

COURSE OUTLINE: Education 441-4 Cultural Differences in Education
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Tuesdays 4:30 - 8:30 MPX 9512

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Description

The course will focus on three interrelated concerns:

1. Strategies for teaching in a bi or multi cultural classroom (with attention to handling conflict).
2. Use and development of curriculum materials for teaching about cultural similarities and differences.
3. Social, economic and political issues which pertain to methods, content and administration of multicultural education programs.

Implementation

- 1 and 2 will be dealt with in a workshop setting during class and through student projects.
3 will be done through small group discussions.

Expectations

1. Independent Project

Develop curriculum materials of your own and/or modify existing ones or alternate.

2. Group Discussions

Each class member will participate in all discussions and will serve as a leader in one. Discussion groups will be kept small - approximately 5 people per group. The list of topics is below:

1. Cultural Differences in the Canadian Scene - melting pot or mosaic?
2. Social Class and School Achievement/Teacher Expectations - are social class variations in language and life style differences or deficiencies? What is the effect of teacher expectations on student achievement?
3. Native Indian Education - social, cultural and linguistic differences; how do they affect school achievement?
4. Local Control/Community Schools - What educational roles are possible for community groups?
5. Bilingual Education - educational and political concerns.
6. Canadian Identity - What is it? How is it represented (misrepresented) in curriculum?

Books Ordered For the Bookstore

Don't purchase until after first class. Some books are optional.

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Ashworth, Mary Immigrant Children In Canadian Schools.

Aoki, T. & Dahlie, J. Whose Culture? Whose Heritage? UBC Faculty of Ed.

Cazden, C. Functions of Language In The Classroom.
Teachers College Press.

Martell, George. Politics of The Canadian Public School.

Troper & Palmer Issues In Cultural Diversity, Ontario Institute For
Studies In Education, 1976.

Wolfgang , Aaron The Education Of Immigrant Students, OISE, 1976.