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EDUCATION 811-5
Field Studies in Education
Master of Education – Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Numeracy
(Enroll # 10283)

Spring Semester 2009	Instructor:	Aldona Businskas
Meeting Dates: Nov 1-2, 2008 Jan 9/10/11; Feb 20/21/22; Apr 3/4/5	Office:	
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AIMS AND DESCRIPTION

In this Field Studies course, participants will design, carry out, and report on a substantial action research project dealing with questions that are important to them in their own professional work in education. Thus, students will propose their own research question(s), design/develop suitable methods, carry out the project, actively participate in ongoing discussions about their work, and prepare a final presentation and written report. Through the project, students will have an opportunity to integrate their learnings from previous courses in this program and to gain some experience in carrying out action research by investigating a question that is relevant to them.

REQUIRED TEXTS

There are no required texts. Readings will be provided by the instructor.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Meeting 1: Nov 1-2
Topics: What is action research?
Project requirements and research ethics.
Defining (and refining) your research question and research context.

Meeting 2: Jan 9-11

Topics: Methods of action research; data collection.
Formulating/refining research methods and data collection procedures for your study.

Meeting 3: Feb 20-22

Topics: Ways of organizing and analyzing data.
Practicing data analysis.
How to write a research report; how to make a research presentation.

Meeting 4: Apr 3-5

Topics: Presentation and peer review of completed projects.
Research reports are due April 5.

GRADING

Evaluation will be discussed in class.

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