Far Western University Mahendranagar, Kanchanpur Faculty of Education M. Ed. Core Courses



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Semester-First

- 1. Dimensions of Educational Thought (Ed.511)
- 2. Contemporary Issues in Education (Ed.512)

Semester-Second

1. Research Methods in Education (Ed.521)

Semester-Third

1. Educational Psychology (Ed.531)

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Course Title: Dimensions of Educational Thought

Course No.: Ed.511 Nature of course: Core, Theory

Level: M. Ed. Semester: First

Total periods: 45 Time per period: 1 Hour

1. Course Introduction

This course acquaints the students with contemporary thinking in education. It provides them with concept and understanding of the existing issues of what education is for, providing four major foci of the present-day education – four pillars of education – education for economy and national development, education for social justice, and education for interdependence and ecological sustainability. It then provides them with opportunities to understand and reflect on the thinking and issues of multicultural education. This course also provides contemporary philosophical thought of critical theory and critical pedagogy, feminism and postmodernism. It generally aims to aware students of the dimensions of contemporary educational thoughts.

2. General Objectives

The general objectives of this course are as follows:

- Describe, with example, the contemporary thoughts of what education is for.
- Define multiculturalism and explain its goals, problems and educational implications.
- Understand meaning and nature of critical thinking and develop skills and abilities of critical thinking.
- Explain the characteristics and development of critical theory and discuss its educational relevance and implications.
- Understand basic premises and philosophical questions of feminism and draw implications of feminism for educational policies and practices.
- Develop understanding of postmodernism and draw educational implications of postmodernism.

3. Contents in Detail with Specific Objectives

Specific Objectives	Contents
• Explain the meaning and	1 What education is for: contemporary
concept of four pillars of	educational thought (6 hours)
education.	1.1Educational for knowing, doing,
• Discuss the need of education	living together and being (four
for economic growth and	pillars of learning)
human development.	1.2Education for economic growth and
• Demonstrate understanding of	human development
the role education in social	1.3Education for social justice
justice.	1.4Education for interdependence and
• Elucidate the role of education	ecological sustainability
for interdependence and	
ecological sustainability.	
• Define multiculturalism and	2 Multicultural education (7 hours)
explain the concept of	2.1 Meaning and concept of
multicultural education.	multicultural education
• List the goals of multicultural	2.2Goals of multicultural education
education.	2.3 Problems in multicultural education
• Discuss the problems in	2.4Culturally responsive pedagogy
multicultural education.	2.5Relevance of multicultural education
• Conceptualize the meaning of	in the context of Nepal
culturally responsive	
pedagogy and explain its	
importance.	
• Justify the relevance of	
multicultural education in the	
context of Nepal.	
• Explain the meaning and	3 Critical thinking and education (6 hours)
nature of critical thinking.	3.1The meaning and nature of critical
• Develop skills and dispositions	thinking
required for critical thinking	3.2Critical thinking: skills/abilities and
• Discuss the relationship	dispositions

- between critical thinking and creative thinking
- Explore the role of critical thinking in teaching and learning.
- Mention critiques of critical thinking.
- Explain the characteristics and development of critical theory.
- Justify educational relevance of critical theory.
- Define critical pedagogy and explain its meaning.
- Assess the contribution of Paulo Frere to the development of critical pedagogy.
- Demonstrate understanding of feminism and explain its basic theoretical questions.
- List various approaches to contemporary feminist theories and explain each.
- Discuss educational implications of feminism.

- 3.3The relationship between critical thinking and creative thinking
- 3.4Critical thinking and education
- 3.5Critiques of critical thinking

4 Critical theory and critical pedagogy (7 hours)

- 4.1 Characteristics and development of critical theory
- 4.2The educational relevance of critical theory
- 4.3 Distinctive insights and contributions
- 4.4Critical pedagogy and Paulo Frere's contribution

5 Feminism and education (7 hours)

- 5.1Feminism and basic theoretical questions
 (What about the women? Why then is all this as it is? How can we change and improve the social world so as to make it a more just place for women and for all people? And what about the differences among women?)
- 5.2 Varieties of contemporary feminist theory
 - ✓ Gender difference (Cultural/biological feminism)
 - ✓ Gender inequality (Liberal feminism)

✓ Gender oppression (Psychoanalytic/Radical feminism) ✓ Structural oppression (Socialist feminism) 5.3 Educational implications 6 Alternative thinking of education (6 • State major criticisms of | formal education. hours) 6.1 Criticisms of formal education • Explain the contribution of 6.2 Some thinkers of alternative Paulo Freire, Evan Illich and education and their ideologies Everette Reimer to the development of alternative ✓ Paulo Freire and pedagogy of oppressed thinking in education. ✓ Evan Illich and deschooling • Discuss the meaning society non-formal importance of ✓ Everette Reimer and school is education. dead 6.3 Non-formal education • Identify and discuss various Postmodernism in education (basic understandings) (6 hours) meanings of and approaches to postmodernism. Meanings of postmodernism • Educational implications of Provide educational implications postmodernism of postmodernism.

