*SEM 328 TEACHING SCIENCE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3)
A critical analysis of a variety of objectives, instructional materials and evaluation techniques for teaching elementary school science, with a special emphasis on grades K-4. Consideration will be given to addressing the individual needs of a diverse student population. Twenty hours of field experience are required in conjunction with EDC 322. Prereq: Admission to TEP and 12 hours of science. Coreq: EDC 322.

*SEM 337 TEACHING MATHEMATICS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. (3)

*SEM 345 TEACHING MATHEMATICS IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. (3)
A study of theoretical models and methodological strategies for teaching arithmetic, informal geometry, and introductory algebra at the middle school level. The course will include a critical analysis of a variety of objectives, instructional materials and strategies and evaluation techniques. Consideration will be given to addressing the individual needs of a diverse student population. Prereq: Admission to Teacher Education Program; 18 hours of undergraduate mathematics. Concur: EDC 330 and EDC 343.

*SEM 348 TEACHING SCIENCE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. (3)
A study of theoretical models and methodological strategies for teaching science at the middle school level. This course will include a critical analysis of a variety of objectives, instructional materials and strategies, and evaluation techniques for middle school science. Special needs of individuals in a diverse middle school population are emphasized. Prereq: Admission to TEP and 24 hours of science. Concur: EDC 330 and 343.

*SEM 603 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION IN STEM EDUCATION. (3)
This course introduces the fundamental issues related to curriculum and instruction in STEM programs. Major topics addressed will include (but will not be limited to), defining STEM education, its curricula, purposes, and past and present social and political influences affecting the development and focus of STEM education. Additional discussion will address the stakeholders of STEM education that participate in the development, testing, implementation, and assessment of STEM curricula. A major focus of the course will be on the review of selected STEM curricular programs that reflect research-based “best practices” in STEM education.

*SEM 604 HISTORY OF STEM EDUCATION. (3)
The History of STEM Education course will begin with researching the background and development of each individual component of STEM (i.e., Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Education. This will follow with a historical comparison of these components highlighting their similarities as well as their differences. The course will conclude with a study of the entity, STEM Education, from the early 19th century America to the present focusing on reports and documents that have connected the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics disciplines and shaped current research and reform efforts.

*SEM 613 EFFECTIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR MODELING-BASED INQUIRY IN STEM EDUCATION. (3)
This course is designed to teach effective uses of educational technologies towards engagement in modeling-based inquiry in STEM Education. Students will learn the key components of facilitating modeling-based inquiry through their own building of accurate conceptual models of explanations of key STEM theories and underlying concepts. Utilizing technologies implemented in authentic STEM practice, students will learn how to facilitate pupils’ use of technologies to allow them to make controlled observations, analyze data, recognize patterns, propose and revise their models of explanation, and communicate their models to their peers. Prereq: EDC 317 and/or EDC 607 or its equivalent or permission of instructor.

*SEM 631 MATHEMATICS PEDAGOGY IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL. (0-3)
Through campus and school-based experiences, students will learn how to engage young people in learning mathematics and how to make decisions about planning instruction and develop assessment based on a sound knowledge base for applying content, materials, and methods (including educational technology) appropriate for high school students. May be repeated to a maximum of three credits. Lecture, 1-3 hours; laboratory, 3-6 hours per week. Prereq: Admission to the M.A./M.S. in Education (Initial Certification Option-Secondary Education).
*SEM 634 SCIENCE PEDAGOGY IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL. (0-3)
Through campus and school-based experiences, students will learn how to engage young people in learning science and how to make decisions about planning instruction and develop assessment based on a sound knowledge base for applying content, materials, and methods (including educational technology) appropriate for high school students. May be repeated to a maximum of three credits. Lecture, 1-3 hours; laboratory, 3-6 hours per week. Prereq: Admission to the M.A./M.S. in Education (Initial Certification Option-Secondary Education).

