A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.

This course considers, from a multidisciplinary perspective, the questions "What is an educated person? What character traits mark an educated person? And how does becoming educated impact one's personal, family and social life?" While it is a required course for all students who plan to complete an Individualized B.A., it is also a helpful course for students in any of the other colleges who are not sure about their major focus. The course helps students develop their own individualized degree plans or program outlines by providing time to reflect on what they want to learn and the best way to learn it. Students assess their own academic strengths and weaknesses and meet resource people from around the university who challenge them to think about education in a broad and liberating manner. While most students often focus first on their vocational goals in higher education, this course challenges students to think also about their community involvement and lifelong learning needs.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - 05/06/2002 05/07/2002 - 05/05/2014 05/10/2014 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze what it means to be an educated person through multiple perspectives.
2. Examine how factors such as gender, race, cultural perspectives and socio-economic status related to the question of what it means to be an educated person.
3. Reflect on what education means in relation to the well-being of local and global communities.
5. Design an individualized degree plan that fulfills student's self-defined learning goals in the context of Metropolitan State University.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
   None
Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.
   None

G. Special Information

Note: Course required for individualized BA degree seeking students. Undecided students also welcome.