

EDST 504A - History of Education Policy (SCPE elective).

Winter Term 2 (January 2 - April 10, 2015), Wednesdays, 4:30-7:30 PM PonF 201

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The course surveys the development of education policy, primarily in British Columbian, Canadian, and Indigenous contexts. As a student in this course you will exhume the origins of modern day educational policies, in order to see how the past continues to shape what we do in education today. You will also hunt through history for now-forgotten policies that could be remembered, refurbished, and usefully applied in the present.

Policy topics examined in this course from a historical perspective have included: school choice policy, policies to reconstruct First Nations education, special education policy, and high-stakes testing.

Previous experience in history courses is not a requirement for this course. Most students who take this course do not have a history background.