



Course Itinerary Collaboration Series

ED 563: EDUCATION IN FINLAND AND SWEDEN



This course provides students with the opportunity to investigate the differences between Finland and Sweden's educational systems.

As part of Butler University's Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals, this immersive and investigative course puts students in the position to explore two countries' starkly different educational systems. In accordance with the EPPSP's 6th standard, students will understand the political, social, economic, legal and cultural context by speaking with local educators, administrators and community members.

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- Course title: The School Principalship ED 563
- Summer Semester 2014: July 7–July 16
- Credit: Toward discipline

THE 6 STANDARDS FOR PREPARING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1. A vision of learning
2. School culture and instructional programs
3. Management
4. Collaboration with families and communities
5. Acting with integrity and fairness and in an ethical manner
6. Political, social, economic, legal and cultural context

COURSE OBJECTIVES

While on this immersive education course, EPPSP students will:

1. Have a stronger understanding of the current political, cultural, social and economic systems and issues that affect education and school leadership.
2. Engage in solution-oriented conversations relating to the contemporary political, cultural, social and economic systems and issues that affect education in Finland and Sweden.
3. Engage in solution-oriented conversations relating to the contemporary political, cultural, social and economic systems and issues that affect education in Indiana.

SYLLABUS OVERVIEW



AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY

February–April

- Q&A class
- View *The Finland Phenomenon* documentary
- Read *Finnish Lessons* by Pasi Sahlberg
- Departure meeting

IN FINLAND AND SWEDEN

July 7–16

- Dinner with former Finnish Minister of Education
- Finnish school visit
- Group meeting with Swedish professor
- Interviews with locals in the community
- Swedish school visit

BACK ON CAMPUS

July 17–22

- Class discussions about learning experiences abroad
- Submit journal that was kept while abroad
- Course debrief



ABOUT THE PROFESSOR

Dr. Marilyn Sudsberry is the Director of the Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals at Butler University. The information above is an excerpt from her comprehensive course syllabus that was nominated for a national award recognizing innovation in study abroad programming.