EDUC 525: Ethics and Law in Education
Fall, 2023

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Class Dates: Tuesday and Thursdays, September 5 – October 27, 2023 from 8:00-10:20 am

Last Day to Add/Drop/Swap: Due to the non-standard dates associated with this program, please check your Student Centre for the important dates pertaining to your section.

Pre-requisite: Due to the multiple pathways in the Bachelor of Education, please consult Undergraduate Programs in Education for questions related to pre-requisite courses.

Office Hours: By appointment only. Please note that we will respond to student emails during the regular workday (8:00 am-4:00 pm) within a reasonable time, and emails sent on the weekend will not be addressed until Monday morning unless marked URGENT.

**Course Description:**

EDUC 525 introduces the historical genesis and institutional structure of Alberta’s system of education and its legal underpinnings. Through a case study approach to instruction, students examine the ethical and legal responsibilities of teachers in Alberta. Throughout the course, students are afforded the opportunity to engage in dialogue and ethical decision-making in relation to past and contemporary issues in education.

**Learner Outcomes:**

Students will be knowledgeable about:
1. The historical background of schooling in Canada and Alberta.
2. The legal rights and responsibilities of student teachers, teachers, students, and parents.
3. Schools of ethical thought as they relate to professional decision-making.

**Course Design and Delivery:** This course will be delivered face-to-face on campus with possible engagement in a D2L environment.

**Required Readings:**

https://ucalgary.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01UCALG_INST/15o3ob6/cdi_proquest_journals_2171142737


**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**


Calgary Board of Education. (2023). *Academic integrity*. [https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/cbe-learn/teaching-learning/program-approach/academic-integrity/Pages/default.aspx](https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/cbe-learn/teaching-learning/program-approach/academic-integrity/Pages/default.aspx)


**SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:**

Bora Laskin Law Library. (2023). *Step 2: Primary sources of law: Canadian case law*. [https://shorturl.at/ehpBE](https://shorturl.at/ehpBE)


SELECTED CASE STUDIES:


Ontario College of Teachers v Gow, 2014 ONOCT 44 (CanLII). https://canlii.ca/t/tgv9rm

Provincial Court of Alberta. HRM v. Fevry. https://canlii.ca/t/h2qf7


The Alberta Teachers’ Association. (2010, January 26). Pitfalls and precautions: Attending convention is a teachers’ professional responsibility. https://legacy.teachers.ab.ca/News%20Room/ata%20news/Volume%2044%202009-10/Number%2010/Ln%20the%20News/Pages/PitfallsandPrecautions.aspx

LEARNING TASKS OVERVIEW

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| Task 1        | *Part I – Research a Legal Case:* Working in groups of three, students research a seminal legal case in the field of education using a case analysis framework.  
*Part II – Discussion Facilitation and Synthesis:* Each group of three leads a 40-minute small group discussion on their case and then submits a synthesis of the discussion. | Group              | 50%          | Group 1: Sept. 26  
Group 2: Oct. 12  
Group 3: Oct. 24 |
| Task 2        | Through a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions, five quizzes requiring the application of knowledge in relation to case studies will be administered in class via D2L. | Individual         | 50% (over five quizzes) | Quiz #1: Sept. 12  
Quiz #2: Sept. 19  
Quiz #3: Oct. 3  
Quiz #4: Oct. 19  
Quiz #5: Oct. 26 |

WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:

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| September 5 (Class 1)     | *Moment 1(a): Historical Context of Teaching in Alberta — The Struggle for Professional Recognition*  
**Supplementary Readings:**  
Critically examining life conditions and early codes of conduct for teachers |
| September 7  
(Class 2) | Moment 2(a): The Teaching Profession – Contemporary Realities and Challenges |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What criteria should be employed to determine the extent to which teaching should be considered a profession? | Relevant Legislation:  
- Province of Alberta. (2012). *Education act.* (Preamble) |
| Form groups of three and groupings for LT1 | Required readings:  
| To what extent is teaching really a profession? | Introduce the differing ethical frameworks as outlined by Mathur and Corley |
| What are teachers’ ethical and legal responsibilities in relation to their conduct | Discussion on whether teaching meets criteria of a profession |

### Relevant Legislation:
- Alberta Government. (2023). *Teaching profession act.* (Sections 1-4)
- Province of Alberta. (2012). *Education act.* (Preamble)

### Case Studies explored in class:
- **Case 1** – Portrait of a rural teacher, 1928
- **Case 2** – Rules for teachers, 1915

