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EVENING

EDUC 445-4  
LEGAL CONTEXT OF TEACHING  
(E1.00)

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**PREREQUISITE:** 60 hours of credit

This course examines various topics where the concerns of education and the law meet. Among the topics will be:

- the constitutional and statutory foundations of the educational system;
- the impact of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* upon education;
- the rights and duties of teachers as teachers, employees, professionals and citizens;
- the question of negligence, misconduct, and educational malpractice;
- the rights and duties of students and parents;
- children and the criminal law.

While special attention will naturally be paid to the B.C. scene, the course will include comparison with happenings elsewhere in Canada and other common law jurisdictions. We will be concerned with principles as well as with details.

Course requirements include a research project in which the student takes up some particular topic and pursues it in greater depth than it will be given in the regular classes. This research project will be properly written up. The student will also be invited to present the results of his/her enquiry to the class.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Proudfoot, Alex J., & Hutchings, Lawrence. (1988). *Teacher Beware: A Legal Primer for the Classroom*. Calgary: Detselig Enterprises.

LeBaron Duryea, Michelle, & Manley-Casimir, Michael. (Eds.). (n.d.) *Legal Context of Teaching*, Education 445-4 Course Reader, Faculty of Education, Centre for Distance Education, Continuing Studies, Simon Fraser University.

Manley-Casimir, Michael E., & Sussel, Terri A. (Eds.). (1986). *Courts in the Classroom: Education and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Calgary: Detselig Enterprises.

*School Act*, for British Columbia.

Additional readings will be announced.

**RECOMMENDED REFERENCES**

Giles, W.H. (1988). *Schools and Students: Legal Aspects of Administration*. Toronto: Carswell.

Dickinson, Gregory M., & Mackay, A. Wayne. (1989). *Rights, Freedoms, and the Education System in Canada*. Toronto: Emond Montgomery.

Bezeau, Lawrence M. (1989). *Educational Administration for Canadian Teachers*. Toronto: Copp Clark Pitman.