

EDUCATION 474: DESIGNS FOR LEARNING - SOCIAL STUDIES

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The course lasts 6 weeks, from 3rd July to 10th August. There are 4 scheduled meetings each week of the course. They fall at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and last 2 hours each.

It is not possible to predict the proportions of elementary and secondary student teachers who will enroll, but it is intended to cater properly to the needs and interests of both. The Monday and Tuesday meetings are for all members of the course; the Wednesday meeting is mainly for elementary student teachers; the Thursday is mainly for secondary student teachers. Anyone in the course is welcome to participate in the Wednesday or Thursday meetings.

The course will be rather practical and rather structured. eg. on Wednesday and Thursday we will go through the B.C. Curriculum Guide year by year, discussing the problems and opportunities implicit in it, and how to deal with them. By dividing the course members into groups and teams, - or allowing members who so choose to work individually, - and setting such groups and individuals to work on different portions of the Curriculum, it should be possible at the end of the course for members to supply one another with prepared units of study complete with bibliography, hints on particular problems within the unit, etc. Working conscientiously on one unit himself, the course member will receive several in return from his course colleagues.

In the Monday and Tuesday meetings we will cover, Purposes of Teaching Social Studies; The Teacher's Self Preparation, The Classroom Problems, and The Evaluation of Success.

A reading list is in preparation. If you would like to receive one when ready, please send your name and address to A. B. Cunningham, History Department, S.F.U.