

Spring Semester 2000

EDUC 441 - 4
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Mondays 16:30-20:20

E01.00**PREREQUISITE**

60 credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Multicultural education is a process of comprehensive school reform and basic education for all students. It accepts and affirms: 1) the doctrine of pluralism which Canada and British Columbia subscribe to legislatively; 2) the pluralism (ethnic, racial, linguistic, religious, economic, and gender) that students, their communities and teachers represent; and 3) it challenges and rejects racism and other forms of discrimination in schools and throughout society. Multicultural education permeates the curriculum and the instructional strategies used in schools, the interactions among teachers, students, and parents, and it affects the very way schools conceptualize the nature of teaching and learning.

This course is designed to examine the origins, history and social context of multicultural education with particular emphasis on a number of important concepts such as racism, privilege, social justice, hegemony, and the ways that schools inadvertently help to further social inequities.

OBJECTIVES

- To establish a knowledge base about multicultural/anti-racism education in theory and practice.
- To become familiar with contemporary issues in multicultural/anti-racism education.
- To reflect on what "culture" means to individuals and groups.
- To examine curriculum materials for stereotyping and bias.
- To make explicit the ways teachers and schools further social injustice.
- To examine specific problems related to multicultural classrooms.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to attend all class and participate in all class activities – 30%
- Mid-term quiz – 15%
- Research project – 20%
- Field assignment – 10%
- Final presentation – 25%

TEXTS (Do not purchase texts until after the first class meeting)**REQUIRED:**

* Elliott, J.L. and Fleras, A. (1996). Unequal Relations: an introduction to race, ethnic and aboriginal dynamics in Canada. Scarborough, Prentice-Hall Canada ISBN 0-13-228743-9.

* There will be a \$ 10.00 charge for photocopied material.

RECOMMENDED:

Tiedt, P. and Tiedt, I. Multicultural Teaching. Toronto: Allyn and Bacon. ISBN 0-205-15488-3.