

Foundations of Education

Module One

Definitions

- ⦿ Philosophy – *philo sophia* or love of wisdom
- ⦿ Sociology – scientific study of human social behaviour
- ⦿ Psychology – scientific study of human and animal mental functions and behaviours.

Philosophy

- ▶ Philosophy is the study of general and fundamental problems.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophy

- ▶ Philosophy differs from other ways of addressing fundamental questions (such as **mysticism**, **myth**, or the **arts**) by its critical, generally systematic approach and its reliance on

Philosophy

- ◉ *Philosophy of education is the philosophical study of the purpose, process, nature and ideals of education.*
- ◉ What constitutes upbringing?
- ◉ What is education?
- ◉ What is the relationship between educational theory and practice?

Philosophical spheres

- ▶ Traditional fields: Ontology, ethics, epistemology
- ▶ Approaches: speculative, prescriptive, analytical
- ▶ Philosophy of Education is an *applied field* .

Sociology

- ▶ Sociology looks at human groups, how they work and the influence they have on members.
- ▶ Sociology of Education – the control and management of knowledge(Ioan Davies); classroom interaction
- ▶ Methods: observation, survey, sampling

Psychology of Education

- ▶ Several branches – clinical, social psychology, health, sport, etc.
- ▶ How students learn in educational settings.

Psychology of Education

Concerns:

- ▶ Intelligence
- ▶ Memory
- ▶ Cognitive development
- ▶ Student motivation
- ▶ Conditions for learning