



Course Announcement FALL 2021

**EDL 6973 Special Problems in Higher Education
CRN 19631**

Hispanic-Serving Institutions in U.S. Higher Education

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Course Description

This course will provide an overview of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), its challenges, and opportunities. Focus will primarily be on HSIs within the continental United States; however, there will be opportunities to discuss HSIs in Puerto Rico. Students will review the HSI as an organization and the systems that constitute this particular type of institution. Students will review the foundations/origins and historical purposes of HSIs within the U.S. higher education system, explore the contemporary landscape of HSIs, examine the roles that internal and external forces play in shaping HSIs and its systems, investigate the experiences of key actors with respect to students, administration, faculty, and staff who are attending or working at an HSI, and consider how variations across HSIs can affect those within this organization. The emphasis will be on understanding and appreciating the scope, complexity, and diversity of Hispanic-Serving Institutions and its stakeholders. The course will also consider how the COVID-19 pandemic might impact our understanding of HSIs and their role in higher education.

Class Modality/Time

This course is **Online Hybrid 1/2**, meaning the course is offered fully online. Half of the meetings are at the scheduled day/time of **Wednesday, 6pm to 8:45pm CST** and the remainder are asynchronous online.

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