

EDUCATION 497-4

SPECIAL TOPICS: LAW FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER

Fall 1987
September 10 - December 3
Thursday, 4:30 - 8:20 p.m.

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PREREQUISITE:

Education 401/2 or the equivalent of a first year practicum.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course will provide a comprehensive introduction to law and the legal process, particularly as they relate to the Canadian educational setting. The course is designed to expose teachers, students and educational administrators to a number of fundamental legal concepts and requires absolutely no prior legal knowledge or experience with law-related education. The basic components of the law that will be discussed include:

1. Tort Law (e.g. negligence)
2. Contract Law
3. Family Law (e.g. divorce, custody, maintenance)
4. Criminal Law
5. Juvenile Law (e.g. Youth Court, Young Offenders Act)
6. Wills and Estates
7. Constitutional Law (e.g. The Charter of Rights and Freedoms)
8. Students' Rights (e.g. school prayer, suspensions, discipline)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation (50%) and a 5-10 page research paper (50%).

REQUIRED TEXT:

Terri Sussel, "A Legal Workbook for Teachers" (to be distributed in class).

READINGS ON RESERVE:

G. Gall, The Canadian Legal System (Toronto: Carswell, 1983).

M. Manley-Casimir & T. Sussel, Courts in the Classroom (Calgary: Detselig Press, 1986).

J. Wilson, Children and the Law (Toronto: Butterworths, 1978).