

IU Bloomington Policy on Experimental Courses

1. Any course approved within the Edua F400/F500 rubric must have a content which either directly or indirectly relates to the professional training of education personnel, and/or to the study and understanding of education.
2. Every approved course must have either as teacher or sponsor a regular member of the faculty of Indiana University. Three cases arise:
 - a. The teacher is a regular member of the faculty of the School of Education.
 - b. The teacher is a regular member of the faculty of Indiana University.
 - c. The teacher is neither a faculty member of the School of Education or of Indiana University. He may, for example, be a student, a community member, a staff member of a public school system, etc.
3. For case *a* (above), approval of the proposed course is given by the faculty member's department or program area, following the same procedures and criteria normally employed for 490 and 590 type courses. Notice of such approval shall be given to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
4. For case *b* (above), the University faculty member must either gain the approval of a regular department or program area as in case *a*, or, in the event that no single department or program area encompasses the proposed course, or the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Education, on the recommendation of the Course and Program Change Committee.
5. For Case *c* (above), the proposed teacher must have a sponsor who is a regular faculty member of Indiana University, and who is willing to assume responsibility for the content of the course and for the assignment of grades. The teacher and sponsor will jointly apply to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who shall give approval or disapproval on the recommendation of the Course and Program Change Committee.
6. All courses taught under the Edua F400/F500 rubric must be evaluated.
7. Approvals shall be valid for one offering of the course only.
8. No course shall be approved under the Edua F400/F500 rubric more than twice. If it is submitted for approval a second time, the proposal must be accompanied by the evaluation data resulting from the first offering. If a course is intended to be offered a larger number of times, it must be submitted for permanent approval under normal course approval procedures.
9. No experimental course shall be taught in the School of Education under any other number than Edua F400/F500.