



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Advanced Studies in Specialisation

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
EDU	8602	90640	2, 2009	WEB	2.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOEDU
Academic org:	FOE002
Student contribution band:	National Priority Teaching
ASCED code:	070303

STAFFING

Examiner: Lindsay Parry
Moderator: Shirley O'Neill

RATIONALE

This course will provide an opportunity for doctoral candidates to pursue their research interests in the area that will form the foundation of their EdD proposal and Dissertation/Folio. The specialisation chosen by students will enable them to investigate an area of study that will provide an opportunity to establish a comprehensive literature database related to their professional interests and needs.

SYNOPSIS

Students will pursue an in depth study within their specialisation area. It will involve an extensive investigation of the literature relevant to the particular focus of the individual's major study area. This will lead to the submission of a critical literature review paper. Students will work in small cohort groups (3-4) which are focused upon a common area of interest and all students will be advised by a member of staff within the specialisation. NOTES: 1. This course (EDU8602) is available through INTERNET DELIVERY ONLY. There are NO print materials for this course. 2. For details of the technical requirements and accessing Internet study materials, please consult the following URL: <http://usqconnect.usq.edu.au>.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. locate and identify published research-based material relevant to the area of specialisation (Annotated Bibliography)
2. articulate a research problem appropriate for investigation through a review of research-based published material in their area of specialisation (Annotated Bibliography)
3. record and present bibliographic details and summaries of research-based published material in the area of specialisation as an annotated bibliography (Annotated Bibliography)
4. prepare a paper, reviewing published material, which addresses the research problem (Paper)

5. present and moderate discussion of their paper in an online conference (Online Presentation and Discussion)
6. contribute appropriately to academic discussion in the context of an online conference (Online Presentation and Discussion)
7. refine the paper on the basis of online discussion (Paper)
8. demonstrate competence in and appropriate use of language and literacy, including spelling, grammar, punctuation and bibliographic referencing (Annotated Bibliography/ Paper)

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Annotated Bibliography	30.00
2.	Online Presentation and Discussion	20.00
3.	Paper	50.00

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.

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>

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Directed Study	130.00
Independent Study	200.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
PROPOSAL & LITERATURE REVIEW	40.00	40.00	11 Sep 2009 (see note 1)
CONFERENCE PAPER	60.00	60.00	30 Oct 2009

NOTES

1. The Course Examiner to advise the due dates for all assessment items.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility 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 an individual assessment item satisfactorily, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit required assignments late without the approval of the Examiner, they may receive a Fail grade for the course.
- 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:
As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a passing grade as in Important Assessment Information Note 4 (above) will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
As there are no examinations in this course, there will be no deferred or supplementary examinations.
- 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>

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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