



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

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### Description: Learning Design for Flexible Contexts

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
FET	5601	87018	1, 2009	WEB	1.00	Toowoomba

<b>Academic group:</b>	FOEDU
<b>Academic org:</b>	FOE003
<b>Student contribution band:</b>	National Priority Teaching
<b>ASCED code:</b>	070303

## STAFFING

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## RATIONALE

At the heart of good educational practice lies effective learning design. This includes making informed decisions about what comprises the content and how it is to be sequenced and synthesised, taught and learned to address specific learning outcomes. The selection, sequencing, and synthesis of content must take into account the nature of the desired learning outcomes. This process is based on an understanding of the processes of learning, learner characteristics and needs, and the context in which the teaching-learning will occur. Learning design also includes making decisions about the match of content with learning and instructional strategies, and the delivery system.

## SYNOPSIS

This course aims to provide learners with knowledge of the principal and commonly adopted theories and processes of designing for flexible contexts, ranging from the more traditional learning environments to those using, for example, social networks and mobile technologies. In order to do this, it will explore issues relating to theories and perspectives on learning, learners and their learning contexts; the selection, sequencing and synthesising of content; and the match of learning outcomes with instructional strategies, content, delivery media and assessment procedures. In addition, some detail of plans for evaluating programs is addressed. NOTES: 1. This course (FET5601) 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> . 3. Students enrolling in this course are required to have first-hand knowledge of and access to an actual instructional situation.

## 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 successful completion of this course learners will be able to:

1. demonstrate understanding of the theories and perspectives on learning, principles and procedures of learner needs assessment, and learning context analysis (Assignment 1; Project Outline; ID Project)
2. demonstrate understanding of the procedures of content/task and skill analysis (Assignment 2; ID Project)
3. develop learning design reflecting the sequence in the selected content; demonstrating a match of content, learning strategies, delivery media and assessment in the learning design (Assignment 2; ID Project; Reflective Journal)
4. demonstrate an ability to select appropriate measures for assessing learning outcomes (Assignment 2; ID Project)
5. demonstrate competence in the selection of appropriate media (Assignment 2; ID Project)
6. demonstrate competence in the development and evaluation of materials. (Assignment 2; ID Project)
7. demonstrate competence in written language and scholarly writing including correct spelling, grammar and bibliographic referencing. (all assessment items)

## TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Learning needs assessment, learner/learning context analysis	20.00
2.	Procedures for content, task and skill analysis	20.00
3.	Procedures and perspectives on sequencing and synthesising content	25.00
4.	Matching content, strategies, and media	20.00
5.	Assessing learning outcomes and evaluating the learning material	15.00

## 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).

There are no prescribed texts in this course.

## 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.

Recommended reference materials are referred to in the Online materials.

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
Assessments	45.00
Directed Study	120.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
PROJECT OUTLINE	1.00	1.00	27 Mar 2009 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 1	15.00	15.00	03 Apr 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2	15.00	15.00	08 May 2009
LD PROJECT	60.00	60.00	29 May 2009
REFLECTIVE JOURNAL	10.00	10.00	05 Jun 2009

### NOTES

1. APA style is the referencing system required in this course. Students should use APA style in their assignments to format details of the information sources they have cited in their work. The USQ library provides advice on how to format information sources using this system. [http://www.usq.edu.au/library/help/ehelp/ref\\_guides/apastyle/default.htm](http://www.usq.edu.au/library/help/ehelp/ref_guides/apastyle/default.htm) A mark of one (1) indicates you have passed the Project Proposal component. A mark of zero (0) indicates you have not passed the Project Proposal component. The weighting of 1% is used for administrative purposes only and is NOT included in the overall weighting for this course.

## 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 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 or grades 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.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Students enrolling in WEB courses MUST have ongoing convenient and reliable access to the Internet in order to access course materials and participate in activities that will affect assessment. The levels of equipment required may change from time to time, with the most recent specification listed at <http://www.usq.edu.au/currentstudents/computingstandards/default.htm>. You can check whether your computer system meets these requirements from USQAssist (<http://usqassist.usq.edu.au/>).
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