

SPRING SEMESTER 2005 COURSE OUTLINE
EDUC 471-4 (EDUCATION)
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT: THEORY AND PRACTICE

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In British Columbia, the purposes of education, the ends to be achieved in teachings, and the strategies that might be employed to pursue them are prescribed or at least strongly indicated by The Mission Statement for schools and the Integrated Resource Packages published by the Ministry of Education. Nevertheless, teachers must choose among the prescribed ends because they cannot teach all that is listed, and they must adapt suggested teaching methods to local conditions. As teachers go about planning their lessons, then, they must at least be able to choose wisely.

This course will provide prospective and practicing teachers with the theoretical and practical ideas that will allow them to do both: develop educational curricula and to choose well when faced with curricula developed by others. It will also provide them with the theoretical framework to comment on the merits of curriculum proposals that are presented to them during their teaching careers.

Prerequisite: 60 hours of credit.

TEXT(S):

Barrow, R. *Giving Teaching Back to Teachers: A Critical Introduction to Curriculum Theory*. The Althouse Press. (1986).

Beyer, L. and Apple, M. (Eds.). *The Curriculum: Problems, Politics, and Possibilities*. State University of New York Press. (1998).

REQUIREMENTS: Weekly discussion postings (10 required postings)	12%
Weekly discussion papers (9 at 600 words each)	63%
Final examination	25%

REQUIREMENTS NOTE: Please see exam schedule in Registration Timetable.

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability, must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (604-291-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca).

DELIVERY MODE: Print
 FirstClass Computer Conferencing

MODE OF DELIVERY NOTE:

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES: Course materials and service fee	\$40.00
Deposit for additional materials	\$0.00

If one or more of these symbols appear at the top of this page, it indicates an equipment requirement :

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| computer (see over) | CD player | TV (Knowledge Network) |
| internet access | Audio cassette player | telephone (teleconference) |
| email | VCR | |

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Computer Requirements: FirstClass

- This course requires active online participation in *FirstClass* (an online computer conferencing tool).
- On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, these are the **minimum computer requirements**:

Hardware

- PC with *Windows 95* or later OR Mac with *System 8.6* or later
- 10 MB RAM
- 6 MB free disk space
- 28.8-baud modem (56 K or higher is recommended)
- CD ROM drive

Software & Other

- Internet connection
- FirstClass* software (described and provided in your course materials)
- Email (e.g. Eudora, Outlook Express, or equivalent)

FirstClass Access & Accounts

- **Access to *FirstClass* begins the week before classes begin.**
- **SFU students:** Use your SFU computing account ID and your SFU student # to log into *FirstClass*. If you don't have an SFU computing ID, get it online at <<http://my.sfu.ca>>.
- **OU students:** Your *FirstClass* ID and password is your OU student number.

Connecting to the Internet from Home

- You are responsible for setting up your connection, either through SFU or your own external Internet service provider (ISP) (e.g., Telus, Shaw, etc).
- For information on Internet service available through SFU, please consult the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site: <<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>>.
- The subsidized modem hours allotted to you (four hours of access per credit hour) may not be sufficient to complete the required course work.
- A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 604-677-6678 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from campus bookstores in increments of \$20. At 60 cents per hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher. See <<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>> for more information.

General

- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs, and maintain your computer). Familiarity with the Internet, e-mail, and related applications is strongly recommended.
- Support is not available for general computer problems (e.g., operating system, hardware).

Need help?

- *FirstClass* support: <help@firstclass.sfu.ca> or 604-291-5575
- Help with SFU computing accounts: <help@sfu.ca>, 604-291-3230, or visit AQ 3148