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**EDST1104**  
**Social Perspectives in Education**

**Term 1, 2020**

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## 1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
School of Education  
EDST 1104 Social Perspectives in Education (6 units of credit)  
Term 1, 2020

## 2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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## 3. COURSE DETAILS

<b>Course Name</b>	Social Perspectives in Education
<b>Credit Points</b>	6 units of credit (uoc)
<b>Workload</b>	Includes 150 hours including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities, etc.
<b>Schedule</b>	<a href="http://classutil.unsw.edu.au/EDST_T1.html">http://classutil.unsw.edu.au/EDST_T1.html</a>

## SUMMARY OF COURSE

Do schools reduce or reinforce inequalities based on social, cultural, economic, and gender differences? What makes schools effective? Is education a public good or a private commodity? And what is the role of teachers, given that most research shows that schools only play a small role in explaining differences in how children do in school? By the end of this course, students should be able to discuss these four key questions. To do so, the course uses equity and social justice as key themes, and current research in educational sociology as evidence. Students should complete the course with a critical understanding of how education, teachers and teaching interact with society.

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

- Closer links to course content in the online component via use of module readings
- Greater clarity in written explanation of assessment tasks
- Enhanced support for student discussion in lectures, tutorials and online

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Outcome	
1	Identify and explain the relationships between family background factors such as SES, race and gender and the educational outcomes of school students.
2	Describe, discuss and analyse the relationships between educational outcomes of school students and the differences between schools and within schools.
3	Examine, discuss and evaluate education policies such as those relating to low-SES, race, and multiculturalism.

## AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

Standard	
1.1.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students and how these may affect learning.
1.3.1	Demonstrate knowledge of teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds.
1.4.1	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of the impact of culture, cultural identity and linguistic background on the education of students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.
1.5.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of strategies for differentiating teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.
4.1.1	Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities
7.2.1	Understand the relevant legislative, administrative and organisational policies and processes required for teachers according to school stage.

## NATIONAL PRIORITY AREA ELABORATIONS

Priority area	
A: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education	1-13 (all inclusive)
C: Information and Communication Technologies	4, 6, 12 & 14
D: Literacy and Numeracy	1, 2, 3 & 4
E: Students with Special Educational Needs	1 & 8
F: Teaching Students from Non-English-Speaking Backgrounds	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

## 4. RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH

This course aims to equip students to think 'sociologically' about education by providing integrated sets of knowledge and skills for students to engage with contemporary issues and concerns that are historically and politically grounded. The field of the sociology of education involves both sociological data to describe what has been or is occurring in education, and sociological critique to discuss what might or ought to be the case in education. The content of this course will involve students engaging with both sociological data and critique to explore why this focus is important.

The approach to teaching and learning is informed by research. This research has demonstrated the importance of intellectual quality, a quality learning environment and significance for student learning (Gore & Bowe, 2015). The unit also emphasises the interpretive, pedagogical, discursive, relational and institutional work of teaching (Comber, 2005), drawing attention these domains both explicitly through its content, and implicitly through its design and delivery.

## 5. TEACHING STRATEGIES

Teaching strategies used during the course will include:

- small group cooperative learning to understand the importance of teamwork in an educational context and to demonstrate the use of group structures as appropriate to address teaching and learning goals;
- explicit teaching including lectures and a range of strategies to foster interest and support learning;
- structured occasions for reflection on learning to allow students to reflect critically on issues discussed;
- opportunities for whole group and small group dialogue and discussion, allowing students the opportunity to demonstrate their capacity to communicate; and
- online learning from readings and peer interaction on the EDST1104 Moodle website.

These activities will occur in a classroom climate that is supportive and inclusive of all learners.

### Classes

You are expected to attend the 2-hour lecture and one 1-hour tutorial each week, and to complete the 6-hour online component as outlined below. The lectures, tutorials and online component provide conceptual and theoretical frameworks from which particular topical issues can be understood. The tutorials are designed to supplement independent study.

You should come to each lecture having:

- read the designated reading;
- made notes on the reading and on any pertinent and/or unclear areas of your understanding of the reading;
- read as much additional material as is reasonably possible; and
- prepared carefully to engage in debate and other learning activities as relevant.

After each tutorial you should:

- consolidate and review your notes and additional materials;
- research and read around specific issues and areas of interest;
- consider points raised in discussion and/or feedback you've been given; and
- prepare, plan, research and draft assignments.

### Moodle Site

The course will use Moodle to support the learning and teaching activities of this course. It will be used for communication and discussion, as well as the submission of assignments. You can access Moodle via the TELT Gateway or from your myUNSW account.

### Online Resources

The UNSW Library runs the ELISE tutorial online, which familiarises students with academic writing, research and using information responsibly. Information on ELISE can be located at:

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise> and an information video can be located at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNpsdNMZwFk&feature=youtu.be&list=PLvW1evjftvmc4MO7hQ4MswzueK5Bc\\_3q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNpsdNMZwFk&feature=youtu.be&list=PLvW1evjftvmc4MO7hQ4MswzueK5Bc_3q)

## 6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This unit of study involves a 10-week program of 2-hour lectures and 1-hour face-to-face tutorials. Please note that as lectures take place on Fridays, module topics and reading material will be engaged with in each lecture and **subsequent** tutorial. In addition, learning is supported through a 6-hour online component.

