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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

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Course: EDC670 Theory Construction in the Social Sciences

Department, College: School of Education

Faculty Member: Dr. C. David Brell

Date returned to Faculty: February 9th, 2015

Librarian Completing Assessment: Mona Anne Niedbala, Education & Curriculum
Materials Librarian

Collection Management Officer: Joanna Burkhardt

This course complements the various other specialization courses in the PhD Program in Education, those devoted primarily to research methodologies, social science theories, and/or educational practices. Intended for students who are starting to think seriously about their dissertation proposal or are in the dissertation phase of their studies, its purpose is threefold: (1) to demystify and contextualize the process of generating and applying a coherent, original theoretical framework, (2) for each student individually to construct one, and (3) for them to articulate it to a diverse audience comprised of those both familiar and unfamiliar with the student's area of specialization and ideological orientation. Along the way, we will give some attention to finding, designing, and/or adapting a research situation that is both meaningful and doable in the timeframe of the PhD program. But the main focus is the theory portion of students' writing and research.

Students will be conducting and beginning to write a literature review for their dissertations. They will construct an original theoretical framework informed by contemporary trends in social science theory. No additional journals than the ones presently in the system are required.

The Curriculum Materials Library and the URI Library offer good collections of general education, education research, curriculum resources, textbooks, and technology to support students' work for this course. Students taking this course will have access to print and online education materials available at URI and other HELIN and InRhode library collections.

The Librarian considers that, with the support and assistance of the faculty in the School of Education, the Library can provide proper resources for student learning and research for this course.