

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER INTERSESSION 2008**

**EDUC 452-8  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION  
(D100)**

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Harbour Centre Campus  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday May 8-June 14 (various locations)  
8:30-16:20

\*\*Mandatory information session to be held in April at Harbour Centre campus, non-attendance at this session will result in students being withdrawn from the course.

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**PREREQUISITE:** EDUC 401/402 (or permission from the instructor).

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will examine the educational problems entailed in developing human awareness and understanding of the environment. The course will explore environmental issues through a multidisciplinary approach and will relate historical and contemporary issues in human-environment interactions to school curricula from the elementary to the secondary level.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

In this course students will :

- develop appropriate models and methods for the learning and teaching of Environmental Education (EE) in both formal and informal educational settings.
- critically evaluate available Environmental Education (EE) instructional materials and resources from a variety of sources including web, video and print based materials.
- compare and contrast the Integrated Resource Packages (IRPs) and Resource guidelines published by the Ministry of Education with other published EE guidelines.
- consider a variety of perspectives in the interpretation of Environmental Education (EE) including regulatory, socio-economic, legalistic, aesthetic and scientific frameworks.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Students will complete the following course assignments and will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis:

- Attend an information session prior to the course start date (ask an advisor for details)
- Develop and present lesson plans for the educational use of EE resources
- Prepare a written evaluation of an EE educational resource available in print or on the WWW
- Develop a strategy for Environmental Education at the classroom, school or district level
- Participate in a volunteer experience project with a local or community-based group
- Prepare a portfolio of their own design that may include aspects of all of the above plus demonstrates a

mastery of concepts and experiences component to the course

### **COURSE READINGS**

Readings will be provided from a variety government, on-line sources and current education journals. Students should budget a small amount for copying.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

\*\$150 deposit for course activity fee (no textbook required)

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