



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

The current and official versions of the course specifications are available on the web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/coursespecification/current>.  
Please consult the web for updates that may occur during the year.

### Description: Identity and Culture in Education

| Subject | Cat-nbr | Class | Term    | Mode | Units | Campus    |
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| PRI     | 1142    | 74701 | 1, 2008 | ONC  | 1.00  | Toowoomba |

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| <b>Academic group:</b>            | FOEDU                      |
| <b>Academic org:</b>              | FOE002                     |
| <b>Student contribution band:</b> | National Priority Teaching |
| <b>ASCED code:</b>                | 070303                     |

### STAFFING

Examiner: Andrew Hickey  
Moderator: Jon Austin

### OTHER REQUISITES

State law in Queensland (Australia) requires that all adults working/undertaking professional experience/researching with children under the age of 18, in the state of Queensland are required to possess a current suitability card (Blue Card). (See "Other Requirements" for further information.)  
Also see: <http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/employment/bluecard/informationSheets.html>

### RATIONALE

In contemporary Australia, educators need to have a strong understanding of notions of belonging, individual and national identities, and the significance of difference and diversity as features of social and classroom life. This requires, in the first place, an understanding of ways in which identities are assumed, ascribed and modified in a personal or individual sense. Additionally, the impact of tendencies of globalisation must be understood in order to prepare students for participation in national and international communities. This requires an understanding of 'Australianness' and of the dominant images of nationhood as well as the pedagogical implications of these.

### SYNOPSIS

This course will provide students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of themselves, in the context of contemporary Australia. Students will be introduced to the influences around which identities are moulded, how these change and how they manifest in the Australian context. They will arrive at an understanding of the dimensions of cultures in Australian society, which are reflected in educational settings they will enter in their career. Globalisation and its impact on Australian society and culture will be explored. Students will be required to engage in autoethnographic research work as a major learning experience in this course. This course includes five (5) days of non-supervised professional experience.

## OBJECTIVES

The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. The assessment item(s) that may be used to assess student achievement of an objective are shown in parenthesis. On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. discuss various dimensions and axes of identity (Autoethnography and Report)
2. engage in informed discussion of globalisation and its impact on Australian society and culture (Autoethnography)
3. articulate what it means to be a member of the Australian and global communities (Autoethnography)
4. identify and discuss pedagogical implications of matters of identity, diversity and difference (Report)
5. demonstrate an understanding of basic life history research approaches and techniques (Autoethnography)
6. demonstrate an understanding of the key concepts of identity, culture, globalisation and pedagogy (Autoethnography and Report).

## TOPICS

|    | Description   | Weighting (%) |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Axes of identity  | 45.00         |
| 2. | Diversity and difference                                    | 5.00          |
| 3. | Culture   | 10.00         |
| 4. | Belonging   | 10.00         |
| 5. | Globalisation   | 5.00          |
| 6. | Pedagogical implications of matters of identity and culture | 10.00         |
| 7. | Australianness  | 10.00         |
| 8. | Life history, autoethnography and researching the self      | 5.00          |

## 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).

Austin, J (ed) 2005, *Culture and identity*, 2nd edn, Pearson, Sydney.

## 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.

Whether you are on, or off campus, the USQ Library is an excellent source of information <http://www.usq.edu.au/library/>. The gateway to education resources is here... <http://www.usq.edu.au/library/faculties/education/default.htm>

- Ang, I 1998, On not speaking Chinese - post-modern ethnicity and the politics of Diaspora, *Feminism and cultural studies*, Morag Shiach, Vol 24, pp1-18.
- Giroux, HA 1994, Doing cultural studies: youth and the challenge of pedagogy, *Harvard Educational Review*, Vol 64, no.3, pp278-398.
- Giroux, HA 1997, Rewriting the discourse of racial identity: towards a pedagogy and politics of whiteness, *Harvard Educational Review*, Vol 67, no.2, pp285-320.
- Hage, G 1994, Locating multiculturalism's other: a critique of practical tolerance, *New Formations*, Vol 24, no. , pp19-34.
- Herr, K & Anderson, G 1997, The cultural politics of identity: student narratives from two Mexican secondary schools, *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, Vol 10, no. , pp45-61.
- Jeater, D 1992, Roast beef and Reggae music: the passing of whiteness, *New Formations*, Vol 18, no. , pp107-121.
- Ladson-Billings, G 1996, Your blues ain't like mine: keeping issues of race and racism on the multicultural agenda, *Theory into Practice*, Vol 35, no.4, pp248-55.
- Ladson-Billings, G 1995, Toward a theory of culturally relevant pedagogy, *American Educational Research Journal*, Vol 32, no.3, pp465-91.
- Maddox, R 1994, Culture, schooling, and the politics of class identity in an Andalusian town, *Comparative Education Review*, Vol 38, no.1, pp88-114.
- Pena, RA 1997, Cultural differences and the construction of meaning: implications for the leadership and organisational context of schools, *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, Vol 5, no.10.
- Smolicz, JJ 1996, Education and cultural deomocracy: the search for a multicultural nation, *Challenges to European education: cultural values, national identities and global responsibilities*, T Winther-Jensen, Lang, New York, pp499-526.

## STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

| ACTIVITY      | HOURS |
|---------------|-------|
| Assessments   | 39.00 |
| Lectures      | 13.00 |
| Private Study | 87.00 |
| Tutorials     | 26.00 |

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

| Description     | Marks out of | Wtg (%) | Due date                    |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| AUTOETHNOGRAPHY | 60.00        | 60.00   | 03 Mar 2008<br>(see note 1) |
| REPORT          | 40.00        | 40.00   | 03 Mar 2008                 |

### NOTES

1. The examiner will advise the due dates for all assessment items.

## 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 satisfactorily complete an individual assessment item a student must achieve 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 of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late up to ten working days at which time a mark of zero may be recorded. No assignments will be accepted after model answers have been posted.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:  
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 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 summative 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 in 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. The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile. 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.

- 5 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.
- 6 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).
- 7 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.
- 8 Marking criteria are provided in course material as mark sheets/guides or as part of assignment specifications.
- 9 Summative assessment items will receive a numerical score. Any ungraded assessment requirement will receive a Pass, Fail or Incomplete.
- 10 Students must successfully complete the non-supervised professional experience component and the academic component to pass this course.

## **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 course examiner.
  - 3 **IMPORTANT NOTE: Working with Children: State law in Queensland requires that all adults (including university students, pre-service educators, trainers, vocational teachers, industry educators) working with children under the age of 18, in the State of Queensland\*, obtain approval before commencing such work. Many education courses include a practical component (professional experience, project work, research, assessment etc.) that may require engagement with children under the age of 18. It is your responsibility to ensure that you possess a current suitability card (Blue Card) before commencing any practical components of this course. DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 UNLESS YOU POSSESS A CURRENT 'BLUE CARD'. For further information:**  
<http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/employment/bluecard/informationSheets.html> \*If you are undertaking practical experience outside the State of Queensland, Australia you should check local requirements.
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