Calendar Description:
This course provides a historical overview and analysis of visions and practices of international education, an introduction to theories of globalization and an examination of the new developments, opportunities and challenges of international education in the present-day world.

This is the first course in a sequence of courses aimed to enhance participants’ capacities for understanding and thoughtful action in transcultural educational contexts in a globalizing world. As such this course will introduce students to a set of key themes, concepts, issues and resources in international education that will be further engaged and developed in subsequent courses.

Background and Aims:
In a globalizing world, internationalizing education (IE) can be viewed as a growing movement. Multiple, sometimes conflicting, agendas are in play within this IE movement. At one level, education is increasingly a transnational tradable commodity; at another level it is called upon to foster intercultural cooperation and sustainable development in a conflict-ridden, still asymmetrically-structured world. Schooling can no longer be seen solely as a project contained by processes and imaginaries of the sovereign and bounded nation-state. Increasingly educational policies and practices (and teachers and students) travel across borders. Additionally, what might be called educational “best practices,” often generated in the West and advanced by influential transnational policy actors, represent global reform pressures on local educational jurisdictions. Further, transnational cultural flows, connections and identities have increased in scope and intensity; in this sense the ‘world’ can be found within the classroom. Therefore, theories and practices of education need to be attuned to these emergent and dynamic conditions.
This course aims to enhance students’ understandings of the forces, agendas, contexts and pedagogies unfolding in the IE movement. It explores a number of dimensions, such as: definitions, motivations and historical expressions of international education; transformed uses of international education under globalization, global citizenship education, international schools, (English) language learning, internationalization of higher education and education for development. The course is designed to bolster students’ interpretive capacities to understand the implications of IE for their own domains of practice. This course also frames the program as a whole so that participants will have a sense of how the program coheres and begin to anticipate their options, such as for the research/field work and culminating capstone project.

**Course Texts/Materials:**

**Assignments and Other Course Requirements (details on Sakai)**

Assignment#1 – Research/Learning Autobiographical Portfolio – 55%
- Photo/video and local context description, due Sept. 15 (5%)
- Teaching and research interests, due Sept 22 (5%)
- Autobiographical accounting of one’s “international education,” due Oct. 13 (5%)
- Reflection on reading practices, due Oct. 20 (5%)
- Identifying and responding to “global best practice” in your local context, due Nov. 10 (10%)
- Summary of interest and selection of article, due Nov. 24 (5%)
- Final reflection due December 8 (20%)

Assignment#2 – Reading Response Log, Weekly: Sept 15 – Dec 1 – 20%

Assignment#3 – Leading a Reading Discussion: as per schedule – 15%

Overall online contributions to discussions is graded at 10%

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**Sakai OWL platform login instructions and technical support information:**
Your Western University login and password is required to access the course (your Western email without the @uwo.ca and its accompanying password). Access to Sakai OWL is found here: [http://owltoo.uwo.ca](http://owltoo.uwo.ca).

For help on Sakai or access contact the ITS Help Desk:
- Support Services Building, Room 4100
- Phone: 519-661-3800
- Webform – [https://itshelp.uwo.ca](https://itshelp.uwo.ca)
Policy Statements:

Please see the “Policies” page of the Graduate Programs & Research web site for further details on course and program policies:  http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate/policies.html

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes. In the case of absence, instructors may assign additional course work. Normally, students who are absent from one-quarter or more of their classes will be assigned a grade of "F" (Fail), (Graduate Studies Subcommittee - December 3, 1999). As an example, most onsite half courses (with the exception of some Counselling Psychology classes) meet 12 times during a term, so students in these courses cannot miss more than two classes.

For on-line courses, participation will be determined by the instructor/professor in the course outline and will reflect the same principles as attendance policy for on-site courses.

For online courses organized on a week-by-week basis, participation in each week’s discussion will be considered the equivalent of one onsite class.

For online courses which are not organized on a week-by-week basis, contributing to the discussion of each unit of work (e.g., module) will be considered the equivalent of attending and participating in, the classroom discussion of a face-to-face class.

Language Proficiency: "Each student granted admission to Western must be proficient in spoken and written English. Students must demonstrate the ability to write clearly and correctly. Work presented in English in any subject at any level, which shows a lack of proficiency in English and is, therefore, unacceptable for academic credit, will either be failed or, at the discretion of the instructor, returned to the student for revision to a literate level. To foster competence in the use of the English language within their own discipline, all instructors will take proficiency in English into account in the assignment of grades." A student who, after admission, shows an inadequate command of spoken or written English must improve his or her proficiency to the satisfaction of the graduate program or department. (http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/english.pdf)

Evaluation: Graduate students must maintain at least a "B" average in their program. Although only numeric grades are assigned by instructors in the Faculty of Education, the following alpha grade ranges are provided for your information.

A = 80% and above
B = 70% - 79%
C = 60% - 69%
F = Fail - less than 60%

The following guidelines for assigning grades are in effect at the Faculty of Education.

A: Reserved for those students whose work is excellent. Their work will contain an element of originality, creativity, or thoroughness. It will be well organized and expressed, and will reflect a particularly clear command of techniques and principles, incisive judgements, sound critical
evaluations, and so on.

**B:** Assigned for proof of good competent work. A "B" grade indicates that a student has mastered the course material and can manipulate it, can write clear prose, can demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate and synthesize material, and can apply the course material to relevant situations or problems.

**C:** Assigned because a student does not meet one or more of the above criteria. Even though the student may be conscientious, he or she has not demonstrated a mastery of the graduate work in the course. A lack of mastery may include any number of characteristics such as an inability to write clearly, to research a topic adequately, to synthesize material, or to make basic judgements about relevance, and so on.

**F:** Glaring inaccuracy and confusion, little or no grasp of techniques and principles, trivial and irrelevant treatment of topics. In general, a failure to demonstrate the minimal knowledge and skills for effective work in the discipline.

**INC:** (Incomplete) An INC may be granted for a course where the student has not been able to complete the assigned work in the normal timeline due to exceptional circumstances. Permission to carry an INC must be sought from the Chair, Graduate Education before the end of the term. The INC must be completed by the end of the following term or a grade of F (FAIL) will be assigned. According to SGPS policy, NO exceptions will be granted to this rule. A numerical grade submitted for an INC grade, or an F grade resulting for an INC, is final. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will not consider a subsequent revision of either such grade except on documented medical or compassionate grounds.

Instructors shall inform students, both in class and in the course outline, as to any policies and/or penalties concerning late submission of assignments.

**IPR:** (In Progress) assigned during preparation for Thesis or Directed Research Project or a half or full course which extends over two or more terms.

**Statement on Academic Offences:** Scholastic offences are taken seriously; a student guilty of a scholastic offence may be subject to the imposition of one or more penalties, ranging from reprimand to expulsion from the university, as well as criminal proceedings where appropriate. Students are strongly encouraged to review the appropriate policy document, and specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence: Scholastic Discipline for Graduate Students.

**Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar [reproduced below]).

**Plagiarism Checking:** All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers.
subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

The Academic Calendar states:

Scholastic Offences include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Plagiarism which may be defined as: 'The act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of his writings, or the ideas or language of the same, and passing them off as the product of one's own mind.' Excerpted from H. C. Black, Black's Law Dictionary, West Publishing Co., 1979, 5th Ed., p. 1035. This concept applies with equal force to all assignments including laboratory reports, diagrams, and computer projects.

8. Submitting for credit in any course or program of study, without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere.

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf

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