EDU 551, CO: EDU 686.

EDU 680. Spirituality Of Teaching-Part I. 1 credit. OD
This course is designed to integrate the three pillars of the Magis Catholic Teacher Corps program: professional, spiritual, and communal. It is taught through lecture, large and small group discussions based on the assigned readings and on the effective completion of all written assignments. The assignments are designed to produce artifacts for a summative portfolio. P: Dept. approval.

EDU 681. Spirituality Of Teaching-Part 2. 1 credit. OD
This course is part 2 of the Spirituality of Teaching. It continues to integrate the three pillars of the Magis Catholic Teacher Corps program: professional, spiritual, and communal. It is taught through lecture, large and small group discussions based on the assigned readings and on the effective completion of all written assignments. The assignments are designed to produce artifacts for a summative portfolio. P: Dept. approval.

EDU 685. Beginning Practicum In Catholic Education. 1 credit. FA
This course is part of the Magis student’s education and training program. Magis students learn principles and practices of teaching in a Catholic school. The course addresses planning for instruction, teaching methods, and assessing student achievement and communicating assessments to students, parents, and administrators. Students practice their skills as the teacher of record with the support and guidance of a mentor teacher, principal, and Magis director. P: EDU 551 and DC.

EDU 687. Advanced Practicum In Catholic Education. 1 credit. SP
This course is part of the Magis student’s education and training program. Magis students learn principles and practices of teaching in a Catholic school. The course addresses planning for instruction, teaching methods, and assessing student achievement and communicating assessments to students, parents, and administrators. Students practice their skills as the teacher of record with the support and guidance of a mentor teacher, principal, and Magis director. P: EDU 686.

EDU 688. Beginning Internship In Catholic Education. 1 credit. FA
This course is part of the Magis student’s education and training program during the second year. Magis students learn principles and practices of teaching in a Catholic school. The course addresses planning for instruction, teaching methods, and assessing student achievement and communicating assessments to students, parents, and administrators. Students practice their skills as the teacher of record with the support and guidance of a mentor teacher, principal, and Magis director. P: EDU 687.

EDU 689. Advanced Internship In Catholic Education. 3 credits. SP
This course is part of the Magis student’s education and training program during the second year. Magis students learn principles and practices of teaching in a Catholic school. The course addresses planning for instruction, teaching methods, and assessing student achievement and communicating assessments to students, parents, and administrators. Students practice their skills as the teacher of record with the support and guidance of a mentor teacher, principal, and Magis director. P: EDU 688.

EDU 793. Directed Independent Readings. 1-3 credits. FA, SP, SU
Intensive reading in an area as approved by the department. P: DC.

EDU 795. Directed Independent Study. 1-3 credits. FA, SP, SU
Independent research on a topic designed by the student with the approval of an adviser from the department. P: DC.

EDU 797. Directed Independent Research. 1-3 credits. FA, SP, SU
Independent Research on a topic designed by the student with the approval of an adviser from the department. P: DC.

EDU 799. Master’s Thesis. 1-3 credits. FA, SP
Research in connection with the preparation of the Master’s thesis. Student must register for this course in any term when engaged in formal preparation of the Master’s thesis; however, six credit hours are the maximum applicable toward the degree. P: DC.