Cultural Differences in Education

INTERSESSION, 1983

INSTRUCTOR: Joanne Whitney

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.

> 2. 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:

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

100 marks

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR SESSIONS:

- Trends in Education, 1960 to present. 1.
- Personality & Culture (establishing an identity). 2.
- Discrimination, Racism and the need for Human Rights. 3.
- 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
 - Heritage (maintenance & enrichment)
 - Modern
- 7. Adult Literacy.
- Special Problems of Contemporary Youth.
- Multicultural Philosophies and policies and their relationship to Education. Immigration Policy.
- Multicultural Education as it relates to specific subjects and 10. subject areas of the curriculum.
- 11. Stereotyping in texts and the media (strategies for eliminating it)
- Values Education (pros and cons) 12.

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 assignments. N.B. PRE-READING OF THE TWO TEXTS IS ADVISED.