

**School of Education Student SEED – A Social Justice Seminar  
Rehabilitation Psychology – Special Education 660**

**Purpose:**

Student SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) – A Social Justice Seminar seeks to create a respectful environment for students to engage in conversations about the impact of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability and other defining aspects of identity on their personal lives, on their communities and in society as a whole. Unlike most UW classes, SEED students are expected to share their own personal stories and feelings regarding these aspects of identity in order to learn from each other and learn about themselves. We will also use readings, videos, reflective writing, and group dialogue to further students' learning and understanding.

**Structure:**

Students receive three credits. The semester-long seminar meets every Tuesday, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, with dinner provided. Approximately 20-25 students are enrolled in the course each semester.

Attached is an application for the SoE SEED Seminar. **Answers should be typed and limited to a total of one page.** If you wish to enroll, please return the completed application via email to [StudentSEED@education.wisc.edu](mailto:StudentSEED@education.wisc.edu)

**Applications will be accepted until the course is full.** Given you might have already enrolled in classes next semester before being notified about SEED, it is suggested that you enroll in classes as you would without this course and then “swap” this class in your Student Center if accepted to enroll.

**How SEED Can Impact You:**

“SEED takes the information that we all learn in sociology or ethnic studies classes and separates it from the safe confines of the academy, forcing students to really explore issues such as privilege, oppression and social justice in a way that is deeper and more meaningful.”

“Student SEED introduced a turning point in my life.”

“Talking and participating in that class was an experience that absolutely shook and moved me to the core. I never experienced a class that was more challenging, profound, thought provoking or fulfilling than was SEED.”

***Please help us fill the roster by passing this along!***

**SoE Student SEED Application Form  
FALL 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UW Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender : \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic/Racial Identity: \_\_\_\_\_

Other salient ways you self-identify that you feel is important for us to know: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary concerns (vegetarian, vegan, lactose-free, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reflect on and answer the following questions.**

Why do you want to participate in the SEED seminar?

What do you feel you have to offer personally in terms of your participation in this seminar?

What might be some challenges for you as you engage in discussions about social justice issues such as race, class, gender, ability, sexual orientation, etc.?

What else would you like to share with us?

How did you hear about Student SEED?