Education 487-4

Special Topics: Law for the Classroom Teacher

Summer Session, 1984 Instr.: Wanda Cassidy
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30 - 9:20 p.m.* Location: On Campus

(*Please note that an error has been made in the pre-registration booklet showing the time as Tues./Thurs. afternoon, 1:00 - 4:50 p.m. Instead this afternoon time is for the other special topics Law Course 488: Law in the Curriculum.)

Objectives - "The individual, in order to effectively function within our society, requires a basic understanding of the law. . . (Moreover) the rule of law will not function as the cornerstone of our society unless our citizens understand the role of law in society and know and respect the rights and obligations which it confers."
(John Finley, The National, Fall 1981)

The purpose of this course is to provide teachers with a basic understanding of the law, its processes and role, so that they might be better able to teach it in the classroom.

Eligibility - Legal concepts and topics can be taught through the elementary school curriculum as well as through more obvious secondary school courses such as Social Studies, Consumer Education and Law II. Teachers or prospective teachers from all grade levels, experienced in teaching law or not, are encouraged to apply. Minimum requirement is Educ. 401/2 or the equivalent of a first teaching practicum. Although not required, students are encouraged to also enroll in Educ. 488-4, the methodology course in law.

Course Content - The course will be co-ordinated by Wanda Cassidy, Co-Director of the Education and Law Project at S.F.U. with the assistance of guest lawyers and law professors. Course content will include:

I Legal Process - fundamentals of law, authority, legal institutions, legal process.

II Legal Topics - each tackled from a different prospective - Criminal (historical), Family (cases), Constitutional (political), Labour (statutory), Contracts (economic), Property (comparative).

Text - Students will be provided at minimal cost with a source book of readings.

Requirements - One major assignment analyzing an area of law. Readings and a weekly task.