### Moment 1(b): Historical Context of Teaching in Alberta — The Shaping of the Contemporary Educational Landscape

#### Relevant Legislation:
- Alberta Government. (2023). *Teaching profession act.* (Sections 1-4)
- Province of Alberta. (2012). *Education act.* (Preamble)

#### Case Studies explored in class:
- **Case 1** – Minority language rights: Supreme Court of Canada. (2020). *Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique v. British Columbia*
- **Case 3** – Individual right to equality (S. 15) vs. rights protecting certain schools preserved (S. 29): Court of King’s Bench of Alberta. (1987). *Casagrande v. Hinton Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 155*

### Moment 2(b): The Teaching Profession – Professional Conduct

#### Required reading:
### Relevant Legislation:

### Case Studies explored in class:
- **Case 2** – Professional conduct in relation to maintaining the dignity of the profession: The Alberta Teachers’ Association (2010, January 26). Attending convention is a teacher’s professional responsibility.
- **Case 3** – Professional conduct in relation to parents of students: The Alberta Teachers’ Association (2016, October 11). Teachers acting as concerned parents must adhere to conduct code.

### September 12 (Class 3)
**How are teacher disciplinary matters handled in Alberta?**

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### September 14 (Class 4)
**What rights and responsibilities do teachers have in relation to discussions of sensitive and controversial topics in the classroom?**

| Moment 3(a): Freedom of Expression and Conduct – Rights and Limits in the Classroom |
| Required Reading: |
| - Donlevy, Gereluk, D., & Brandon, J. (2018). Trigger warnings, freedom of speech, and academic freedom *(Read pp. 2-6, p. 26 on the Oakes Test, and pp. 36-41)* |
| Relevant Legislation: |
| Case Studies explored in class: |
| - **Case 1** – Definitions of “ideological advantage”: Fawcett, M. (2019, December 2019). Jason Kenney's 'triggered' culture reaches Alberta students |

### September 19 (Class 5)
**What rights and responsibilities do teachers have in relation to their conduct?**

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### Conduct
- Examining case studies through the lens of the Alberta Code of Professional Conduct and distinct ethical frameworks

### Quiz 1 on Moment 1 (5%)
- Responding to real life disciplinary scenarios

### Discussion around the use of trigger warnings and safe spaces when discussing sensitive topics
- Examination of recent case studies related to freedom of expression in the classroom

### Quiz 2 on Moment 2 (10%)
- Interactive discussion and dialogue on the rights and limits of teachers’ conduct outside the classroom
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Examination of a seminal legal case |
| October 17 | **Moment 4(d): Creating Safe and Caring School Environments – Responding to the TRC’s Calls to Action** <br> Guest Lecture: Blackfoot Knowledge Keeper, ikiinayookaa Marlene Yellow Horn <br> **Case study explored in class:**  <br> - Case 4 – Supreme Court of British Columbia. (2020). Servatius v Alberni School District No. 70 | Discussion of recent debates around the use of racial slurs in novels |
|                 | **Moment 4(c) continued**                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |
|                 | **Case Studies explored in class:** <br>  - Case 1 – To Kill a Mockingbird and the use of racial slurs in historical texts  <br>  - Case 2 – The experience of Black youth and parents in schools  <br> Review of Moment 4 through the lens of various scenarios |                                            |
### October 19 (Class 14)

**Write Quiz 4**  
*Moment 5(a). Academic Integrity and Copyright Matters – Contemporary Realities and Challenges*

**Required Reading:**  

**Guest Lecture:** Dr. Sarah Eaton

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### October 24 (Class 15)

**Third LT1 Facilitation (one hour)**  
*Moment 5(b). Academic Integrity and Copyright Matters – Artificial Learning and New Frontiers in Ethics*

**Required Reading:**  

**Case studies explored in class:**  
- *Case 1 – ChatGPT and academic integrity*

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<td>How can teachers create ethical frameworks for still emergent technologies?</td>
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### October 26 (Class 8 - Last class!)

**Write Quiz 5**  
Bringing it all together  
Class Wrap-up

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**Changes to Schedule:** Please note that changes to the schedule may occur to meet the emerging needs and dynamics of the participants in the course. To make the most of this course, we recommend that you complete the required readings and skim through the case studies for each topic before coming to class.

### Learning Tasks and Assessment

There are two required Learning Tasks for this course intended to measure both depth and breadth of understanding of course objectives. Learning Task 1 has two parts for submission and Learning Task two includes five graded, in-class quizzes administered via D2L.