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Course Title: Contemporary Issues in Education

Course No.: Ed.512 Nature of course: Core, Theory

Level: M.Ed. Semester: First

Total periods:45 Time per period: 1 Hour

1. Course Introduction

This course acquaints the students with contemporary educational issues, both in the global as well as the national contexts. It provides them with learning opportunities for understanding and developing critical thinking of the issues such as education for all to learning for all, decentralization and privatization, globalization, lifelong learning, and multicultural education. This course also aims to aware students and develop their critical understanding of emerging issues of education in Nepal.

2. General Objectives

The general objectives of this course are as follows:

- 1. Critically assess the policy and development of Education for All in Nepal.
- 2. Explain the meaning, dimensions and consequence of globalization and discuss its impact on education.
- 3. Discuss the meaning and importance of lifelong learning.
- 4. Demonstrate critical understanding of decentralization and privatization of education.
- 5. Conceptualize the meaning of social transformation and discuss the role of education in social change and transformation.
- 6. Explore and assess the contemporary issues and challenges of education in the socio-political context of Nepal.

3. Contents in Detail with Specific Objectives

Specific Objectives	Contents

- Demonstrate critical understanding of EFA policy and development in Nepal.
- Explain the changing concepts of education, from the concept of education to the concept of learning.
- Discuss the meaning and importance of Learning for all agenda.

- 1 Education for all to learning for all (7 hours)
 - 1.1EFA and the case of Nepal
 - Access and equity
 - Quality and relevance
 - challenges and obstacles
 - 1.2From education to learning:

 Learning to know, learning to do,
 learning to live together and
 learning to be (Four pillars of
 learning)
 - 1.3Learning for all, next agenda?
- Explain various meanings and dimensions of globalization.
- Explore the possible consequences of globalization
- Discuss the opportunities and challenges brought about by globalization.
- Explain impacts of globalization on education.

- 2 Globalization and its impact on education (8 hours)
 - 2.1 Meanings and dimensions of globalization
 - 2.2Consequences of globalization
 - 2.3Opportunities and challenges of globalization
 - 2.4Impact of globalization on education
- Conceptualize the meaning and importance of lifelong learning.
- Explain the need of learning throughout life in relation to four pillars of learning.
- Define learning society and discuss the possible antecedents and consequences

- 3 Lifelong learning (7 hours)
 - 3.1Education: bridging the old and the new
 - 3.2Learning throughout life and the four pillars of learning
 - 3.3Learning society
 - 3.4Learning to learn: unearthing new pillars of learning

- of learning society.
- Discuss the meaning and importance of Learning to learn approach
- Conceptualize the meaning of decentralization.
- List various types of decentralization and explain each of them.
- Discuss the meaning and consequences of privatization of education.
- Explain the rationales of decentralization and privatization of education.
- Explore the issues and challenges of decentralization of school education in Nepal.
- Discuss the meaning of social change and the role of education in social change and development.
- Elucidate the meaning of equality and equity of education with examples
- Explain the major shift of educational focus in modern times.
- Explore the opportunities and challenges of global opportunities of learning and work.

4 Decentralization and privatization of education (8 hours)

- 4.1 Meaning of decentralization
- 4.2Types of decentralization: deconcentration, delegation and devolution
- 4.3 Privatization of education
- 4.4Rationales of decentralization and privatization of education
- 4.5Issues and challenges of decentralization of school education in Nepal

5 Social transformation and education (7 hours)

- 5.1 Social change and the role of education
- 5.2Equality of educational opportunity and equity
- 5.3 Shifting focus from descriptive (liberal arts) to vocational, technological and work-based learning
- 5.4Global opportunities and the need of English competencies

- Discuss the need of English competencies in the context of globalization.
- Develop critical understanding of educational changes brought about by SSRP
- Discuss the need, opportunities and challenges of ICT education in Nepal.
- Assess the existing challenges of brain drain and brain circulation in Nepal.
- Discuss the educational implications of the existing debate over ethnicity and state restructuring in Nepal.

