



Course Information

Prefix & number	Title: EDST553 Group Inquiry
Instructor	Prerequisites or restrictions (if any)
Dr. Fei Wang	Students in the EDAL program are eligible to enrol.

Focus or Content
<p>The Educational Administration and Leadership (EDAL) Graduate Program in the Department of Educational Studies offers a set of two consecutive research courses that allow participants to deepen their understanding of and experience with educational research. These courses lead their participants to fulfill a core requirement of their M.Ed. program by undertaking a research project and submitting a final Group Inquiry report. The two courses are offered in the fall and winter consecutively, for a total of six credits. As we have completed the requirements for EDST 501, we are now moving into the second (follow-up) course – EDST 553: Group Inquiry – which offers participants with an opportunity to implement their research proposal developed as part of EDST 501. EDST 553 is meant to support participants carry out their study as part of a group by focusing on different contexts of educational practice. At the end of EDST 553, each research group presents their work publicly in April in a conference format.</p>

Goals, Objectives or Learning Outcomes
<p>Building on EDST 501, participants in EDST 553 will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. experience the challenges associated with the actual conduct of research projects in diverse educational contexts;2. gain practical experience in the conduct of collaborative research, by working with fellow graduate students, peers, schools, and communities;3. meaningfully draw on and use the relevant research methods, tools, techniques, and approaches relevant for the research they pursue;4. critically reflect on the implications of their findings for the articulation of a defensible and ethically warranted educational practice;

Assignments or Assessment Process
<p>Assignments build on those from EDST 501 and include: Research findings, discussion, conclusion, a final full research paper, and a public presentation.</p>

Notes/Other
<p>The course will be delivered in person (tentative) on five Saturdays and is open to students who are interested in empirical group inquiry and have taken EDST501.</p>