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IMPORTANT:

For student policies and procedures relating to assessment, attendance and student support, please see website, <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>

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1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
School of Education
EDST 5888 Project (6 units of credit)
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2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

Course Coordinator: Paul Evans
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Availability:

Course resources are available on Moodle. Please post questions about the course in the online course help forum, where the course coordinator (and your peers) will promptly respond.

3. COURSE DETAILS

Course Name	Project
Credit Points	6 units of credit (uoc)
Workload	Includes 150 hours including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities, etc.
Schedule	http://classutil.unsw.edu.au/EDST_T3.html

SUMMARY OF THE COURSE

In this course, you will have an opportunity to build on or extend interests developed in your specialist area of education by undertaking a self-directed small-scale individual capstone project, supported by a supervising academic, in small groups with other students from the same specialisation. The project must demonstrate synthesis and application of knowledge and skills developed in coursework components of your specialisation to address a particular problem or issue in a previous or current work context.

THE MAIN WAYS IN WHICH THE COURSE HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST TIME AS A RESULT OF STUDENT FEEDBACK:

- As this is an independent project with limited supervision, some students said they found it difficult to navigate the requirements and structure of the course, and to understand how to work with their advisors. We have developed a framework of online support resources and a course help forum to address this.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Outcome	Assessment/s	
1	Demonstrate advanced understanding of a topic of interest in education	1
2	Locate and critically evaluate the full range of references relevant to a topic of interest in education.	1
3	Use appropriate research methodology to obtain and analyse data in an investigation of a topic of interest in education, and report and interpret the significance of the findings in relation to underlying theory and practice	1

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Capability	Assessment/s	
1	<p>Advanced disciplinary knowledge and practices Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the field of education as it relates to their specialist area of study, and the ability to synthesize and apply disciplinary principles and practices to new or complex environments.</p>	1
2	<p>Research-based learning Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of research-based learning and the ability to plan, analyse, present implement and evaluate complex activities that contribute to advanced professional practice and/or intellectual scholarship in education.</p>	1
3	<p>Cognitive skills and critical thinking Demonstrate advanced critical thinking and problem solving skills</p>	1
4	<p>Communication, adaptive and interactional skills Communicate effectively to a range of audiences, and be capable of independent and collaborative enquiry and team-based leadership</p>	1
5	<p>International outlook Demonstrate an understanding of international perspectives relevant to the educational field</p>	1
6	<p>Ethical and responsible professional practice Demonstrate an advanced capacity to recognise and negotiate the complex and often contested values and ethical practices that underlie education</p>	1

4. RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH

This course is being offered to provide students with an opportunity to undertake a small-scale capstone project in a specific area of their specialisation in education. The course will also enable students to develop a deeper reflective approach to education and demonstrate the ability to analyse, evaluate, synthesise and apply knowledge and skills from earlier stages of their program.

5. TEACHING STRATEGIES AND RATIONALE

EDST5888 is a self-directed course. You will work independently and have the opportunity for limited input from a project advisor throughout the term. Optional group meetings at the beginning (Week 1) and towards the end (Week 10) of the semester may be organised by some project advisors. These meetings will cover general issues in conducting small-scale projects in your area of specialisation, as well as the preparation required (e.g. developing a project proposal and a clear feasible plan for implementation). The initial session is designed to stimulate student thinking because there are a number of issues that students will need to address so that a feasible project can be developed. In the follow up meeting individual/group discussions and peer mentorship/support will be utilised to increase the capacity and capability of students for conducting small-scale projects. These activities will occur in a climate that is supportive and inclusive of all learners

6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This course is an independent project. You will be allocated an advisor who will work with you in a limited way (approximately 3 hours in total over the entire term) to advise you on your project proposal and final report.

Module	Activity
1	During O-week, complete the orientation activities on Moodle to become familiar with the structure of the course, the nature of the project, and how to work with your advisor. During this process, you will be allocated an advisor with broad expertise in your area of interest.
2	Prepare your project proposal (1,000 words). The proposal demonstrates the feasibility of your project in scholarly terms (e.g., conceptual approach, methods, research question) and practical terms (e.g., ability to complete the project within the time frame). Your advisor must approve the project proposal before proceeding. This is due within the first few weeks of term.
3	Complete the proposed project
4	Submit the final project report

7. RESOURCES

Suggested resources

Basit, T.N. (2010). *Conducting research in educational contexts*. New York: Continuum International Publishing Group.

Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2011). *Research methods in education*. London and New York: RoutledgeFalmer.

Denscombe, M. (2002). *Ground rules for good research: a 10-point guide for social researchers*. Buckingham: Open University.

MacLure, M. (2003). *Discourse in social and educational research*. Buckingham: Open University

Yin, R.K. (2012) *Case study research: design and methods*. London: Sage Publications.

8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Graduate Attributes Assessed	Due Date
Project proposal and report	A: Proposal (1,000 words) B: Report (8-10,000 words)	100%	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Proposal: Tuesday 1 October 5pm Report: Monday 2 December 5pm

Submission of assessments

Students are required to follow their lecturer's instructions when submitting their work for assessment. All assessment will be submitted online via Moodle by 5pm. Students are also required to keep all drafts, original data and other evidence of the authenticity of the work for at least one year after examination. If an assessment is mislaid the student is responsible for providing a further copy. Please see the Student Policies and Procedures for information regarding submission, extensions, special consideration, late penalties and hurdle requirements etc. <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>

Assessment Details

1. Project proposal and report

A. Proposal

Length: 1000 words

Formative feedback provided online through course website within 10 days of submission.

This is a hurdle requirement. Your project proposal must receive approval by your advisor before you can continue to undertake the project.

B. Report

Length: 8-10,000 words

Qualitative and quantitative feedback provided online through course website within 10 days of submission.

A report of the project in a form appropriate to the nature of the study. The report should be double-spaced and written in APA style. Please note the criteria for the assessment task. Sample reports from a range of specialisms will be provided online on the course's website. The report of the project will normally be assessed by another specialist in the area, not the supervising lecturer.

