

## **Swarthmore College**

### **Educational Studies Department Learning Goals**

1. Students will recognize that Educational Studies is an interdisciplinary field; they will be able to recognize and use research and theoretical frameworks from a range of disciplines to extend, refute, and confirm existing research, theory, and practice.
2. Students will be able to use evidence to support positions made in discourse, writing, and other media.
3. Students will be able to communicate ideas, reflections and research effectively through academic writing and other appropriate media.
4. Students will be able to think critically and creatively about key concepts in the field including teaching, learning and development, social and cultural contexts of education, and contemporary issues in the field and the role of education in society.
5. Students will be able to use practice to inform theory and research and use theory and research to reflect on and modify practice.
6. Students will be engaged in, and reflective about, community-based fieldwork.
7. Students will be self-reflective about their own position and the positions of others in political, social, and institutional structures and the possibilities for growth and change for themselves and others.
8. Students will be constructive and generative problem solvers.

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