

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION 240-3
SOCIAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION
(D1.00)**

Spring Semester, 1994
(January 4–March 31)
Mondays & Wednesdays
12:30–13:20
Location: MPX 7618

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DESCRIPTION

This course will examine social issues in education within their historical and cultural context. Topics to be discussed will include:

- the origin, nature and purpose of schooling
- schooling and social control
- racism and class bias in education
- immigration and education
- education and social change.

The general objectives of the course are:

- to encourage students to think seriously about the nature of education and schooling and to consider the relationship between education, schooling and major social, political and economic institutions in society
- to stimulate an interest in and a concern for the future of education in Canada.

The emphasis in the course will be on (but not limited to) education in Canada. Education will be broadly conceived and discussion will not be limited to schools and schooling.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Written assignments and/or tests and class participation

REQUIRED TEXTS

Gatto, John - Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling. Gabriola Island, B.C. New Society Publishers, 1992.

Kozol, Jonathan - Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools. New York: Harper Collins, 1992.

Webber, Marlene - Street Kids: The Tragedy of Canada's Runaways. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1991.

Haig Brown, Celia - Resistance and Renewal: Surviving the Indian Residential School. Vancouver Tillacum Library, 1988.