

**WED 590 Readings (Online)  
Summer, 2008**

***Research Focus: Mentoring and Workforce Development  
or Related Topic***

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**Course Description:**

Supervised readings in selected advanced subjects. Restricted to WED majors or consent of department. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

**Course Goal:**

This course seeks to improve the literature research skills and problem statement formulation. Course product may serve as preliminary research for future WED research courses.

**Course Objectives:**

1. To utilize the assigned readings and individual research to explore mentoring or other related topic, i.e. leadership development, coaching, etc. (with professor's prior approval)
2. To navigate the Morris Library (on campus or online) as well as other academic libraries to find relevant periodicals and resources
3. To navigate the Internet to find relevant websites and other resources
4. To develop an annotated bibliography of literature and resources
5. To summarize the literature on mentoring or approved topic

This course is designed to assist students with the exploration of their research interests. Students may use the course products toward the future development of their WED 593 research paper or project, WED 599 thesis, or other research-oriented course assignment.

**Required Readings:**

Articles will be posted on Blackboard

**Assignments:**

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| 1. Statement of research problem and significance (2 pages) | 50 points            |
| 2. 2 Class Discussions                                      | 50 points (25 each)  |
| 3. 2 Readings and Responses                                 | 100 points (50 each) |
| 4. Internet resources (15 sources)                          | 200 points           |
| 5. Annotated bibliography (25 academic sources)             | <u>300 points</u>    |

**Total Points      700 points**

**Grading Scale**

A=700-650 points    B=649-599 points    C=598-548 points    F=547 points or less