General Science 1000: **Topics in Science**

Course Outline, Fall-Winter 2008/9

Contact Information

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Course time: M,W 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (fall semester), AT-1007

NOTE: each module's instructor will set his/her own office hours and is solely responsible for the material in, and the grade assigned to, that module.

Overview

The course is designed to introduce P/J and J/I teaching candidates (with no advanced science experience) to central science topics featured in the primary school curriculum. The course is divided into six modules of four weeks each. Thus, you will receive instruction on the five strands of science in the Grades 1-8 Ontario Curriculum, plus an introductory module on general scientific definitions and the nature of science and technology. *This course does NOT cover methods of instruction*, it is designed to give the teacher the knowledge necessary to understand the material in the science curriculum.

Topics (not necessarily in order of appearance)

Weeks 1-4	Nature of Scientific Equiry	Craig MacKinnon (CB-4038, 343-8327)
Weeks 5-8	Life Systems	Jessica Sheldon (CB-3009, 343-8735)
Weeks 9-12	Matter and Materials	Jarrett Sylvestre (CB-2049A, 343-8540)
	Energy and Control	TBA
	Earth and Space Systems	Mark Smyk (MNR, 475-1101)
	Structures and Mechanisms	TBA

Prerequisite: NONE (however, this course cannot be counted for credit if the student has any other science credit except MATH 0140)

Course Text NONE

Marking Scheme Each module is worth 1/6 of the final mark. Each module's instructor will supply an evaluation scheme for his/her particular module.