Education, Society, and Culture
M.A. Program

Program Structure
- The M.A. program in Education, Society, and Culture requires a minimum of 36 quarter units of graduate or upper-division undergraduate work in the major subject or some other subjects deemed relevant by the program faculty.
- M.A. students work with a faculty advisor to tailor the program toward their individual research interests.
- Students in the M.A. program have two options:
  - **Plan I (Thesis)** - Students in the Plan I option are required to complete a minimum of 36 upper-division and graduate units, and at least 24 units must be in graduate courses. A maximum of 12 units may be earned for taking graduate research or thesis courses (EDUC 297 and EDUC 299).
  - **Plan II (Comprehensive examination)** - Students in the Plan II option are required to complete a minimum of 36 upper-division and graduate units in Education and related fields as defined in existing programs. At least 18 units must be in graduate courses. No credit will be given for graduate research or thesis courses (EDUC 297 and EDUC 299). Students opting for Plan II are required to take the comprehensive written exam once their coursework is completed.
- M.A. students can complete the program in less than two years.
- The M.A. program is a research-oriented program.

Curriculum
Required Courses
A total of 36 units are required. Students are required to take at least five courses (20 units) from:
- EDUC 201B Theories and Issues in Literacy
- EDUC 203 History of American Education
- EDUC 212 Research Methods
- EDUC 230 Curriculum Theory and Praxis in Education
- EDUC 233 Differential Achievement and the School Learning Environment
- EDUC 238 Education and Gender
- EDUC 245E History of Church, State, and Schooling
- EDUC 257 Language, Culture, and Education
- EDUC 260 History of Curriculum
- EDUC 266 Language, Schooling, and Identity
- EDUC 276 Diversity and Curriculum
- EDUC 284 Theory and Research on Schooling and Social Inequality
- EDUC 286 American Education and the Civil Rights Movement
- EDUC 288 History of Urban Education in the United States

Exam Preparation and Research Courses
- EDUC 290 Directed Studies
- EDUC 291 Individual Studies in Coordinated Areas
- EDUC 297 Directed Research
- EDUC 299 Thesis or Dissertation