

Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number:	IGC 717
Course Name:	From Chaos to Community: Classroom Management Foundations for PreK-8
Credits Earned:	3 Graduate Credits / 67.5 PDPs
Credits Issued By:	Gordon College
Course Fee:	\$675 (\$625 with early registration discount)

Course Description:

This course provides Massachusetts PreK-8 educators with a comprehensive, research-based foundation in classroom management, from establishing norms and routines on day one to building the relational classroom culture that sustains productive learning throughout the year. Grounded in behavioral science, cultural responsiveness, and the Massachusetts Educator Evaluation Framework, participants develop a personalized classroom management plan ready for immediate implementation. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts Educator Evaluation Framework.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Design and implement explicit procedures and routines that establish predictable, productive classroom environments from the first day of school.
2. Apply principles of positive behavioral reinforcement to build student engagement and reduce disruptive behavior.
3. Develop culturally responsive classroom management practices that affirm student identity and build community.
4. Use data from classroom observations and behavioral patterns to identify and address chronic management challenges.
5. Create a personalized classroom management plan aligned to your grade level, student population, and school context.