

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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**EDUC 240-3
SOCIAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION
(D02.00)**

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PREREQUISITE: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to a number of sociocultural issues affecting the procedures, and conditions of our education. Studying perspectives and thoughts on education issues and application of fruitful dialogues and critical thinking will stimulate students' reflection on the subject matter. In addition to reviewing the impact of social issues on education generally, we will focus particularly on selected themes including: issues arising from gender; issues arising from ethnic and cultural differences; and issues deriving from the position of First Nations peoples within Canadian society.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course intends to improve students' ability to read critically, to evaluate and analyze the available perspectives in the field and to relate them to educational system within which they will work, and to contribute effectively to the shaping of the profession of which they will be a member.

COURSE EVALUATION:

Written responses to reading material	30%
Oral Presentations	30%
Final exam/dissertation	30%
Participation in class activities and discussions	10%

REQUIRED READINGS:

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