SUMMER SEMESTER 2004 COURSE OUTLINE

EDUC 230–3 (EDUCATION)
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION
C01.00

This online course invites prospective teachers as well as others interested in education to enter into a reflective, convivial dialogue, examining rich and diverse visions and arguments concerning aims, values, methods, and assumptions underlying education. The course introduces students to a broad range of philosophical viewpoints, such as the feminist, ecologist, spiritualist, multiculturalist, critical pedagogist, and other perspectives. Through the lens of these diverse viewpoints, we will explore and examine the conceptions of education, knowledge, curriculum and pedagogy, and ethics. Students will come away with a comprehensive picture of the kinds of philosophical debates waged around these themes in education. They will be able to think, question, and interpret any educational issue from multiple perspectives. Students will emerge from the course with strong but informed personal voices and stances, capable of entering into dialogue and debate with confidence.

This course is divided into four units: (1) conceptions of education–what should be our aims of education? (2) knowledge–what is knowledge for? (3) curriculum and pedagogy–what shall we teach? What shall students study? What does it mean to be a teacher and to teach? (4) ethics–what morals and values shall we teach our young?

Prerequisite: None

TEXT(S):

There are no required texts for this course.

REQUIREMENTS:		
	Assignment 1a & b	10%
	Assignment 2	20%
	Assignment 3	25%
	Assignment 4	30%
	Participation in on-line discussions	15%

REQUIREMENTS NOTE:

DELIVERY MODE: print
FirstClass Computer Conferencing

MODE OF DELIVERY NOTE:

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:	Course materials and service fee	$40.00
	Deposit for additional materials	$25.00

If one or more of these symbols appear at the top of this page, it indicates an equipment requirement :

- 🖥 computer (see over)
- ⊘ CD player
- ❑ TV (Knowledge Network)
- 🌐 internet access
- 🎧 Audio cassette player
- ☎ telephone (teleconference)
- ✉ email
- ➤ VCR

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Computer Requirements: FirstClass

- This course requires active online participation in *FirstClass* (an online computer conferencing tool).
- On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, these are the *minimum* **computer requirements:**

Hardware	*Software & Other*
❑ PC with *Windows 95* or later **OR** Mac with *System 8.6* or later	❑ Internet connection
❑ 10 MB RAM	❑ *FirstClass* software (described and provided in your course materials)
❑ 6 MB free disk space	❑ Email (e.g. Eudora, Outlook Express, or equivalent)
❑ 28.8-baud modem (56 K or higher is recommended)	
❑ CD ROM drive	

FirstClass Access & Accounts

- **Access to *FirstClass* begins the week before classes begin.**

- **SFU students:** Use your SFU computing account ID and your SFU student # to log into *FirstClass*. If you don't have an SFU computing ID, get it online at <http://my.sfu.ca>.

- **OU students:** Your *FirstClass* ID and password is your OU student number.

Connecting to the Internet from Home

- You are responsible for setting up your connection, either through SFU or your own external Internet service provider (ISP) (e.g., Telus, Shaw, etc).

- For information on Internet service available through SFU, please consult the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site: **<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>**.

- The subsidized modem hours allotted to you (four hours of access per credit hour) may not be sufficient to complete the required course work.

- A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 604-677-6678 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from campus bookstores in increments of $20. At 60 cents per hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher. See **<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>** for more information.

General

- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs, and maintain your computer). Familiarity with the Internet, e-mail, and related applications is strongly recommended.
- Support is not available for general computer problems (e.g., operating system, hardware).

Need help?

- *FirstClass* support: <help@firstclass.sfu.ca> or 604-291-5575
- Help with SFU computing accounts: <help@sfu.ca>, 604-291-3230, or visit AQ 3148