

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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**EDUC 100W-3
SELECTED QUESTIONS & ISSUES IN EDUCATION
(D200)**

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PREREQUISITE: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to a small but representative sample of basic questions and issues in education. Students will examine questions relating to: the concept or idea of education; learning and the learner; teaching and the teacher; and more generally, the broader contexts of education. This course also introduces students to different ways of exploring educational questions and issues from philosophical and critical analysis, to historical and cross-cultural studies, to empirical research. Cannot be taken for credit by students with credit for 300 and 400 level education courses. Breadth-Humanities.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To engage in critical discussions inspired by questions regarding issues in education. For example: What is our personal and societal history of education? What makes a “good” teacher? How is education related to social justice, politics, and ecology? What are the roles of imagination and empowerment in education? What is the purpose of education in the digital age? What is the work that we do as teachers?
- To enable students to articulate their answers to these questions and to introduce new questions through academic writing and interactive presentations.
- To model a variety of methods of classroom organization and styles of teaching.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

- %15 Discussion paper on an Educational Issue/Question of your choice (750 words)
- %20 Individual presentation: Educational History (social or personal)— 10 minutes
- %20 Interactive group presentation: details of assignment to be discussed in class
- %15 Proposal for Final Research paper (500 words) ** be prepared to share your proposal with other members of the class.
- %30 Final research paper : details of research paper to be discussed in class

* Please submit all written assignments using Turnitin.com. Instructions on how to use this resource are found at: <http://www.sfu.ca/itservices/plagiarism/turnitin.htm>

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Education 100W-3 D2 (Instructor: K.Marken) Custom Courseware readings package available at the SFU bookstore

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http://www.educ.sfu.ca/ugradprogs/student_resources/index.html.