

Introduction to Philosophy of Education

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Fridays 9:30-11:20
plus 1 hour tutorial

D01.00

PREREQUISITE:

None.

This course, open to all undergraduates, is intended to provide students who have a general interest in educational studies an opportunity to critically examine a variety of educational issues from the perspective of analytic philosophy. A central concern of the course is to elucidate the nature of education as distinct from related concepts such as training and socialisation. Other concepts central to the course include mind, knowledge and emotion. As its title indicates, the course is equally concerned with introducing the philosophical analysis to students.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1 short paper at end of week 3 (2-3 pages) 10%
- 3 short pieces at end of week 6 (2-3 pages each) 30%
- 1 essay at end of week 9 (6 or more pages) 30%
- 1 in class exam (2 short pieces) 20%

REQUIRED TEXT:

- R. Barrow & R. Woods** *An Introduction to Philosophy of Education* Third Edition.
- C. Hamm** *Philosophical Issues in Education* Palmer.
- R. Barrow** *Study Guide to Education 433-Philosophical Issues in Curriculum*

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EDUC 230-3 (EDUCATION)
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION
 C01.00



This online course invites prospective teachers as well as others interested in education to enter into a reflective, convivial dialogue, examining rich and diverse visions and arguments concerning aims, values, methods, and assumptions underlying education. The course introduces students to a broad range of philosophical viewpoints, such as the feminist, ecologist, spiritualist, multiculturalist, critical pedagogist, and other perspectives. Through the lens of these diverse viewpoints, we will explore and examine the conceptions of education, knowledge, curriculum and pedagogy, and ethics. Students will come away with a comprehensive picture of the kinds of philosophical debates waged around these themes in education. They will be able to think, question, and interpret any educational issue from multiple perspectives. Students will emerge from the course with strong but informed personal voices and stances, capable of entering into dialogue and debate with confidence.

This course is divided into four units: (1) conceptions of education—what should be our aims of education? (2) knowledge—what is knowledge for? (3) curriculum and pedagogy—what shall we teach? What shall students study? What does it mean to be a teacher and to teach? (4) ethics—what morals and values shall we teach our young?

Prerequisite: None

TEXT(S):

None.

REQUIREMENTS:	Assignment 1a & b	10%
	Assignment 2	20%
	Assignment 3	25%
	Assignment 4	30%
	Participation in on-line discussions	15%

DELIVERY MODE: print
 FirstClass (mandatory)

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:	Course materials and service fee	\$30.00
	Deposit for additional materials	\$25.00

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| computer (see over) | CD player | TV (Knowledge Network) |
| internet access | Audio cassette player | telephone (teleconference) |
| email | VCR | |

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Computer Requirements

1. This course requires active participation over the Internet through conferencing software called *FirstClass*. Students must have access to computers and the Internet. Students wishing to connect to the Internet from home computers are responsible for connecting to either SFU or external Internet service providers (ISPs). Information on connecting to SFU through modem dialup lines is available at the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site, <<http://www.sfu.ca/acs>>. Phone numbers for ACS are 604-291-3234 (Burnaby) and 604-291-5030 (Harbour Centre).

SFU students: Activate your SFU computing account online at <<http://my.sfu.ca>>

2. On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, you need the following *minimum computer requirements*:

Hardware

- Macintosh with *System 7.1* or higher OR PC with *Windows 95* or later (i.e., *98, 2000, NT, ME, XP*, etc.)
- 6 MB RAM
- 10 MB free disk space
- 28.8-baud modem
- CD-ROM drive

Software & Other

- Internet connection
- E-mail (e.g. *Eudora, Outlook, Webmail*, etc.)
- Internet browser (e.g. *Netscape* or *Internet Explorer*)
- *FirstClass* conferencing system* (described and provided in your course materials package)
- SFU computing account (SFU students only); get it online at <<http://my.sfu.ca>>

General

- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs, and maintain your computer).
- Familiarity with the Internet, e-mail, and related applications is highly recommended.

3. Please Note:

- Support is not available for general computer problems such as operating system difficulties and hardware problems.
- If you are having problems getting started with *FirstClass*, you may drop in to Teaching and Learning Technologies (West Mall Centre, room 1340) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the first week of classes. Students unable to access the Burnaby campus may call the Centre at 604-291-5575 or e-mail <help@firstclass.sfu.ca> for assistance.
- The subsidized modem hours allotted to SFU students each semester are not normally sufficient to complete the required course work.
 - A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 604-291-4721 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from campus bookstores in increments of \$20. At 60 cents per hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher.
 - For complete information on SFU's modem access policy, check the ACS web site, above.
 - **Out-of-town students only:** It is recommended that students residing outside the Lower Mainland contact local Internet service provider (ISPs), since using SFU dialup services will result in additional long-distance charges. Check your local yellow pages under "Internet" for listings.

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