*SEM 670 ADVANCED STUDY IN THE TEACHING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS. (3)
New developments in modern elementary mathematics for teachers in the elementary schools will be reviewed. Special emphasis will be given to a study of new teaching methods, application of published research, techniques and trends in mathematics in the elementary school. Prereq: Graduate standing.

*SEM 674 ADVANCED STUDIES IN TEACHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE. (3)
An advanced course for classroom teachers that focuses on implementation of instructional strategies and assessments for teaching elementary science. A review of contemporary research in teaching and learning science will be closely related to classroom instruction. Specific focus will be given to technology integration, assessment, and addressing the needs of diverse student populations. Prereq: Graduate standing.

*SEM 701 HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION. (3)
A study of mathematics education from early 19th century America to the present focusing on forces that connected mathematics, psychology, psychometrics, sociology, and technology. Prereq: EPE 651 or permission of the instructor.

*SEM 702 THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION. (3)
A survey of constructivism, cognitive science, and sociological and anthropological perspectives as fundamental theories for mathematical learning, and an overview of research context where these theories guide inquiries. Prereq: EDP 610 (Theories of Learning) or consent of instructor. Many concepts and theories in SEM 702 are related to learning theories. Past students felt better prepared for SEM 702 after taking EDP 610.

*SEM 703 ADVANCED RESEARCH IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION. (3)
An advanced seminar focusing on current critical research issues in mathematics education, the way research impacts education policies and practices, various methodological pursuits of researchers, and theory building.

*SEM 704 DESIGNING PROJECT-BASED ENVIRONMENTS IN STEM EDUCATION. (3)
SEM 704 will give students the opportunity to explore STEM contents, technologies, instructional strategies, and assessments necessary in designing and developing a research-based, interdisciplinary, project-enhanced environment. In SEM 704 students will experience, evaluate, and design interdisciplinary, project-enhanced environments within STEM classrooms. Prereq: SEM 603 or permission of instructor.

*SEM 706 RESEARCH IN STEM EDUCATION. (3)
Students will have the opportunity to learn about the research paradigms guiding STEM education research throughout history with critical analysis of those most utilized across the modern STEM education research communities. Students will acquire knowledge and skills that allow them to develop a research proposal with explicit discussion of their research assumptions and that targets meaningful and timely research questions in STEM education. Prereq: EDL 651, or EDP/EPE 557 and EPE 570, or EDP/EPE 660 or permission of instructor.

*SEM 708 ENGINEERING IN STEM EDUCATION. (3)
SEM 708 will introduce students to the field of engineering and give them the opportunity to explore engineering concepts, engineering design, different fields of engineering, engineering curricular materials for K-12 students, research on including engineering in K-12 education, and assessments necessary in designing and developing research-based, interdisciplinary, engineering-design curricula for K-12 students and teachers. In SEM 708 students will experience, evaluate, and design interdisciplinary, engineering design-based curricula to be used within STEM classrooms. Prereq: EDC 707 or permission of instructor.
SEM 746 SUBJECT AREA INSTRUCTION IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL. (0-9)
Students will teach in their subject areas in the schools full-time, meet regularly to discuss teaching effectiveness and strategies for improvement and develop their professional portfolios. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits. Lecture, 3-9 hours; laboratory, 6-18 hours per week. Prereq: The appropriate methods course in the subject area (SEM 631, EDC 632, EDC 633, SEM 634 or EDC 635). Admission to the M.A./M.S. in Education (Initial Certification Option-Secondary Education). (Same as EDC 746.)

SEM 770 SPECIAL TOPICS IN STEM EDUCATION (Subtitle required). (3)
This course is a seminar of topical offerings with variable topics in the study of philosophy, principles, trends and research associate with STEM Education. This seminar is designed to cover topical issues around current research and strategies in STEM Education as they relate to P-20 implementation. STEM Education is transdisciplinary and constantly changing. This course will address content specific and transdisciplinary issues within the context of new directives and initiatives. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits. Prereq: SEM 603 and/or SEM 706 or permission of instructor.