



- **Is offering two new Literacy courses**
- **One is Middle/Secondary level, the other Elementary**

EDU 512 Literacy, Language and Learning (*Middle/Secondary level*)

Course Description: Reading and writing are powerful tools, powerful ways of communicating and learning. Much of what we do, both in school and out, has reading and writing (or, *literacy*, broadly speaking) at its core, or behind it in one way or another. One goal of this course is to prepare you to support your upper elementary, middle and high school students in doing the *reading and writing* that they will need to do so that they can be successful learning and doing the *subject matter work* that is at the heart of the courses you teach. Another goal of this course will be to look at current issues, topics, and conversations that are happening in the field of literacy. Some of the questions we will consider throughout the course are:

- **What does literacy mean?** What does it mean to be literate?
- **Who are we** as readers and writers? Who are our students, as readers and writers?
- **What does literacy look like** in different disciplines?
- **What is the relationship** between literacy and my subject area?
- **What** about “out of school” literacy?
- **How is literacy connected** to social justice, democracy, and equity?
- **How do I make sure that all my students have access** to the literacy skills they need in order to be successful in my content area?

Instructor: Clarissa Thompson, Ph.D. **Day/Time:** Mondays, 4:30-7:30 pm

EDU 513 New Media and Language Arts in the Elementary Classroom

Course Description: This course will focus on **how new media can be used to support student learning in the language arts classroom**. Participants will examine current and historical practices in the language arts classroom, and explore how these practices might shift with the arrival of new tools. Participants will be asked to think critically about how and when new media should be used to support students. Particular focus will be given to the **best practices in early elementary classrooms** and the unique challenges and opportunities of working with this population in the digital age.

Instructor: Johanna Prince **Day/Time:** Thursdays, 4-7:00 pm, **some face-to-face classes and some online.**

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