

Learning, Diversity, and Urban Studies (M.Ed.)

We should all know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry,
and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry
are equal in value no matter what their color.

—Maya Angelou

Learning, Diversity, and Urban Studies (LDUS) in the Department of Teaching and Learning is a three-semester program designed for professionals who aspire to understand the complex ways in which diversity influences learning in settings both inside and outside of schools. At the heart of the program is the understanding that one acts thoughtfully in the world and one's actions alter the world requiring new response and new learning on and on. The curriculum



is structured around three themes. LEARNING focuses on designing learning environments that draw upon research on how people learn and ways designers can capitalize on diversity to enhance learning. DIVERSITY builds knowledge about the nature and definition of diversity and how it affects groups, systems, and

scholarly inquiry. URBAN STUDIES explores the complex interactions among individuals, groups, and the various systems that makes up the contexts of inner-city schools, metropolitan regions, and neighborhoods.

Specializations

Students take nine credits focused on either classroom teaching or out-of-school learning. An interdisciplinary specialization in poverty and intervention is also available. The practicum/internship is about understanding the urban world, acting for good and then understanding and acknowledging anew that those actions changed the world.

Career Paths

Many graduates are career teachers who return to the classroom. Others go on to pursue doctoral degrees. Alumni have included nonprofit program directors, textbook company content liaisons, counselors, and group leaders. They have also worked in government, including the U.S. Department of Justice.



What Our Graduates Say

“The cohort experience and the internship component of the program were the key to my wonderful experience. There is nothing like getting to know the Nashville community with the help of an intelligent, challenging, and incredibly supportive group of individuals!”

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