The future of society depends on educating our youth. But our schools serve our children unequally. And mechanisms such as funding, standards, accountability, and curriculum changes are not effective methods of improving student learning. What makes a real difference is the quality of the teachers.

Good teachers and schools have enormous impacts on students’ life chances. Building the educational system needed to prepare young people for tomorrow requires skill, vision, and commitment.

**How can you contribute?**

After just one course in education, you will know more about teaching and learning and about how schools work. You will be able to make better decisions about education policy. You can make a difference as a voter, a parent, a community member.

A student who goes further and earns a teaching certificate can challenge and inspire our country’s students.

From one fundamental course to a degree of fundamental importance, the School of Education can help you make a difference.

**SAMPLE COURSE OFFERINGS**

**EDUC 118 SCHOOLING IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

This course, which fulfills the race and ethnicity (RE) requirement, investigates the roles and purposes of schooling, probes teaching and learning, and examines education policies. Our goals in this course are to help you develop a new understanding of the role and nature of schools and teaching, as well as to develop alternative perspectives on, and approaches to, examining educational issues. In addition to readings and discussions, there will be opportunities for hands-on experience and interactions with K-12 students in schools.

**EDUC 222 VIDEO GAMES & LEARNING**

Why are video games fun? The answer isn’t as obvious as you might think. Good games draw you in, teach you how to succeed, and keep you engaged with a “just right” level of challenge. Most important, players learn while playing a well-designed game. Why isn’t school like that? This class takes a hard look at video games, a hard look at education, and considers ways that each can be improved to maximize learning and performance.

**EDUC 380 PARTNERS IN AUTHENTIC LEARNING IN SCHOOLS**

This course is designed to give undergraduate students experience working with learners in the K-12 public schools. You will gain skills in teaching and mentoring and learn about yourself as a mentor. Students develop an understanding of the academic, social, and emotional needs of young people, their community and family cultures, and the impact of social context and culture on learning.

Whatever your interests are in education, we have a program that’s right for you.

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A citizen who understands teaching and learning, schools, and education policy can make a difference in the community. A teacher with the skills to reach all students will make a difference in the lives of many children.

At the School of Education, we have an option that is right for you!

**T**ake A Course
Do you want to learn more about education but aren’t sure if you want to choose it as your major? Consider taking a course. Turn the page for a sampling of course offerings in education.

**A**pply To Soe
Current students may apply to our elementary and secondary teacher preparation programs. In these, students participate in a rigorous program of training to become skillful teachers, gaining extensive supervised experience and earning teacher certification together with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science in education.

**G**o Grad
The Elementary or Secondary Master of Arts with Certification (MAC) programs are perfect for recent or soon-to-be graduates. Students participate in an intensive practice-based program leading to a teaching certificate and a master’s degree in education.

**G**et Certified
Students completing bachelor’s degrees in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (as well as some other schools and colleges) can add the necessary coursework and clinical experience to become certified teachers.

To learn more about the exciting opportunities in the School of Education contact the Office of Student Affairs at ask.soe@umich.edu

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