

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
FALL SEMESTER 2006**

**EDUC 382-4  
SPECIAL TOPICS: ISSUES IN DIVERSITY IN  
EDUCATION  
(E01.00)**

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**PREREQUISITE:** 60 credit hours. Students who have received credit for EDUC 441, EDUC 382-4 Special Topics from Fall 2003-3 on, cannot take EDUC 382 for further credit.

**Description of Course:**

The purpose of this course is to:

situate issues of diversity in Canadian schools within theory on social justice, power, and politics of education;

provide an overview of various "isms," such as (but not limited to) racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism, as they relate to diversity in schools; and

equip pre-service teachers with concepts around diversity issues by which to better "see," make sense of, and respond to social injustice in schools.

**Learning outcomes for students:**

Through a range of learning experiences including individual study and relevant readings; small-group and whole-class discussions; problem-solving activities; and written and oral presentations, students in EDUC 382 will:

- become knowledgeable about issues of diversity in BC educational policy and practice;
- become conversant about how the concept "diversity" overlaps with and contrasts the concept "difference";
- examine implications for social justice in education;
- explore ways that educators can increase appropriate responses to diversity in schools and to address difference.

**Assignments:**

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| • class attendance and participation | 10% |
| • in-class quizzes                   | 20% |
| • field activity                     | 10% |
| • critical papers (2 @ 15%)          | 30% |
| • final paper                        | 30% |

**Texts:**

- Weekly readings TBA

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