

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**EDUCATION 446-4**

**LAW FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER**

**(E1.00)**

**(CAT. #26307)**

Regular Summer Semester, 1993  
(May 3 - July 30)  
Wednesday, 5:30 - 9:20 p.m.  
Location: MPX 7504

Instructor: David Handelman

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**PREREQUISITE:** 60 hours of credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This introductory law course is designed to provide teachers and administrators with practical knowledge of the Canadian legal system and legal process. A broad range of topics will be covered including constitutional law, criminal law, tort law, contract law, family law and women and the law. The course does not require any prior experience or knowledge of the law. It is suitable for teachers who plan to teach Law 12 or Law-related education in the elementary grades or teachers who would like a general understanding of the legal system.

[The course does not include two topic areas covered in separate courses in the Faculty of Education: methodologies of teaching law and legal issues of relevance to teachers.]

The course requires a considerable amount of reading and participation of students in class activities. There may also be some activities outside the classroom in July such as visits to the law library or courts. Speakers will be invited to the class.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation, unit assignments, and a research paper or activity. There will be no final exam.

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

1. "Law for the Classroom Teacher" Manual  
by Richard Yates and Ruth Yates
2. "Law for the Classroom Teacher" Course Reader  
Compiled by Ruth Yates and Roland Case
3. "All About Law - Exploring the Canadian Legal System"  
by Dwight Gibson and Terry G. Murphy - Law 12 Text
4. "Understanding Charter Designs"  
by Roland Case
5. Other texts and materials to be announced.

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British Columbia Ministry of Education, *Law 12 Curriculum Guide*, 1991.

Yates, R. & Yates, R. *Canada's Legal Environment*, 1993.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

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