Description: Supervised Project

Subject  Cat-nbr  Class  Term  Mode  Units  Campus
EDU     5351    48128  3, 2005  EXT  2.00  Toowoomba

Academic group: FOEDU
Academic org: FOE003
Student contribution band: National Priority Teaching
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.

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OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of the project the students will have:
1. 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**

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<td>1. The topic of the project will be developed in collaboration with an academic supervisor approved and appointed by the course examiner.</td>
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**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).

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**

1. Letter grades will be used in this course and displayed in the notes section. A value of one (1) indicates you have passed the project proposal component. A value of zero (0) indicates you have not passed the project proposal component.

**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1. Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   Not applicable.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each week late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   Not applicable.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   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 grades.

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 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.

2 Student workload requirements are as required for the completion of the study as negotiated between student and supervisor.

3 Marking criteria will depend upon the nature of individual projects.

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 examiner.

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