Humanities 101 @ The Learning Centre
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What I Didn’t Learn at School: Education and Society

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Course Description:
This course will encourage students to think about the nature and purpose of schooling. What and who is school for? Who benefits from education? What is the history of education in Canada? What are the politics of education in Canadian society?

Course Objectives:
• to think critically about education and society
• to encourage students to think about their roles as learners
• to involve students in collaborative activities with instructors and colleagues

Course Format & Student Participation:
• Students can expect class discussion, small group work, and one-on-one assistance when necessary.
• Students will be required to do a substantial amount of reading, so it’s necessary to be comfortable with reading, to do class preparation and assignments, and to participate regularly and actively in all aspects of the course.
• The course will also include a field trip and some work in other community settings.

Materials:
Hum101 students will receive all the materials that they will need to take this course, including: pens, paper, folder, readings. You are welcome to keep your folder at The Learning Centre.

Schedule:
Week 1 October 7 Introduction
Week 2 October 14 Issues of learner recruitment
Week 3 October 21 Recruiting – In the community
Week 4 October 28 Our educational stories
Week 5 November 4 History of Education in Canada and Aboriginal education I
Week 6 November 18 Aboriginal education 2
Week 7 November 25 How education and society work together
Week 8 December 3 Field trip alternative education sites
Week 9 December 9 Tying it all together and graduation