### Online Component (6 hours, 600 words)

In the first tutorial, students will be assigned a module topic. By 5pm on the day of the lecture for each topic, assigned students must make a 200 word post in their tutorial groups on Moodle that selects an interesting quote from each reading for the topic, briefly connects these to each other and to the lecture presented, and poses a related discussion question for their fellow students. Discussion questions should be aimed at developing deeper, reflexive understandings of the material for the topic and should always be constructed with consideration of the principles outlined by DiAngelo & Sensoy (2014), set for reading under Topic 1. In addition, all students must post at least one response, of at least 50 words, to one of their peer's discussion questions for each topic, except the topic to which they have been assigned (in which they are only required to make the initial 200 word post). Responses should be posted by the end of the week subsequent to the lecture for the topic.

Module	Topic	Reading
1	Privilege and Perspective: 'Leaning in' to Social Perspectives in Education	DiAngelo & Sensoy (2014) Welch et al. (2018) Ch. 1
2	Teachers' Work, and Teaching as Work: Being (Culturally) Responsive	Comber (2005) Welch et al. (2018) Ch. 12
3	The Political Construction of Curriculum: Intended, Enacted and Negotiated	Welch et al. (2018) Ch 11 Llopert & Esteban-Guitart (2017)
4	Racism and Cultural Difference: Invasion, Migration and Asylum	Welch et al. (2018) Chs. 6 & 7
5	Social Class: Capitals, Codes and Intersectionality	Welch et al. (2018) Ch. 5 Lareau (2011) Ch. 1
6	Markets and Choice: Segregation and Segmentation in Australian Schooling	Welch et al. (2018) Ch. 10 Rowe & Lubienski (2017)
7	Gender and Sexuality: From Biological Essentialism to Post-Structuralism	Welch et al. (2018) Ch. 8 Gray, Harris & Jones (2016)
8	Geographies of Schooling: Rural and Remote Education in Australia	Welch et al. (2018) Ch. 4 Cuervo (2014)
9	Growing Up: Constructions and Experiences of Australian Youth	Welch et al. (2018) Chs. 2 & 3
10	Education Policy and Globalisation: Neoliberalisations in Australian Education	Welch et al. (2018), Chs. 9 & 13

## 7. RESOURCES

### Prescribed Reading

Welch, A., Connell, R., Mockler, N., Sriprakash, A., Proctor, H., Hayes, D., Foley, D., Vickers, M., Bagnall, N., Burns, K., Low, R. & Groundwater-Smith, S. (2018). *Education, change and society* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.). South Melbourne: Oxford University Press.

Both the print and online version of the set text can be purchased from the UNSW bookshop.

Print:

<https://www.bookshop.unsw.edu.au/details.cgi?ITEMNO=9780190309763&12161065>

Digital:

<https://unswbookshop.vitalsource.com/textbooks?utf8=%E2%9C%93&sort=&term=9780190309763>

See the course's Moodle website for other resources. Additional resources can also be found in the full reference listing at the end of each lecture's PowerPoint.

## 8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	AITSL Standards	National Priority Area Elaborations	Due Date
Assessment 1: Research task	1500 words	40%	1, 2	1.1, 1.3	A, C, D, E, F	Friday 13/03/2020 By 5.00pm
Assessment 2: Research report	2500 words	60%	1, 2, 3	1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 4.1, 7.2	A, C, D, E, F	Friday 24/04/2020 By 5.00pm

### 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/>

### Motivational statement

The motivational statement is part of the UNSW Approach to Selection strategy, which requires that within all Bachelor of Education students' first trimester, they complete a statement as to why they want to be a teacher. The statement is then scored on a 2-point scale: 0 – incoherent, irrelevant or inappropriate reasons; 1 – coherent and valid reason. If a score of 0 is the result, you will be counselled about your career choices and/or may be referred to the Program Director or the Work Integrated Learning program. Please note that **while the motivational statement is not an assessment task for EDST1104, it is a hurdle requirement and must be successfully completed in order to pass the unit overall.**

Motivational statements must be uploaded to Moodle by 5pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## Assessment Details

### Assessment 1: Research task

Prepare an annotated bibliography of relevant, high-quality academic sources.

You are to write annotations of 375 words each (1500 words total) based on four academic sources (journal articles or book chapters) of your choice. You cannot use any of the set readings, including any of the Welch et al. (2018) chapters.

The sources must meet the following requirements:

- recent (published within the past 10 years);
- from a 'good quality' academic journal/book;
- focus on an aspect of schooling in Australia, with **at least one** source concerning students with linguistic and cultural diversity; and
- adopt a sociological approach.

