

Education 487-4
Special Topics: Law ^{For} ~~in~~ The Classroom *Teacher*

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Tuesday & Thursday,
6:00 - 9:50, MPX 8620

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"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 right and obligations which it confers."

(John Finley, The National, Fall 1981)

Course Purpose:

In the past three years, Law has gained greater prominence in the B.C. curriculum. 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 prepared to teach legal topics and concepts in the classroom.

Eligibility:

Legal concepts and topics can be taught throughout the elementary school curriculum as well as through more obvious secondary school courses such as Social Studies, English, Consumer Education and Law 11. Teachers or prospective teachers of all grade levels, experienced or inexperienced in teaching law, are encouraged to enroll. Minimum requirement is Educ. 401/402 or the equivalent of a first teaching practicum or permission from the instructor.

Course Content:

Course content will include:

- I Legal Process - defining law and determining its role; legal authority, the Constitution and Charter of Rights & Freedom; the judicial system; using cases and statutes; legal skills.
- II Legal Topics - an introduction to criminal (adult & youth); family; constitutional; labour; contracts; and property law, and other topics of interest to teachers.

Members of the legal profession will participate as guest speakers in the course. Students will participate in a field investigation, conduct a mock trial and discuss pertinent legal issues.

Requirements:

Attendance, weekly readings and participation in session activities; field investigation and report; one short legal skills assignment; one (2 page) topical paper; one (8 page) paper applying knowledge of one area of law to the classroom setting.

Texts:

Steve Waddams, Introduction to the Study of Law Toronto, Casswell Co. Ltd., 1983 Student Edition

** Please note that a maximum of 12 semester hours of credit in Education Special Topics courses may be used toward a Bachelor of Education Degree.