

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION 474-4
DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: SOCIAL STUDIES
(E1.00)

Spring Semester, 1994
(January 4 - March 31)
Thursday, 16:30 - 20:20
Location: MPX 7610

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PREREQUISITE: EDUC 401/402

OVERVIEW

This course examines the theory and practice of social studies education, grades 1 to 12. Students will explore historical and current concepts and trends in social studies education and critically examine instructional practices. The course is designed to actively engage students in the instructional process. One or two sessions will be held off campus in a community setting.

SAMPLE TOPICS

- The philosophy behind social studies education
- A historical perspective of social studies in North America
- The B.C. social studies curriculum: a critical examination
- Findings from the B.C. Social Studies Assessment
- Teaching for social responsibility/citizenship
- Critical thinking and social studies
- Instructional strategies and the social studies classroom
- Unit planning – approaches, resources, evaluation

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Participation in a group project/presentation. Completion of a 3-page literature review. Development of an instructional resource. Participation in session activities including a simulation and a field study.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Cassidy, W., and Bognar, C. (1991). More Than a Good Idea: Moving from Words to Action in Social Studies. Victoria: Province of British Columbia.

Elementary or Secondary Social Studies Curriculum Guide, Grades 1-7 (1983) or 8-11 (1985). Victoria: Instructional Services, Curriculum Development Branch, Province of B.C.

Pike, G. and Selby, D. (1988). Global Teacher, Global Learner. London/Toronto: Hodder and Stoughton.

A series of articles will be distributed in class for a fee of \$10.00.