

EDUCATION 240-3: SOCIAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION

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Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.

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Social functions of the school; societal trends affecting the institutions and practices of education; dynamics of group behavior.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a broad base of information about schooling as an institution in society, particularly in Canada and British Columbia.
2. To study the current issues affecting schooling in the country.
3. To promote familiarity with the contributions made by the foundations disciplines (e.g., philosophy, history, sociology, psychology) in the understanding of the issues and processes involved in schooling.

PROCEDURE

The course will involve lectures and discussions. Arrangements will be made to form small discussion groups to facilitate interchange and analyses of issues and ideas.

TOPICS

- Broad overview of education in Canada and British Columbia
- Social change and attitudes about education
- Equality in society and education
- Religion and education
- Moral education and citizenship training
- Ethnicity and language in schools
- Rights of parents and educational authority
- Rights of teachers
- Rights of students
- Curriculum selection
- Professionalization of teaching
- Policy making in education

READING MATERIALS

Ratna Ghosh & Douglas Ray, eds. Social Change and Education in Canada. Toronto: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Canada, 1987.

Xeroxed articles on reserve.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be expected to read the course materials and to participate in lectures and discussions. Grades will be assigned on the following basis: three quizzes (60%; 20% each) and one term paper (40%).