

Spring Semester 2001

EDUC 220 - 3
Introduction to Education Psychology

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Mon & Wed 14:30-15:20 plus tutorial

PREREQUISITE

None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines psychological theories and research applicable to teaching and education. Students will attend two 1-hour lectures and one 1-hour tutorial each week during the thirteen weeks of instruction.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

1. Two "Think Papers" (maximum of six typed, double-spaced papers) on specific topics determined by the instructor. Each paper will contribute 20 points toward a student's final grade in the course.
2. One midterm examination contributing 30 points toward the final grade.
3. One final examination contributing 30 points toward the final grade.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Woolfolk, A. E., Winne, P. H., & Perry, N. E. (2000). Educational Psychology (Canadian Edition). Scarborough, ON: Allyn & Bacon. [ISBN: 0-205-30818-X]

EDUCATION 220-3 INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

This course surveys contemporary research and theories of learning and motivation as grounds for designing and evaluating instruction.

Major topics addressed are: theories of learning and motivation, cognitive development, learning and thinking strategies, social factors in learning, learning in subject areas (reading, writing, mathematics, science), classroom processes, evaluating learning outcomes, and individual differences.

PREREQUISITE: None.

REQUIRED TEXT:

McCormick, C.B., Pressley, M. (1997). *Educational Psychology: Learning Instruction and Assessment*. Scarborough: HarperCollins Canada.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS: This course is delivered online using a computer conferencing system called FirstClass Intranet Client. Access to a computer and modem is required. Please see reverse for details.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

There are 10 one-page assignments (2 are compulsory but not graded) to be submitted online via a computer conferencing system which are worth 48 out of 100 points in the course. There is a mid-term and a final examination. Each exam is worth 26 points out of 100 points total.

Please see the Registration Timetable for the Exam Schedules.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:

Course Materials & Service Fees \$30

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Computer Requirements

1. This course requires active participation over the internet. Students must have access to a computer and the internet. Students wishing to connect to the internet from home computers are responsible for connecting to either SFU or an external Internet Service Provider (ISP). Information on connecting to SFU through modem dialup lines is available at the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site:

<http://www.sfu.ca/acs>

Phone numbers for ACS are 291-3234 (Burnaby) or 291-5030 (Harbour Centre).

2. On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, **Minimum Computer Requirements** are:

Hardware

- Macintosh running System 7.1 or higher **OR** PC with Windows 95/98/NT
- 16 MB RAM
- 30 MB free disk space
- 28.8 baud modem
- Internet Connection
- CD-ROM drive

Software

- Email (e.g. Eudora, Outlook Express or equivalent)
- Internet Browser (e.g. Netscape or Internet Explorer)
- FirstClass Conferencing System (available free of charge to students registered in this course)*

*Described in course materials

General

- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs and maintain your computer).
- Familiarity with the internet and related applications is highly recommended.

3. Please Note:

- Support for general computer problems such as operating system difficulties and hardware problems is not available.
- Drop-in introductory tutorials for FirstClass Conferencing are available at the LohnLab (WMC 1340) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the first week of classes. Students enrolled in Distance Education courses and unable to access the Burnaby campus may email help@firstclass.sfu.ca for assistance.
- The subsidized modem hours allotted to students each semester are not normally sufficient to complete the required course work.
 - A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 291-4721 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from the campus bookstores and are sold in increments of \$20. At 60 cents/hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher.
 - For complete information on SFU's Modem Access Policy, check the ACS web site above.
 - **Out of town students only:** It is recommended that students residing outside the Lower Mainland contact a local Internet Service Provider (ISP) since using SFU dialup services will result in additional long-distance charges. Check your local yellow pages under "Internet" for listings.

For further information, contact the LohnLab by email at help@firstclass.sfu.ca