

# EDUCATION LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS, GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Education Law and Civil Rights is a 9-credit graduate/professional certificate that focuses on legal issues that arise in public elementary and secondary schools (and provides flexibility to students interested in higher education law). The courses included in this certificate cover topics involving discriminatory practices against populations that have been historically marginalized in schools. Through a legal lens, students analyze existing case law, statutes, and regulations to assist those working in schools create policies that are inclusive and meet their legal obligations.

The mission of the department is to create, evaluate, exchange, and apply knowledge about leadership, learning, and organizational performance to prepare scholars and scholar practitioners who cultivate equity and educational opportunity in a diverse and changing world.

Many varied educational constituencies need to be able to analyze and to inform debate on educational issues, and to lead and develop learning communities that meet the diverse learning needs of students and society. We believe effective educational leadership in any institution embodies three core values: inquiry, equity, and reflection.

Graduates and recipients of the department's instruction are expected to reflect the knowledge, skills, and personal qualities that will be successful in promoting, producing, and improving learning and increasing public trust in educational institutions.