6 Contemporary educational issues in Nepal (8 hours)

- 6.1 School sector reform
- 6.2ICTs and New literacy
- 6.3Brain drain, brain circulation and education
- 6.4Democracy, ethnicity, state restructuring and education

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Course Title: **Research Methods in Education**Course No.: Ed.521

Semester: Second
Credit Hours: 3

Level: M.Ed. Nature of Course: Theory

1. Course Description and Goals

This course is designed to provide a general introduction to research methodologies used in contemporary educational research with reference to the concepts and understanding of the current knowledge and practices in educational research. We shall consider a range of alternative research methods, including observation, archival research, questionnaire surveys, case studies and experimentation. We will also consider the ethics of educational research, It is hoped that by the end of the course, you will have sufficient competence (a) to design and carry out your own research, (b) to critically assess the research of others, and (c) to be a more competent in research work.

2. General Objectives

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

- 1. Describe the meaning, purpose, scope and types of research in education.
- 2. Explain the characteristics of quantitative, qualitative and mixed research.
- 3. To enable students to understand different types of variables, formulate hypothesis, use appropriate sampling techniques and tools and techniques of educational research.
- 4. Conduct a literature search and develop a research proposal.
- 5. Prepare a research proposal on a selected theme.
- 6. Understand the role and use of statistics in educational research.
- 7. Convey the essential characteristics of a set of data by representing in tabular and graphical forms.
- 8. To develop an understanding about the different types of research methodology and data analyses techniques of educational research.
- 9. Compute relevant measures of central tendency, measures of variation and correlation.

3. Content with specific objectives

Specific Objectives	Content
Unit One	Unit One- Concept of Research (5)

- 1. To define research.
- 2. To explain types of research.
- 3. To illustrate purpose of the research.
- 1.1. Introduction of Research: Meaning and Definition of Research
- 1.2. Types of Research:
 - a) Basic, Applied, Action and Evaluation Research
 - b) Descriptive, Exploratory and Explanatory
 - c) Quantitative and Qualitative
- 1.3. Purpose of Research

2.1. To identify sources of research problem

- 2.2. To describe purpose and sources of literature review
- 2.3. To explain hypothesis formulation Process
- 2.4. To understand basic concept of variables, techniques, sampling and theoretical & conceptual concept

Unit Two: Identification and conceptualization of Research problem (6)

- 2.1. Sources of research problems: Selection of research problem, Statement of problem; Research questions and objective
- 2.2. Review of literature
 - a) Purpose and sources (Primary, secondary & tertiary);
 - b) Literature search: (Manual, using databases & internet).
- 2.3. Hypothesis:
 - a) Introduction, Types and Functions:
 - b) Criteria for a good hypothesis
- 2.4. Sampling.
 - a) Introduction
 - b) Types:
 - I. Probability sampling (Simple Random, Stratified random & Cluster sampling)
 - II. Non probability sampling (Purposive, Quota convenience & Snowball sampling)
- 1. To explain philosophy of research and research paradigm
- 2. To categorize approaches of quantitative research design

Unit Three: Research Designs (6)

- 3.1. Introduction
- 3.2. Philosophy of Research, Research Paradigm

 3. To describe approaches qualitative research design 4. To understand basic concept of mixed research design 	3.3. Types of Research Design a) Quantitative Research Designs: Introduction and approaches: a) Experimental research design b)Co relational research design c) Survey b) Qualitative Research Designs: Introduction & approaches: a) Narrative research, Phenomenological Research c) Grounded theory research d) Ethnographic Research e) Case Study Research c) Mixed Design
4.1 To elucidate data collection and analysis process 4.2 To differentiate primary, 4.3 To distinguish qualitative and quantitative data 4.4 To explain data collection process in qualitative and quantitative design	Unit Four: Data Collection Process (6) 4.1 Introduction 4.2 Types of data a) Primary and Secondary Data b) Qualitative and Quantitative Data 4.3 Data Collection Process: a) Data Collection Process in Quantitative design b) Data Collection Process in Qualitative Design 4.4 Tools and Techniques of Data collection process: a) Construction and validation b) Types: (Observation, Interview Schedule, Tests, Questionnaire, Opinionaire, Attitude scale, FGD and Document analysis) c) Application of internet & E-mail in Data collection Process
5.1 Explain data analysis process 5.2 To Describe data analysis process of quantitative design 5.3 To organize data in SPSS & Excel 5.4 To apply statistics techniques in	Unit Five: Data Analysis Process (12) 5.1 Introduction 5.2 Data Analysis Process 5.2.1 Data Analysis Process in Quantitative design:

research 5.5 To describe data analysis
process of qualitative design
5.6 To apply software in qualitative
data analysis

