

EDUCATION 486-4

SPECIAL TOPICS

"Issues for the Beginning Teacher"

Intersession, 1985
Mondays and Wednesdays
8:30 - 12:20

Instructor: Dennis Smith
Location : MPX 8620

Participants in this course will tackle some of the non-curricular concerns of beginning teachers. The overall design can be divided into three main themes - The self (exploring the particular demands the initial phases of teaching place on individuals); the school (its social, administrative, political, cultural workings); and the system (large-scale factors affecting education in B.C. and North America). Within each of the subsections we will explore a variety of particular topics. The course will make extensive use of resource people from the faculty, university and public school system.

Within the course's general plan, students will also define their own issues, based upon personal experience and need. Since the course is intended to make links between the students' practical experience and the university, students will be required to produce work that is personally useful and useful to other beginning teachers. Students will complete a major project as well as readings and short assignments.

Some of the sessions conducted by visiting resource people will be open to all interested 404 students.