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1. engage students in cutting-edge collaborative research;
2. provide a solid foundation that enables students to integrate theory, research, and practice and fosters a commitment to excellence in research and scholarship;
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Content Courses (20 hrs):
- EDF 7357 Application of Dev. Theories (4)
- EDF 7138 Adolescent Development (4)
- EDF 7265 Psychology of Language Dev. (4)
- EDF 7145 Cog. Issues in Instruction (4)
- EDF 7359 Resilience in Human Dev. (4)

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Professional Courses (8 hrs)
- Professional Seminar (1 credit, 4 semesters)
  Students learn the tools of success in academics.
- Research Practicum (1 credit, 4 semesters)
  Students work with one faculty mentor on research and work toward establishing an independent program of research.

Common Core Course (3 hrs)
- Philosophies of Inquiry

Research Methods/Statistics (11 hrs)
- Social Foundations Course (3 hrs)
- Teaching Supervision (1 hr)
- Dissertation Credits (12 hrs)
- Choice of Cognate (12 hrs)

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The Faculty

Dr. Darlene DeMarie, Associate Professor
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Dr. Lisa M. Lopez, Associate Professor
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• GRE Scores
• Graduate School Application with $30 Fee
• Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae
• Official TOEFL Results (International Students only)
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