

COURSE OUTLINE			
TERM: Spring 2025		COURSE NO: EDUC 383	
INSTRUCTOR:		COURSE TITLE: Curriculum- Outdoor Environments	
OFFICE:	LOCAL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
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OFFICE HOURS:			
COURSE WEBSITE:			

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COURSE FORMAT

Three hours offered by lecture, online or mixed mode, plus an additional hour delivered through online or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams. This course may also be offered in a mixed-mode format.

COURSE PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES

45 credits of 100-level or higher coursework; and ENGL 100 as a pre- or corequisite

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course explores the notion of outdoor education and nature-based education in an early childhood context. The major emphasis will be on how children and educators can develop an ecological identity by engaging in outdoor spaces/curriculum.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

American Psychological Association (2019). *Concise Rules of APA Style: The Official Pocket Style Guide*. (7th Edition)

Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (2021). *Code of ethics: Early childhood educators of British Columbia* (7th ed.). Author.

Government of British Columbia (2019). *British Columbia early learning framework*. Victoria, BC: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development, & British Columbia Early Learning Advisory Group.

Minister of Families; Minister of Children and Social Development (2018). *Indigenous early learning and child care framework*. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/indigenous-early-learning/2018-framework.html>

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action:

http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007):

https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989):

<https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/ProfessionalInterest/crc.pdf>

RECOMMENDED READINGS (SYLLABUS SPECIFIC READINGS)

****Additional required texts/readings will be posted on the course e-learn site.****

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. Develop an understanding of the notion of an ecological identity
2. Develop an understanding of biophilia and somatic understanding
3. Develop an understanding of how pedagogical documentation is a process of forming curriculum in place-based inquiries.
4. Apply knowledge of current theories, perspectives, and pedagogies to ideate children's encounters and engagements in an outdoor environment
5. Understand the risks inherent in outdoor play and how to mediate those risks
6. Describe and discuss how play in outdoor environments can foster children's creativity, learning and development

COURSE CONTENT

The content and week-by-week breakdown of the course may vary by term and instructor. The following is an example:

Date	Topic	Readings
Week 1	Introductions, Orientations to Place	
Week 2	Ethics, Theories & Frictions in 'Outdoor' Curriculum	
Week 3	Critical Engagements with Developmental Theory in the Outdoors	
Week 4	Risk and Response(ability) in Outdoor Contexts I	
Week 5	BC Licensing Regulations: Speculative Writing Practices with Posthuman Sensibilities	
Week 6	Curriculum-making in outdoor contexts I	
Week 7	Risk and Response(ability) in Outdoor Contexts II	
Week 8	Inclusion, accessibility, and adaptive outdoor ECEC programs	

Week 9	Curriculum-making in outdoor contexts II	
Week 10	Curriculum-making in outdoor contexts III	
Week 11	Pedagogical Documentation Practices & Processes in Outdoor Contexts I	
Week 12	Pedagogical Documentation Practices & Processes in Outdoor Contexts II	
Week 13	Practices of Witnessing, Reciprocity, and Reverence	
Week 14 and 15	Exam Period: Final evaluation assignments due: TBA	

EVALUATION PROFILE

Written Assignments	20-50%
Tests and Quizzes	0-20%
Participation	0-10%
Presentations	10-35%
Final Exam/Evaluation	10-35%
TOTAL	100%

Participation

Participation grades are based on the consistency, quality, and frequency of contributions to class discussions. Consistency means attending every class, maintaining a positive and respectful presence in the classroom, and actively contributing to discussions on a regular basis. Quality means demonstrating respect for peers and their contributions, listening attentively during lectures and when other students are speaking, and participating in all activities with an open and inquisitive mind.

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

All assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date. Late assignments will receive a 5% deduction in grade for each day they are overdue. In an online class, late assignments will not be marked after 7 days.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed labs or other activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

Attendance

Attendance is essential for the successful completion of this course and to meet the Licensing requirements of the BC Early Childhood Educator Registry. Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities. In the event of an absence from class, the student will inform their course instructor. Punctuality will be assessed in the same way as attendance. A student who misses 10% of classes may not receive credit for this course. A faculty review will occur in the event the maximum percentage of absences has been exceeded. Program probation may be a result of the review.

*Please note that this pertains to all students who are taking this course, regardless of whether individual students are not seeking licensure.

English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments. All assignments will adhere to APA stylistic guide for avoiding bias in language use and will be written in a manner that reflects the spirit and values inherent in the ECEBC Code of Ethics and the BC Early Learning Framework. At the instructor's discretion, any assignment not reaching these standards may be returned for revision and resubmission. Maximum grade assigned for a revised assignment is a "C".

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class only if requested by instructor.

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-life/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information: <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

AI Large Language Models: Any work using LLMs (AI Large Language Models like Chat GPT) must be entirely transparent and attributed. This means that you must be very explicit in indicating where LLM's were used in guiding your work. We recommend a grave degree of caution. Using LLMs is dangerous and they have limits on how helpful they are for analysis and theoretical framing. Do not seamlessly work outputs of LLM into your essay.

Any LLM content should be indicated. Students are ultimately accountable for the work they submit, and any content generated or supported by an artificial intelligence tool must be cited

appropriately (see [How to cite ChatGPT \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org)) . Use of AI tools is not permitted during midterm exams and final exams in this course.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.

DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM OPERATIONAL DETAILS

Vision Statement

The ECCE diploma/degree program fosters intellectual curiosity and critical thinking relevant to advocacy and leadership in early childhood education careers, advanced study, and lifelong learning.

The CAPU Early Childhood Care and Education program stands in partnership with Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC; see <https://www.ecebc.ca/>) in promoting early childhood education as a profession. The department is committed to working towards the professionalization of early childhood educators in a universal, accessible, inclusive early childhood system that views early childhood education as the right of the child as a citizen.

We stand as allies of the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS; see <https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/>) working in all ways toward truth and reconciliation in ensuring our practice honours the Indigenous Early Learning and Care Framework and UNDRIP. We are resolute in supporting the self-governance of Indigenous Peoples in creating an Indigenous early years system.

Professionalism

All students are expected to maintain professional behaviour, as laid out in the ECEBC's Code of Ethics, while participating in this course. This pertains to all students, registered for this course/practicum.

Final Exams/Assignments Period

Students must remain available throughout the full exam period; either for final exams or assignments. Students who are in courses that do not have final exams scheduled will have classes until the last day of the exam period. In rare circumstances, exams may need to be rescheduled due to harsh weather conditions or other unforeseen factors. Travel plans must be made outside of the exam schedule.