

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SPRING SEMESTER 2006**

**EDUC 100-3
SELECTED QUESTIONS & ISSUES IN EDUCATION
(E01.00)**

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY
17:30-19:20 IN EDB 7500F

PREREQUISITE: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This is an introductory course intended for beginning students who may be interested in but not necessarily already committed to, pursuing educational studies.
- We will explore a small but representative sample of questions and issues relating to: the concept or idea of education; learning and the learner, the teacher and a teaching life, technology and education; and the broader contexts of education in the global village and the postmodern world.
- You will examine questions relating to: the concept or idea of education; learning and the learner, teaching and the teacher; disciplines and discourse of education; and the broader contexts of education in the global village and the postmodern world.
- The course models a range of instructional strategies, including: discussion; reflective practice; story; case studies; service-learning; technology and education; in-class exercises.
- The course offers a range of learning experience, including: discussion; reading and responding orally and in writing; research and field-work.
- This course will use the FirstClass conference system for some assignments and discussion.

ORGANIZATION

Tuesday and Thursday classes.
FirstClass online discussions.

REQUIREMENTS

Regular attendance, preparation, thoughtful participation. – 25%
Informal and formal written responses – 40%
Short PowerPoint presentations – 15%
Final paper - 20%

REQUIRED READINGS

Palmer, Parker (1998) *The Courage to Teach* CA: Jossey-Bass ISBN: 0-7879-1058-9

Other readings will be assigned from time to time in class and available either online or by instructor (photocopies).

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