

Spring Semester 2001

**EDUC 230 - 3**  
**Introduction to Philosophy of Education**

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Thursday 14:30-16:20 in EDB 7618  
plus 1 hour tutorials

**D01.00**

**PREREQUISITE**

None.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces students to the philosophy of education and assists them to begin to think critically about this enterprise. It is intended for all those who have a general interest in educational studies and provides an examination of contemporary philosophies through situating them within the historical development of educational thought.

**CORE TOPICS:**

- Thinking philosophically about education
- The philosophical foundations of education
- Contemporary philosophies of education

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Fortnightly assignments - 30%
2. Major paper - 45%
3. Final exam - 25%

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Ozmon, H. & Craver, S (Eds.). (1999). Philosophical Foundations of Education, 6th ed. Toronto, ON: Prentice-Hall.

Egan, K. (1997). The Educated Mind: How cognitive tools shape our understanding. University of Chicago Press.

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This course is divided into five units, as follows:

1. Philosophizing about Education
2. Education
3. Knowledge and the Curriculum
4. Philosophy and the Teacher
5. Ethics and Education

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Assignment 1	20%
Assignment 2	20%
Assignment 3	20%
Assignment 4	20%
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