- a) Processing, Classification and Tabulation & Graphical Presentation of Data
- b) Data Organization in SPSS and Excel (Introduction only)
- c) Discussion and Interpretation of Results;
- d) Application of statistics in Research: (Measurement of Central tendency & Dispersion, Correlation, Derived scores-z & T scores, T test and Chi Square Test)
- 5.2.2 Data Analysis process in Qualitative Design: (Transcribing, Organizing, Coding, Categorization, Developing concept)
- 5.3 Application of software in qualitative data analysis (Introduction only)
- 1. To list components of research proposal
- 2. To select and conceptualize research problem
- 3. To understand literature review process for research problem
- 4. To select research methods for research problem
- 5. To organize reference according to APA.

Unit Six: Research Proposal (5)

- 6.1 Introduction
- 6.2 Components of Research Proposal:
- 6.2.1 Research problem and topic,
- 4.2.2 Unit one: Introduction (Background of the study, Statement of the problem. Rationale of the study, Objective of the study, Research Question, hypothesis formation, Importance of the study, Delimitation of the study, defining terms) 4.2.3 Unit Two: Literature Review Review of related literature- (Thematic, empirical, theoretical and methodological review), Theoretical and conceptual framework 4.2.4 Unit Three: Research Method-Philosophical orientation and research design, Study area, Population of the study, Sampling, Tools of data

	collection, Reliability, Validity and
	Trustworthiness, Data Collection
	Process, Data analysis process,
	4.3.5 References
1. To organize research report	Unit Seven-Report Writing (5)
2. To explain component of	5.1 Organization of the Research
research report	Report
3. Apply APA manual in reports	5.2 Components of research report
4. To clarify plagiarism	a) Preliminaries,
	b) Main body of Report,
	c) Reference & Appendices
	d) Timeframe
	5.3 Writing Style, (APA Manual)
	5.4 Plagiarism

4. Methods and Techniques

Modes of instruction:

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Seminar
- Exercises
- Guided study
- Tutorial
- Independent study
- Project work

Modes of learning:

- Attending lectures,
- Doing assignments,
- Writing papers,
- Independent and private study,
- Reading books, reviewing journals and papers,
- Critiquing,
- Group study
- Peer discussion

5. Evaluation Scheme

- Internal 40%
- External 60%

The internal examination will be conducted as follow:

Internal Evaluation: 40%

SN	Activities	Marks	Remarks
1	Reflection Note	5	For every units
2	Presentation	5	Cover all units & Students
3	Discussion/Project work/Group work	5	Any one activities
4	Term Paper	5	Topic related to syllabus
5	Review Work (Article IInd Semester)	5	Article review
6	Attendance	5	95%:5, 85%:4, 80%:3
7	Mid Term	10	50 marks written/practical

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Course Title: Educational Psychology

Semester: Third

Credit Hour: 3

Level: M.Ed.

Course No. : Ed.531

Full marks: 100

Pass marks: 50

Course nature: Core, Theory

Teaching hours: 45

1. Course Introduction

This course is designed by including the basic aspects of psychology keeping especially the educational process in view. This is a core course for M. Ed. programme and the course enables the students to understand the components of educational psychology. Besides the basic concept of educational psychology, the course introduces students with human development. Individual differences and various learning theories are also introduced in the course. Finally, the course makes students know about the general aspects of learning, complex cognitive processes and the education of the exceptional children.

2. General Objectives

General objectives of this course are as follows:

- To conceptualize the psychology and educational psychology.
- To understand the human growth and development.
- To describe various aspects of childhood, puberty and adolescence.
- To be familiar with the various aspects of individual differences.
- To know nature of learning and explain various learning theories.
- To develop understanding of general aspects of learning.
- To get acquainted with complex cognitive processes.
- To be familiar with types of exceptional children and their education.

3. Content with Specific Objectives

Specific Objectives	Contents
 Explain the meaning, nature and scope of psychology. Discuss the branches of psychology. Be familiar with meaning, nature and scope of 	Unit One: Concept of Psychology (5) 1.1 Meaning, nature and scope of psychology. 1.2 Branches of psychology. 1.3 Meaning, nature and scope of educational psychology.
educational psychology.	