For each source produce a summarised response that includes the following:

- Main point: Identify and summarise the main point or argument of the source.
- Support: Briefly identify and explain the reasons, evidence, or premises that the author gives in support of this main point or argument.
- Evaluation: Evaluate the main point or argument. What kind of contribution does it make to knowledge and scholarship?
- Reflection: Reflect on and outline how the article is relevant to your studies in this unit. In addition, consider how might you use it to inform your ongoing studies and future practice in the classroom.

Weight: 40%



## **Assessment 2: Research report**

Write a research report describing and analysing one secondary school in NSW and how you might approach working there as a teacher.

Your report should be 2500 words in length and include the following sections:

- a) Identify and describe one secondary school in NSW that enrolls at least 20% of students from language backgrounds other than English (LBOTE). In addition, the school should enrol students with at least ONE of the following characteristics:

- students from a rural or remote area; OR
- students from a low socio-economic status (SES) background; OR
- students from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background; OR
- students from a refugee background; OR
- students categorised by the school as having a specific gender (e.g. a boy or girls' school).

Note: Certain schools might cater for multiple options from the above list; if so, you may choose to focus in on only one additional characteristic (although you should recognise the intersectionality in play and explain/justify your choice). Use all publicly available sources you can find in order to establish and describe the school context in relation to the identified characteristics, including the school website and the school's MySchool page.

- b) Using the literature explored in this unit as well as additional sources from your own searching of the literature, explore the sociological dynamics that may be in play for the students enrolled by the school, in relation to the characteristics identified in Part A.
- c) Imagine you are a teacher at this school.
- a. Reflect on your own personal history and positioning. How does this compare to the particularities of the school context, and what might this mean/how might it speak to your work there?
  - b. Describe and justify the approach you would take to your work in this school so as to be inclusive of the students with the characteristics identified in Part A and explored in Part B. Back up your approach with references to the unit readings, relevant policy, and additional academic sources from your own searching.

Across the task as a whole, you must include reference to a minimum of ten academic sources from your own searching of the literature and that do not include the set readings (although these should be used in addition). The ten additional academic sources may include the four sources used for Task 1.

Weight: 60%

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Name:

Student Number:

Assessment Task 1: Research task

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	FL	PS	CR	DN	HD
<b>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates understanding of the task through the presentation of information about four separate sources</li> <li>• Clarity and accuracy in use of terms and concepts</li> </ul>					
<b>Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear understanding and explanation of the sources</li> <li>• Explicitly and effectively links sources to the social aspects of schooling, i.e. its relation to EDST1104</li> <li>• Reflects thoughtfully on how the source might inform own studies and practice, through its sociological focus</li> </ul>					
<b>Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to locate relevant and recent, high quality sources (peer reviewed journal articles, scholarly books/book chapters)</li> <li>• Ability to clearly and persuasively evaluate the sources' evidence and argument</li> </ul>					
<b>Structure and organisation of response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriateness of overall structure of response</li> <li>• Clarity and coherence of organisation, including use of section headings where appropriate</li> </ul>					
<b>Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate and thorough attention to written textual requirements: sentence structure; vocabulary; spelling; punctuation; and grammar</li> <li>• Clarity, appropriateness and effectiveness in persuasive and analytical writing</li> <li>• Clarity, consistency and appropriateness of academic written conventions for APA style</li> <li>• Adheres to word length: within 10% over/under</li> </ul>					
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT TIME</b> <i>Please see detailed comments via Turnitin on the course's Moodle website.</i>					

Lecturer

Date

Recommended:        /20        (FL PS CR DN HD)

Weighting: 40%

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Name:  
 Assessment Task 2: Research report

Student Number:

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	FL	PS	CR	DN	HD
<b>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear and accurate identification and description of the school, and the students and communities it serves, including a section imagining themselves working at this school</li> <li>• Clear understanding of key sociological issues and inequities related to the identified characteristics of the students in the school</li> <li>• Clarity and accuracy in use of terms and concepts</li> </ul>					
<b>Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear yet complex knowledge and understanding of how the sociological issues identified may impact students</li> <li>• Thoughtful, careful reflection on own experiences with schools</li> <li>• Considered exploration of approaches to teaching that are responsive to these sociological dynamics so as to meet the needs of all students</li> </ul>					
<b>Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to locate relevant and recent, high-quality academic sources (peer reviewed journal articles or scholarly books/book chapters)</li> <li>• Ability to utilise course readings and make appropriate reference to policy</li> <li>• Ability to use sources effectively in relation to the requirements of the task</li> </ul>					
<b>Structure and organisation of response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriateness of overall structure of response</li> <li>• Clarity and coherence of organisation, including use of section headings where appropriate</li> </ul>					
<b>Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate and thorough attention to written textual requirements: sentence structure; vocabulary; spelling; punctuation; and grammar</li> <li>• Clarity, appropriateness and effectiveness in terms of analytical and reflective writing</li> <li>• Clarity, consistency and appropriateness of academic written conventions for APA style, including quoting, paraphrasing, citing sources/information, and the reference list</li> <li>• Adheres to word length: within 10% over/under</li> </ul>					
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Lecturer

Date

Recommended: /20 (FL PS CR DN HD)

Weighting: 60 %

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