The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

**Description: Supervised Project**

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Academic Group: FOEDU
Academic Org: FOE002
HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 070303

**STAFFING**

Examiner: Dorothy Andrews
Moderator: Marian Lewis

**RATIONALE**

It is recognized that many postgraduate students need the opportunity to explore or investigate a topic of their own choosing in order to link more closely their professional interests or needs to their course of studies. Project units are designed to provide such an opportunity.

**SYNOPSIS**

Students will, under the guidance of a member of staff, pursue an in-depth study of a topic relevant to the field of education, and in particular to the focus of the student's major study area. The type of study does not necessarily involve research, but should include a substantial investigatory component leading to the submission of a written research report, material production or essay demonstrating comprehensive and detailed coverage of major concepts, issues, and research/professional literature. All student project proposals will be the subject of a critical review and final topics may be the result of extensive lecturer-student negotiation.

**OBJECTIVES**

On successful completion of the project the students will have:

- demonstrated the ability to plan, conduct and report on an investigation or other such scholarly activity focused on an issue or topic of significance in the field of education.
TOPICS

Description Weighting (%)

1. The topic of the project will be developed in collaboration with an academic supervisor approved and appointed by the course examiner. 100.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.

Depending on the nature of the study to be completed students may be required to purchase reference material.

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.

Supervisors assist students in developing a reference list.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:

. Examiner to advise on due date.
. A value of 1 indicates you have passed the Project Proposal component. Zero indicates you have not passed the Project Proposal component. Examiner to advise on due date.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Student workload requirements are as required for the completion of the study and as negotiated between student and supervisor.
Marking criteria will depend upon the nature of individual projects and items may be given either numerical scores or letter grades.

The Course Examiner is responsible for awarding grades. Projects developed for EDU5351 will be examined initially by the student's supervisor. The supervisor will make a recommendation of a grade to the Course Examiner who will normally accept the recommended grade once all the requirements for the course are completed. Where the Course Examiner has any doubts about the appropriateness of the grade recommended by the supervisor the project is assessed by a second assessor nominated by the Course Examiner. The Course Examiner will then decide the grade taking into account both assessments.