Description: Introduction to Studying in Australia

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STAFFING
Examiner: Gay Galligan
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RATIONALE
Students moving to a higher level of study in a different culture need a time of induction when they can be provided with information and advice as they gain a better understanding of the Australian learning style. This support, together with an introduction to academic communication in English, enables students to make successful progress and adjust more quickly to their studies.

SYNOPSIS
This course helps students understand the Australian culture and lifestyle. They are supported as they learn to communicate in social situations. Some frequently used types of academic text and assessment are introduced, as well as personal development and study skills relevant to students’ current and further studies.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students should be able to perform the following tasks in English:

- demonstrate growing cultural awareness, confidence and competence in social interaction and instructional communication in the classroom;
- apply basic knowledge of the purpose, structure and language features of selected text-types to support comprehension and presentation of ideas in oral and written forms;
- evaluate and apply strategies to develop accuracy and variety in English expression;
- demonstrate conceptual development within the course theme context;
- describe and apply appropriate study skills;
• co-operate in evaluating own achievement, developing appropriate action plans, and independently completing them.

TOPOICS

Description Weighting (%)  
1. Cultural contexts Society Education 20.00  
2. Text types, oral & written: Recount Description 55.00  
3. Study skills: Self assessment/motivation time management Understanding 25.00  
Using resources

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.

Course Study Book

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY HOURS  
Assessment 30  
Directed Study 73  
Private Study 45  
Test 2

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of module activities, reviews, and Study Logs are assessed for the course participation rating.
2. All assessment items must be completed to pass standard for a pass grade to be awarded for the course.
3. All assignments must be submitted for students to be eligible for the final test.
4. The final test is held within directed study time.