

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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**EDUC 382-4
ISSUES IN DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION
(E01.00)**

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PREREQUISITE: This course is available to students who have completed a minimum of 6 semester credits taken from Education, the Social Sciences and/or the Humanities, or upon approval of the instructor.

Course Description:

Education 382 is designed to address both practical and theoretical orientations to diversity in Canadian education. Organized around the central theme, "the politics of diversity and its impact on schooling," we will: 1) survey historical responses to social diversity in Canada, and 2) examine educational principles, practices, and perspectives as they relate diversity. The primary impetus that drives our inquiry in this course relate to questions about how cultural, ethnic, racial, linguistic and religious diversity, as well as socio-economic, gender, and ability differences impact Canadian schooling.

Objectives: Learning outcomes for students:

The course offers a range of learning experiences that include: 1) individual study and fieldwork assignments, 2) small-group and whole-class discussions and seminars, 3) problem-solving activities, and 4) written and oral presentations, lectures and workshops.

Students will examine and explore:

- The history of how diversity has been regarded by education in Canada and BC;
- The major issues affecting linguistic, ethnic and cultural diversity, and gender differences in schools;
- What culture, gender, linguistic and economic difference mean to individuals and groups;
- The underlying educational mandates that influence diversity education in BC;
- The differing ways diversity is addressed in classrooms and schools;
- How school curriculum and classroom learning materials reflect stereotyping and bias;
- How teachers and schools inadvertently further social injustices;
- The ways that classrooms, schools, and teachers can increase appropriate responses to diversity in schools.

Texts:

- Textbook TBA
- There is a \$ 25.00 per student photocopy charge for copies of articles, book chapters, etc. not available electronically. (Note: this charge is to be paid at the first class meeting).

Assignments

Assignment	%
1. In class/take-home assignments/class participation	15% -
2. Field Assignment	10% -
3. Research Project or Curriculum Resource Unit Plan	30% -
4. Written Presentation	15% -
5. Exam	30% -