

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SPRING SEMESTER 2005**

**EDUC 100-3
SELECTED QUESTIONS & ISSUES IN EDUCATION
(E01.00)**

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MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS
17:30-19:20 IN EDB 7500F

PREREQUISITE: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended for beginning students who are interested in considering educational issues from an informed perspective. Students will be expected to engage in critical examination of the enduring “big questions” of education as well as the way that they play out in the particular issues of this time and place.

We will deal with a broad range of topics, including:

- The goals of education and the nature of schools
- Learning and the learner
- Teaching and the roles of education professionals
- Societal influences on the public education system – e.g. political, economic, technological...

A detailed course outline will be presented during the first week of classes.

Learning activities will include reading and responding orally and in writing, individual and group work, library and on-line research. Discussion and writing skills will be highlighted during in-class work.

REQUIREMENTS:

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| • Regular attendance, preparation and thoughtful participation | 15% |
| • Short presentations and written responses related to selected readings and questions | 40% |
| • Mid-term exam | 20% |
| • Essay/review/project | 25% |

REQUIRED READINGS:

A list of required readings (articles and book chapters) will be presented during the first week of classes. Students will have the option of purchasing a photocopied set of the readings from the instructor.

Other readings will be available from time to time in class.