**Learning Task 1: Group Case Study Research, Discussion Facilitation, and Syntheses**

**Due dates:**  
- Group 1: Sept 26th (synthesis due no later than 11:59 pm on Sept 27)  
- Group 2: Oct 12th (synthesis due no later than 11:59 pm on Oct 13)  
- Group 3: Oct 24th (synthesis due no later than 11:59 pm on Oct 25)

**Part 1. Research a Legal Case (25%)**

Working in groups of three, in this task each group is asked to research one of the three legal cases listed below employing a modified case analysis framework drawn from the work of Mathur and Corley (2014, p. 144). Each group of three will be grouped into a larger group of nine so that all three cases are covered within the larger group. Key elements of the case analysis framework include:
1. **Fact finding:** Briefly summarize the key facts of the case in terms of what is known and what questions still remain

2. **Gaining stakeholder perspectives:** Identify key groups and people who care about the case and their perspectives on the case

3. **Identifying areas of conflict:** Identify the specific laws, policies, and mandates implicated within the case and the ethical frameworks that may be in conflict with one another

4. **Considering your role as a teacher:** Deliberate on how you as teacher would like to be treated in this case and how you as a professional might address the dilemmas it raises

The resulting case analysis research report should not exceed two pages (double spaced with 12-point Times New Roman Font).

**List of cases:**


- **Group 3** (Oct 24th): *Ontario College of Teachers v Gow, 2014 ONOCT 44 (CanLII).*  
  [https://canlii.ca/t/gv9rm](https://canlii.ca/t/gv9rm)

If you would like to choose a legal case not listed above, please contact Dr. Scott or Dr. Kendrick to discuss possibilities.

**Criteria For Assessment of Learning Task 1: Part 1**

A detailed rubric and checklist for LT1: Part 1 will be available on D2L. In cases of discrepancies between the wording of the assessment criteria listed here and the rubric on D2L, the rubric on D2L will be taken as correct. Key assessment criteria at the **meeting expectations level (A-)** include:

- All four domains of the case analysis framework are comprehensively addressed. (10)
- Key ideas within each of the four areas are accompanied by supporting references from various class materials. (5)
- Written expression is clear, concise, and follows APA 7 standards for citation, grammar, and inclusive language (5).
- Final case analysis research report does not exceed the page limit outlined in the task description. (5)

**Part II. Discussion Facilitation and Synthesis of the Legal Case Study (25%)**

In the second part of this task, each group of three will facilitate a 35-40 minute guided discussion on their legal case within the larger group of nine. After briefly outlining the facts of the case, each group of three is asked to pose at least three questions that, emerging out of their case analysis research process, will help foster deliberative dialogue amongst the members of the larger group. These questions should help the larger group deliberate on and consider more deeply the following areas: i) the perspectives of the stakeholders involved in the case; ii) the legal and ethical tensions the case gives rise to; along with iii) how specific
ethical frameworks (Mathur & Corley, 2014, p. 138) offer possibilities for seeing the case in a different light. The dates for each discussion facilitation are listed above.

During the guided discussion, each group of three is asked to divide up responsibilities for facilitating the discussion and taking notes on the key insights and thoughts that emerge from the discussion. The synthesis should include all the questions each group of three generated, regardless of whether there was time to discuss each of the questions. The synthesis should follow the APA 7th standards for written expression, grammar, and inclusive language, and include any references made by the group or the facilitator to required course materials such as podcasts, articles, lectures, or other cases. An in-text citation to course materials will suffice as evidence of application of course materials within the discussion. However, any texts referenced beyond the course materials should be cited on a Reference page.

Note that the overall discussion synthesis should be no more than two pages (double spaced with 12-point Times New Roman Font).

**Criteria For Assessment of Learning Task 1: Part 2**

A detailed rubric and checklist for LT1: Part 2 will be available on D2L. In cases of discrepancies between the wording of the assessment criteria listed here and the rubric on D2L, the rubric on D2L will be taken as correct. Key assessment criteria at the **meeting expectations level (A-)** include:

- At least three generative questions help the larger group explore the perspectives of the stakeholders, the legal and ethical tensions inherent to the case, and how different ethical frameworks offer possibilities for seeing the case in a different light. (5)
- Synthesis of the key insights and ideas emerging from the group discussion is well-articulated. (10)
- Written expression is clear, concise, and follows APA 7 standards for citation, grammar, and inclusive language. (5)
- Discussion syntheses does not exceed the page limit outlined in the task description. (5)