 Describe the methods of educational psychology. 	1.4 Methods of educational psychology.
 Explain the meaning of developmental psychology and change. Highlight the principles of development and their educational implications. Discuss major factors influencing human development. Describe various theories of growth and development. Introduce various aspects of childhood, puberty and adolescence. 	Unit Two: Developmental psychology (8) 2.1 Meaning of developmental psychology and developmental change. 2.2 Principles of development and their educational implications. 2.3 Major factors influencing human development. 2.4 Theories of growth and development (Freud's theory of psycho-sexual development, Erickson's theory of psycho-social development, Kohlberg's theory of moral development, and Piaget's theory of cognitive development). 2.5 Early and late childhood (characteristics, developmental task, physical development, skills, emotions, socialization, play interests, hazards, happiness). 2.6 Puberty (characteristics, criteria, causes, effect, sources of concern, hazards, unhappiness) and adolescence (characteristics, developmental task, physical change, emotions, social change, family relations, hazards, happiness).
 Discuss the meaning and types of individual differences. Explain the determinants and distributions of individual differences. Assess the role of heredity and environment as determinants of individual differences. Discuss school adjustments to individual differences. 	Unit Three: Psychology of Individual Differences (7) 3.1 Meaning and types of individual differences. 3.2 Determinants and distributions of individual differences. 3.3 Role of heredity and environment as determinants of individual differences. 3.4 School adjustments to individual differences. 3.5 Educational implications of individual differences.

- Enumerate the educational implications of the psychology of individual differences.
- Explain meaning and theories of intelligence and measure it.
- 3.6 Intelligence (Meaning, theories and measure in Binet period)

- Define learning and discuss its nature.
- List the types of learning and explain them.
- Elucidate the factors affecting learning.
- Explain the various learning theories with their educational implications.
- Define motivation with its causes and explain various theories of motivation.
- Define memory and describe techniques of improving it.
- Define forgetting and explain its types and theories.
- Explain meaning, types and theories of transfer of learning.
- Enumerate the educational implications of transfer of learning.
- Accept unlearning and relearning as learning.

Unit Four: Nature and Theories of Learning (8)

- 4.1 Meaning and nature of learning.
- 4.2 Types of learning (Gagne's view).
- 4.3 Factors affecting learning.
- 4.4 Theories of learning (Skinner's operant conditioning theory, Hull's systematic behaviour theory, Lewin's field theory, Tolman's sign learning theory, Bandura's social learning theory, and Vygotsky's socio-cultural theory).

Unit Five: General Aspects of Learning (7)

- 5.1 Motivation (meaning, needs, drives, incentives, motives).
- 5.1.1 Theories of motivation (Mc Dougall's theory of instinct, Hull's drive reduction theory, Freud's psycho-analytic theory, Behaviourist's learning theories, Goal-oriented theory of cognitivism, and Maslow's self actualisation theory).
- 5.2 Memory: Remembering and forgetting.
- 5.2.1 Meaning and types of memory
- 5.2.2 Training memory.
- 5.2.3 Meaning and types of forgetting.
- 5.2.4 Theories of forgetting.
- 5.3 Transfer of learning.
- 5.3.1 Meaning and types of transfer of learning.

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	5.3.2 Theories of transfer of learning.
	5.3.3 Educational implications of transfer of learning.
	5.4 Unlearning and relearning.
Be familiar with aspects of	Unit Six: Complex Cognitive Process. (6)
learning and teaching about	6.1 Learning and teaching about concepts.
concepts.Develop skills to teach	6.1.1 Views of concept learning.
concepts through discovery,	6.1.2 Strategies for teaching concepts.
through exposition and in diverse classroom.	6.1.3 Teaching concepts: through discovery, through exposition, in diverse classroom.
• Explain the stages of problem solving.	6.2 Problem solving.
 List the factors that hinder problem solving. Define thinking and reasoning. Explain the theories of thinking. List the types of thinking and explain them. List and explain the types of reasoning. 	6.2.1 Problem solving process (identifying problem, defining goal and representing the problem, exploring possible solution strategies, anticipate outcomes and acting, looking back).
	6.2.2 Factors that hinder problem solving.
	6.3 Thinking and reasoning.
	6.3.1 Meaning and theories of thinking.
	6.3.2 Types of thinking (perceptual, conceptual, reflective, creative, and critical).
	6.3.3 Meaning and types of reasoning.
• Explain the meaning of exceptional children and	Unit Seven: Education of Exceptional children. (4)
 classify them. Discuss the education of gifted, creative, and backward child. Describe the meaning, causes, education, and treatment of juvenile 	7.1 Meaning and types of exceptional children.
	7.2 Education of gifted, creative and backward child.
	7.3 Juvenile delinquency (meaning, causes, education, and treatment).
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