

## Master of Distance Education

(34 units)

The MDE is composed of six core courses (18 units) and four electives (12 units), with at least one elective course from each of the following clusters: Pedagogy, Technology Applications, and Educational Management. The capstone course is a 4-unit project (Special Problem in Distance Education). Passing a comprehensive examination is required before enrollment in the Special Problem course.

### PROGRAM GOALS

The Master of Distance Education is designed to produce individuals who can:

- ◆ Use their knowledge of theories, models, and principles of open learning and distance education to critically examine various aspects of DE programs from a variety of perspectives;
- ◆ Lead in designing, developing and delivering distance education programs that are underpinned by effective pedagogy and appropriate and sustainable use of technology;

- ◆ Lead in managing distance education programs in different contexts—educational, business and non-profit organizations—to meet the needs of target learners;

- ◆ Understand and critique the broader policy, regulatory, and social issues that arise from distance education; and

- ◆ Contribute to the body of knowledge regarding open learning and distance education by conducting research and evaluation studies, and through materials, course, and program development.

### Core Courses (18 units)

- ◆ EDDDE 201 Foundations of Distance Education (3 units)
- ◆ EDDDE 202 Learning Theories and Instructional Design in Distance Education (3 units)
- ◆ EDDDE 203 Technology in Distance Education (3 units)
- ◆ EDDDE 204 Assessment of Student Learning in Distance Education (3 units)

- ◆ EDDDE 205 Management of Distance Education (3 units)
- ◆ EDDDE 206 Research in Distance Education (3 units)

### Electives (12 units)

#### ◆ Pedagogy Cluster

- EDDE 210 Online Teaching and Learning (3 units)
- EDDE 211 Lifelong Learning (3 units)

#### ◆ Technology Applications Cluster

- EDDE 221 Design and Evaluation of Multimedia Educational Materials (3 units)
- DEVIC 207 Design and Production of Audiovisual Communication Materials (3 units)
- DLL 201 Technology in Language Education (3 units)



♦ **Educational Management Cluster**

EDDE 230 Ethical, Legal and Social  
Issues in the Information  
Age (3 units)

EDDE 231 Planning and Managing  
Networked Learning  
(3 units)

**Special Problem (4 units)**

- ♦ EDDE 298 Special Problem in  
Distance Education  
(4 units)

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Admission**

Applicants for admission must have a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized post-secondary institution, with a GWA of 2.5 or better.

Students may take courses on a non-degree basis. Non-degree students are also required to have completed a Bachelor's degree prior to enrollment in any of the courses in the MDE program. Should they subsequently decide to enroll in the MDE, a maximum of nine (9) units of courses, with final grades of 2.0 or better may be credited to the MDE program.



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