Reading Minor

The minor in reading is required for all IDS majors pursuing elementary (EC-6) certification. This minor is optional for students pursuing secondary/all-level certification.

**EDUC 3307: Essentials of Literacy Instruction**

This course introduces the essential components of reading, the features of effective instruction, and relationships among oral language, reading, and writing. Students will learn to use data to inform and differentiate literacy instruction. Students will develop a foundation for teaching literacy in a culturally responsive classroom to ensure high academic achievement.

**EDUC 3327: Developing the Fluent Reader**

This course examines the relationships among phonological skill, phonic decoding, spelling, accurate and automatic word recognition, and text reading fluency. Emphasis will be placed on evidenced-based instruction and the developmental progression of phonological skill, printed word recognition, spelling, and reading fluency.

**EDUC 3337: Developing the Strategic Reader**

This course examines effective instructional strategies regarding vocabulary development, study skills, reading and listening comprehension. Emphasis will be placed on evidence-based instruction and the development of vocabulary and comprehension skills.

**EDUC 3347: Differentiating Literacy Instruction**

This course addresses differentiated literacy instruction for all readers. Special emphasis is placed on English Learners and students with reading difficulties such as dyslexia. Other topics include Response to Intervention (RTI) and appropriate instructional accommodations.

OR

**EDUC 3345: Critical Concepts in Secondary Instruction**

This course examines associated concepts of secondary instruction. Developmentally appropriate practices for all student populations will be addressed to enhance the support of students’ academic achievement with emphasis on the critical concepts of content area reading, English Language Learners, and Exceptional Learners.

NOTE: The option between EDUC 3347 and EDUC 3345 is applicable for English Language Arts/Reading candidates only. Elementary candidates must complete the minor requirements with EDUC 3347.

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