



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Content Studies for the Middle Years

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
PRI	1491	35407	2, 2004	ONC	1.00	TWMBA

Academic group:	FOEDU
Academic org:	FOE002
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	070103

STAFFING

Examiner: Jerry Maroulis

Moderator: Mark Dawson

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEEC or BEEH or BPMU or BPMH

RATIONALE

This course is designed to provide students in the Bachelor of Education (Primary & Middle Schooling) with the basic middle years of schooling (Years 4-9) content competencies. This will allow students to appreciate the diverse nature of content in the middle school years. Students also need to develop content knowledge across the key learning areas and build upon their existing knowledge and express themselves adequately in the middle schooling context that will help students to develop confidence and reduce anxiety across the key learning areas in the middle years of schooling (Years 4-9).

SYNOPSIS

There are four parts of the course. Part A is undertaken by all students and consists of an introduction to nature and significance of the role of content studies in the middle years of schooling. Parts B, C & D, students must select the first named module listed (see below) unless they have a Year 12 competency (or equivalent). Otherwise they will take the alternative module. The modules are: Part B:- Science OR Expressive Arts; Part C:- Mathematics OR Information Technology; Part D:- SOSE or Health. Students must complete and show competencies in all of Parts B, C & D.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate thorough content knowledge in a range of content areas relevant to the Middle Years of Schooling
2. demonstrate understanding of important content principles relevant to teaching in the Middle Years of Schooling
3. demonstrate competencies thorough content knowledge in a range of content areas relevant to the Middle Years of Schooling

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Part A: Introduction to content studies for the Middle Years of Schooling	10.00
2.	Part B: Science OR Expressive Arts Content for the Middle Years	30.00
3.	Part C: Mathematics OR Information Technology Content for the Middle Years	30.00
4.	Part D: SOSE OR Health Content for the Middle Years	30.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

The course examiner will provide students with a list of resources and references.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessment	19.00
Directed Study	39.00
Private Study	107.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
CMA B	50.00	34.00	20 Aug 2004 (see note 1)
CMA C	50.00	33.00	17 Sep 2004
CMA D	50.00	33.00	29 Oct 2004

NOTES:

1. All assessment undertaken in this course will involve computer-mediated assessment that is undertaken in the final week of each of the modules linked to Parts B, C & D.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 10% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will apply for each working day late.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for each item.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks obtained for each of the assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the examiner.
- 2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of request being made by the examiner. The student must retain this copy until the grade for this course has been finalised.
- 3 In accordance with the University's assignment extension policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 5 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 6 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.
- 7 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next working day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner's convenience.
- 8 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study.
- 9 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete - Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 10 When there is more than one marker for a single item of assessment, the distributed patterns and means for the different markers will be compared and marks adjusted if necessary.
- 11 Marking criteria are provided in course material as mark sheets/guides or as part of assignment specifications.
- 12 Each assessment item must be submitted and passed.
- 13 Summative assessment items will receive a numerical score. Any ungraded assessment requirement will receive a Pass, Fail or Incomplete.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students will require access to e-mail and Internet access to USQConnect for this course.
 - 2 Students are to use a recognised referencing system as specified by the examiner.
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