Educ. 441-4 Cultural Differences in Education

INTERSESSION, 1983

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Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 - 9:20

LOCATION: on campus

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To explore and develop effective strategies capable of accommodating the divergent needs of students from a wide variety of ethno-cultural backgrounds in a single classroom setting.
- To create an awareness of students' own ethnocentricities (biases)
 in order to develop a multicultural approach to human interactions.

COURSE ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to students in the Faculty of Education
- Open to students in other faculties upon approval
- Open to students in other universities upon approval

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Regular attendance and participation 15 marks
- Choice of seminar or cross-cultural interview 30 marks
- Designing a multicultural learning activity 15 marks
- Final exam 40 marks

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR SESSIONS:

- 1. Trends in Education, 1960 to present.
- 2. Personality & Culture (establishing an identity).
- 3. Discrimination, Racism and the need for Human Rights.
- 4. The Socially Disadvantaged (including indigenous peoples and students in and from developing cultures and countries).
- 5. Patterns of Family Living (4 cultures).
- 6. Language Programs: Official (ESL/FSL)
 - Bilingual (total and partial immersion)
 - Heritage (maintenance & enrichment)
 - Modern
 - Classical
- 7. Adult Literacy.
- 8. Special Problems of Contemporary Youth.
- 9. Multicultural Philosophies and policies and their relationship to Education. Immigration Policy.
- 10. Multicultural Education as it relates to specific subjects and subject areas of the curriculum.
- 11. Stereotyping in texts and the media (strategies for eliminating it)
- 12. Values Education (pros and cons)

TEXTS:

Werner, et. al. Whose Culture, Whose Heritage, B.C. Centre for the Studies of Curriculum & Instruction, U.B.C., 1977.

Troper & Palmer. Issues in Cultural Diversity. O.I.S.E., Toronto, 1976.

Xeroxed Readings to be provided at an approximate cost of \$5.00

Lists of "suggested" books for reading will be provided to assist students complete assignmen N.B. PRE-READING OF THE TWO TEXTS IS ADVISED.