ELA 215. Multicultural Leadership in Education
3 Credits
Introduction to the social and cultural constructions of gender, class, and race. Students will critically apply theoretical constructs to everyday life and discuss the intersection of gender and race with class inequality in national and global contexts. Using a social justice framework, readings, and assignments integrate a variety of racial/ethnic groups while considering the effects of historically uneven resource distribution, unearned privilege, forms of domination and subordination, immigration status, and cultural representation and ideologies. Participants will learn how to apply the change theories and concepts introduced in the course through course readings, online discussions with the instructor and colleagues, group work, active examination of daily practice in schools, and personal reflection.

ELA 255. Leadership and Change in Education
3 Credits
This course will introduce students to the challenges and key strategies in initiating, implementing, and sustaining educational change and reform. In the first part of the course, participants will learn about the challenges of educational change in the United States and the role that they as school leaders play in facilitating change and reform. The course continues with an examination of how culture, micro-politics, and power structures support or impede national and global change initiatives. The last part of the course offers suggestions for change agents including community organizing, culture building, and embracing sustainable leadership practices. Participants will learn how to apply the change theories and concepts introduced in the course through course readings, online discussions with the instructor and colleagues, group work, active examination of daily practice in schools, and personal reflection.

ELA 298. Special Topics in Education
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Special topics course in education for undergraduate students. Course will be identified by a subtitle. May be repeated up to 12 credits. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.