**Learning Task 2: Graded In-class Quizzes**

**Total Weighting: 50% of grade. Each quiz will be weighted as follows:**

1. Quiz #1: Sept 12 (5%)
2. Quiz #2: Sept 19 (10%)
3. Quiz #3: Oct 3 (15%)
4. Quiz #4: Oct 19 (15%)
5. Quiz #5: Oct 26 (5%)

Over the course of the term, five quizzes involving a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions will be administered in class via D2L. Each quiz will follow a similar format and will include questions that require the application of knowledge in relation to a case study reflecting themes explored within the five moments of the course. Each of the five quizzes will be administered through D2L and will be completed during class time, in the regular classroom space, on the dates listed. Please bring a computer or personal device the day of the quiz. If this is not possible, please contact the instructor to reserve a computer from Doucette Library. A study guide will be posted on D2L at least three days prior to each quiz.
Please note the following policies regarding assessments:

**ABSENCES:** Absences from class on the quiz dates will only be excused as per the University of Calgary regulations. For illness or emergency, you may be required to provide documentation verifying your absence as stated in the Academic Calendar, Section M.1.

**UNEXCUSED ABSCENCES:** Any unexcused absence will result in a grade of zero on the quiz as per the Academic Calendar, Section G.1.2.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** If you require accommodations for timed assessments, you must make arrangements with the Student Accessibility Centre at least 10 business days before the quiz date as per University of Calgary examination and accessibility policies (Academic Calendar Section B6).

**MAKE-UP QUIZZES:** Being unsatisfied with a grade is not considered a valid reason to request a reappraisal or re-taking an assessment. Make-up quizzes will only be provided in case of an excused absence or documented accommodation from Student Accessibility Services.

**EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL WORK**

Please review the Academic Calendar carefully. It describes the program and provides detailed schedules and important dates. It contains information on expectations for student work and professional conduct. In addition, procedures are described regarding concern about student performance in the program. Please pay especially careful attention to details and descriptions in the following topic areas:

- **The Importance of Attendance and Participation in Every Class**

As this is a professional program, experiences are designed with the expectation that all members will be fully involved in all classes and in all coursework experiences. As you are a member of a learning community your contribution is vital and highly valued, just as it will be when you take on the professional responsibilities of being a teacher. We expect that you will not be absent from class with the exception of documented instances of personal or family illness or for religious requirements.

- **Engagement in Class Discussion and Inquiry**

Another reason for the importance of attendance and participation in every class is that the course involves working with fellow students to share ideas and thinking. For example, each class you will work with a small group to engage fellow students in discussions on legal cases being considered in class. You will also help other groups by providing ideas for scholarly inquiry in assignments. If you find that you are experiencing difficulties as a group collaborating, please inform the instructor.

**EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING**

All written assignments (including, to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented. If you need help with your writing, you may use the writing support services in the Learning Commons. For further information, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, E. Course Information, E.2: Writing Across the Curriculum: http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html
For this class, the use of artificial intelligence writing tools are discouraged for any use beyond assistance with basic spelling or grammar.

**LATE SUBMISSIONS**

All late submissions of assignments or lack of attendance to complete the quizzes must be discussed with the instructor **prior to the due date**. Students may be required to provide written documentation of extenuating circumstances (e.g. statutory declaration, doctor’s note, note from the University of Calgary Wellness Centre, obituary notice). A deferral of up to 30 days may be granted at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs with accompanying written evidence.

**ISSUES WITH GROUP TASKS**

With respect to group work, if your group is having difficulty collaborating effectively, please contact one of the faculty instructors **by September 12**. If a group is unable to collaborate effectively or discuss course materials online in a timely manner, the instructor may re-assign members to different groups or assign individual work for completion.

**GRADING**

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Students in the B.Ed. program must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in the semester to continue in the program without repeating courses.

**Academic Accommodation**

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf).

**Academic Misconduct**
For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html)

**Attendance/ Prolonged Absence**

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student.

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

[https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html](https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html)

**The Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act** prevents instructors from placing assignments or examinations in a public place for pickup and prevents students from access to exams or assignments other than their own. Therefore, students and instructors may use one of the following options: return/collect assignments during class time or during instructors’ office hours, students provide instructors with a self-addressed stamped envelope, or submit/return assignments as electronic files attached to private e-mail messages.

For additional resources including, but not limited to, those aimed at wellness and mental health, student success or to connect with the Student Ombuds Office, please visit [https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines)

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