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EDUC 240 - 3
Social Issues in Education

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PREREQUISITE

None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine social issues in education within their historical and cultural contexts.

TOPICS

- The Origin, Nature, and Purpose of Schooling
- Schooling and Social Control
- Inequalities in Education
- Children, Education, and the Media
- Children without Childhood
- Children at Risk
- Prejudice and Intolerance in Schooling
- Schooling and Assimilation

OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage students to think seriously about the nature of education and schooling and to consider the relationship between education, schooling, and major social, political, and economic institutions in society.
2. To stimulate an interest in the future of education in Canada.

The emphasis in the course will be on (but not limited to) education in Canada. Education will be broadly conceived and discussion will not be limited to schools and schooling.

REQUIREMENTS

Grading will be based on written assignments and class participation.

REQUIRED READINGS

Gatto, John T. Dumbing Us Down. Philadelphia: New Society Publisher.
Postman, Neil. The Disappearance of Childhood. Vintage (Random House).
Dorris, Michael. The Broken Cord. Harper Collins.
Knockwood, Isabelle. Out of the Depths. Roseway Publishing, 1992.

RECOMMENDED READING

Webber, Marlene. Street Kids. University of Toronto.

EDUCATION 240-3 SOCIAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION

This course introduces students to the study of public education as a social institution in terms of its origins, character, consequences, and possible future. Students are encouraged to explore, analyze and raise questions concerning issues such as the aims and practices of public schooling, education and socialization, streaming and testing, school knowledge and social class, racism and sexism in education.

PREREQUISITE: None.

REQUIRED TEXT: None.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

There are 4 assignment submissions each worth 25% of the final grade.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:

Course Materials & Service Fee	\$30
Deposit for Additional Materials	\$20

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