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THE EDUCATIONAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM offers graduate students in the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education an option for academically rigorous interdisciplinary learning that is pragmatically designed to suit their own individual gifts, backgrounds and goals as educators.

Distinctively grounded in arts, humanities and social sciences, this diverse field aims to impart practical wisdom and purposeful imagination to the moral work of educating for social justice, nonviolence and democratic life - wherever such educating may occur.

Educational Studies graduate programs at the University of Oklahoma offer a variety of learning experiences to compose a coherent, practical, and scholarly apprenticeship in the field, tailored to each student’s own special interests and talents. With extensive experience as teachers and leaders in both local and global settings, Educational Studies faculty members mentor their graduate students as apprentice scholars, developing personally meaningful and morally purposeful programs of original inquiry with topically diverse emphases in philosophy, history, and sociology of education.

WHY EDUCATIONAL STUDIES?

Are you liberally educated, but an untrained novice in the education profession with a social conscience?

Are you interested in learning more about education’s problems and possibilities?

Are you an experienced and concerned professional educator who reads voraciously and thinks both critically and imaginatively not just about educational methods and techniques, but also about the purposes, meanings, and values of your work?

Are you an educator who wants to learn more about the diversity present in your classroom?

In any of these cases, Educational Studies may be well suited to develop your own insights and capacities for intellectual and moral leadership in education.

Graduates from the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education’s Educational Studies program have gone on to work at prestigious universities across the nation as professors, published researchers, vice presidents, and even to serve on the Oklahoma State Board of Regents.

Scholars in the Educational Studies tradition analyze, interpret, and construct educational narratives using artifacts, archives, concepts, values, purposes, theories, policies, pedagogies, and curricula as well as experimental institutions of learning.