

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
FALL SEMESTER 2005**

**EDUC 100-3  
SELECTED QUESTIONS & ISSUES IN EDUCATION  
(D02.00)**

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**PREREQUISITE:** None.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is an introductory course intended for beginning students with an interest in education. The course will introduce students to a representative sample of significant questions and issues concerning education in British Columbia. Students will explore questions and issues concerning the nature of education, differential access to education, and the effects of media and peers on moral education. They will examine conflicting philosophies of education, the value of present curricula, and the role of schools in educating children with special needs. Students will also consider the roles of unions and professional organizations in schools and the effects of competition, choice, and financing on the quality of educational experiences. Students will also examine the nature and demands of accountability and efforts to change public schools.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Three Discussion Papers.....60%
2. In-Class assignments.....40%

**REQUIRED READINGS**

Ungerleider, Charles, (2003). *Failing our kids: How we are ruining our public schools*. Toronto, ONT: McClelland and Stewart Ltd.  
ISBN 0-7710-8682-2.

Additional readings in PDF format and available on the course website will be assigned during the term.

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