

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

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Tuesdays, 4:30 - 8:30

LOCATION: on campus

The objective of this course is to provide an overview of current theory and research on the administration of elementary and secondary education, with particular reference to the public schools of British Columbia.

Topics to be discussed include the following:

A. Bureaucracy and Schools

1. Professional Bureaucracies
2. Ministry and School Districts

B. Governance and Schools

1. Local and Lay Control and the School Board
2. Financing School Districts
3. School Districts and Schools
4. Policy-making and Implementation
5. Accountability

C. Principals and Schools

1. Leadership
2. Communication and Decision-making
3. School as Workplace
4. Supervision of Instruction

D. Communities and Schools

1. Parental Involvement
2. Interest Groups

The requirements for students taking the course for credit include a term paper, several quizzes, and in-class presentations by individuals.

The course will be of particular interest to students with some teaching experience. It can be used as a qualifying course for entry into the graduate Administrative Leadership Program.