

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**EDUCATION 230-3 (D1.00)**

**INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION**

Regular Summer Semester, 1994  
(May 2–July 29)  
Wednesday, 10:30-12:20  
Location: AQ 3181

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**May be applied to a certificate in Liberal Arts**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This course, open to all undergraduates, is intended to provide students who have a general interest in educational studies, an opportunity to examine critically a variety of educational problems from a philosophical perspective.

The central concern of the course is to elucidate the nature of education and to distinguish it from socialization, schooling, training and indoctrination. There are no prerequisites for the course.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. A paper of about 10-15 typewritten pages on a topic approved by the instructor (60% of the grade).
2. A final examination (40% of the grade).

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

1. Cornel Hamm, 1989. Philosophical Issues in Education. Falmer Press: London. ISBN 1-85000-599-0
2. Handouts.

**COURSE OUTLINES AND READINGS**

The readings appear in two groups under each of the listed topics. The first group (a) is Required Readings; the second group (b) is Recommended Readings.

**Part A**

1. THE NATURE AND VALUE OF PHILOSOPHIZING IN EDUCATION
  - (a) Hamm, (Ch. 1).
  - (b) Soltis, J., An Introduction to the Analysis of Educational Concepts, (Chs. 6 and 7).
2. DEFINITIONS IN EDUCATION: TYPES AND FUNCTIONS
  - (a) Hamm, (Ch. 1).  
Scheffler, "Definitions in Education".
3. VAGUENESS, AMBIGUITY AND EMOTIVE USES OF LANGUAGE
  - (a) Hamm (Ch. 2).
  - (b) Alston, W., Philosophy of Language (Ch. 5) "Dimensions of Meaning".  
Green, T.F., The Activities of Teaching (Ch. 2).  
Olson, R.G., Meaning and Argument (Ch. 3).  
Beardsley, M., Thinking Straight, pp. 207-218.  
Copi, I.M., Introduction to Logic (Chs. VI, IX).
4. THE LOGIC OF EDUCATIONAL SLOGANS
  - (a) Scheffler, I., "Educational Slogans," The Language of Education.
  - (b) Komisar, B.Paul and McClellan, J.E. "The Logic of Sloans" in Smith and Ennis (eds.) Language and Concepts in Education (Ch. 13).

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5. THE FUNCTION OF METAPHORS IN EDUCATIONAL DISCOURSE
- (a) Hamm, (Ch. 2).
  - (b) Alston, W., Philosophy of Language (Ch. 5).
  - (c) Black, M., Models and Metaphors (Ch. 111).

**Part B**

6. ACTIVITIES, PROCESSES AND EDUCATION
- (a) Kazepides, "Educating, Socializing and Indoctrinating".
  - (b) Oakeshott, M., "Education: The Engagement and its Frustration" from The Proceedings of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain, Vol. V (Jan. 1971).  
Lloyd, D.I. (ed.), Philosophy and the Teacher (Ch. 4).  
Peters, R.S., "What is an Educational Process?" in R.S. Peters (ed.) The Concept of Education.  
Barrow, R. & Woods, R., An Introduction to Philosophy of Education (Ch. 1).
7. THE CONCEPT OF EDUCATION
- (a) Hamm (Chs. 3, 4 and 10).
  - (b) Peters, R.S., Ethics and Education.  
Lloyd, D.I. (ed), Philosophy and the Teacher (Chs. 5, 6).
8. EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA & THE NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE
- (a) Kazepides, "On Educational Aims, Curriculum Objectives."  
Hamm, (Ch. 5).
9. THE PROBLEM OF INDOCTRINATION
- (a) Kazepides, A.C., "Indoctrination, Doctrines and the Foundation of Rationality" from Philosophy of Education 1987 (Handout).
  - (b) Snook, I.A. (ed.) Concepts of Indoctrination.  
Lloyd, D.I. (ed.) Philosophy and the Teacher (Ch. 2).  
Barrow and Woods, An Introduction to Philosophy of Education (Ch. 4).
10. THE CONCEPT OF TEACHING
- (a) Hamm, (Ch. 7).  
Kazepides, "Wittgenstein and the Rationalists on Learning & Teaching" (Handout).
  - (b) Kosimar, B. Paul, "Teaching: Act and Enterprise" from Studies in Philosophy and Education. Vol. VI, No, 2 (Spring, 1968).  
Soltis, An Introduction..., (Chs. 3, 4, 5)
11. AUTHORITY, DISCIPLINES AND PUNISHMENT IN EDUCATION
- (a) Hamm, (Ch. 8).  
Kazepides, A.C. "On Learning from the Consequences of One's Actions" (Handout).
  - (b) Wilson, P.S., Interest and Discipline in Education.  
Lloyd, D.I. (ed.), Philosophy and the Teacher (Chs. 10, 11).  
Peters, R.S., Authority, Responsibility and Education (Chs. 1-4).  
Nash, P., Authority and Freedom in Education.
12. VALUES AND MORAL EDUCATION
- (a) Hamm, (Ch. 9).  
Kazepides, "On the Prerequisites of Moral Education . . ."
  - (b) Hirst, Moral Education in a Secular Society.  
Hamm, C., "Moral Education Without Religion" in Cochrane et. al. (eds.). The Domain of Moral Education (Also reply by M. Elliott and rejoinder by Hamm).