

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY OF EDUCATION  
EDUCATION 472-4  
DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: LANGUAGE ARTS**

Fall Semester, 1990  
Monday, Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:30  
Location: Prince George

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to explore a language communication-based approach to the development of Language Arts. As an introductory course, only basic elements and some instructional practices will be covered. The elements of Language Arts - speaking, listening, writing, viewing and representing enable us to make meaning of our world. Those practices which enable students to experience literature and to use language with satisfaction and confidence will be the focus of the course.

### GOALS OF THE COURSE

The major goals of the course are to help student teachers acquire:

1. Basic understanding of the nature, purpose, structure and development of language in its oral and written forms.
2. An understanding of some of the major language characteristics of primary/intermediate school children.
3. Knowledge of instructional practices for fostering children's development in the language arts in elementary school settings.
4. Knowledge of the British Columbia Language Arts curriculum guide, the abilities and skills which should be developed through the Language Arts program, and materials recommended to foster that growth.

### MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and participation.
2. A passing grade (60%) in four quizzes.
3. Satisfactory completion of two short assignments.
4. In-class presentation of a teaching/learning strategy.

Students may elect to complete additional requirements to achieve a higher final standing.