

Semester 96-2 Session: Summer Session

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(Elementary)

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PREREQUISITE

Educ 401/402

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the theory and practice of social studies education, at the elementary and middle school levels. Students will explore historical and current concepts in social studies education and critically examine instructional practices. One or two sessions will be held off campus in a community setting.

OBJECTIVES

Sample Topics:

- * The philosophy of 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

REQUIREMENTS

- * Participation in a group project/presentation.
- * Completion of a short paper based on the readings.
- * Development of an instructional resource package.
- * Participation in session activities including a simulation and a field study.

READINGS TBA