School of Education

EDST5121
Introduction to University Learning and Teaching

Semester 2
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1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
School of Education
EDST 5121 Introduction to University Learning and Teaching (6 units of credit)
Semester 2, 2015

2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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3. COURSE DETAILS

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<td>Credit Points</td>
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<td>The Foundations of University Learning and Teaching (FULT) program, which is offered at UNSW as a staff development activity, is the coursework component of this course. The course is offered in a blended mode, which includes in-class and online activities that add up to 25 hours of 'contact hours'.</td>
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**Summary of Course**

This course is the first core course in the Graduate Certificate in University Learning and Teaching Program. It is worth six units of credit (UOC) towards the total twenty four UOC required for completion of the study program. This course introduces students to a range of topics and issues in learning and teaching that impact on the teaching roles of academic staff in universities. In this course, students will have an opportunity to engage with current thinking in university learning and teaching, consider various approaches, start investigating one area of their teaching in a scholarly and reflective way, and plan changes to their teaching practice.

**Pre-requisite**

As a component of this course, students must participate in the Foundations of University Learning and Teaching (FULT) program, which is offered at UNSW as a staff development activity. During FULT, perspectives on student learning and an overview of good practice in curriculum and assessment design, evaluation and facilitation of student learning in different contexts will be explored.

**Aims of the Course**

This course aims to:

1. introduce you to a range of key areas in learning and teaching
2. enable you to identify and begin to investigate one area related to your teaching practice in a reflective and scholarly way.

**Important Information**

**Attendance:** Students are expected to give priority to university study commitments. Unless specific and formal permission has been granted, failure to attend 80% of classes in a course may result in failure.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the course you should be able to:

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<td>Reflect on your own teaching practice in the light of your personal experience.</td>
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<td>Investigate your current teaching strategies and develop new teaching strategies that could be expected to improve student learning.</td>
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<td>Implement new teaching strategies, and modify them where necessary, to meet the needs of your own teaching context.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Use the research literature in higher education to analyse and write reflectively about your teaching practice.</td>
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**Graduate Attributes**

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<td><strong>Advanced disciplinary knowledge and practices</strong></td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Enquiry-based learning</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cognitive skills and critical thinking</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Communication, adaptive and interactional skills</strong></td>
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<td>Communicate effectively to a range of audiences, and be capable of independent and collaborative enquiry and team-based leadership.</td>
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4. **RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH**

A critical aspect of enhancing quality of learning and teaching in higher education is developing staff scholarly engagement in learning and teaching. As an introduction to university learning and teaching, this course overviews a range of scholarship in student learning, curriculum and assessment design, evaluation, teaching in various contexts, and allows students to explore one area of their practice in more depth.

Reflective practice is used as the underpinning framework in this course. Reflection has been demonstrated to be a useful tool to support professional learning in authentic contexts where there are many uncontrolled variables.

5. **TEACHING STRATEGIES**

Students learn best when they are engaged and given an appropriate level of challenge; when their prior experience and knowledge is valued and built upon; when they are expected to take responsibility for their own learning; and when they work collaboratively with their peers.

We recognise that candidates in this course are graduates employed in the higher education sector, and many will be studying part-time while working full-time.

As a result, the course has been designed to provide opportunities for you to:

- critically engage with the key ideas and concepts and with each other via both intensive workshops, and using online technologies
- develop your understanding of the key issues and concepts within higher education both individually (reading, preparation of assignments) and collaboratively (whole class and small group discussion and peer review)
- use your knowledge and experience (from previous learning and experience from formal courses, life and from the workplace) to engage with and critique current thinking and research into higher education.

The learning activities of the course include:
• self-directed reading;
• face to face and online learning activities in FULT, which will use and model a range of teaching strategies;
• e-portfolio; and
• preparation of written assignments.

Reflective-e-portfolio

In this course you will be encouraged to set up a reflective e-portfolio and maintain it throughout the semester. Guidelines for setting an e-portfolio will be available on the course Moodle site and explained during the first in-class session. An e-portfolio may help you to:

• Collect resources and artifacts related to your learning to create an integrated picture or story of your achievements and developing capabilities
• Reflect on prior experiences and wider contexts to make your learning relevant.
• Reflect on how different learning activities relate to your professional practice
• Arrange and present your portfolio to different audiences for different purposes.

Your reflective e-portfolio contributions will not be used for summative assessment. However, reflecting on your learning in an ongoing way and maintaining the e-portfolio will help you to consolidate the learning in this course and develop the assignment tasks.

6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Students must participate in the Foundations of University Learning and Teaching (FULT) program, as the coursework component of this course. FULT is offered in a blended mode, which includes in-class and structured online activities that add up to 24 hours of ‘contact hours’. The FULT schedule is communicated to participants upon enrolment into the program. There will also be one required face-to-face seminar in advance of the 2nd assessment task. Dates and times will be arranged at the beginning of the semester to ensure maximum attendance.

7. RESOURCES

You should utilise the FULT resources available on the FULT Moodle site. The majority of the resources (books, e-books, book chapters, journal articles) are available from the UNSW Library. You are also encouraged to use any relevant learning and teaching literature in your discipline area.

Suggested texts for this course (in addition to the materials on the FULT and EDST 5121 Moodle sites):


8. ASSESSMENT

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**Assessment Details**

Assessment Task 1 - A Summary of Learning
Due Date: 8 July (if also enrolled in EDST5122 in S2) OR 26 August
3000 words

This assessment task builds on the FULT reflective e-portfolio, which consisted of five parts relating to each of the five FULT modules. You now need to resubmit your e-portfolio and the feedback you were given at the time.

The additional work to meet the learning outcomes and evaluation criteria for EDST5121 asks you to reflect on your ePortfolio, based on the following:

- The feedback you received
- Continuing lessons learnt from your own teaching practice
- Reference to some of the relevant learning and teaching literature

This reflection should be incorporated into your FULT ePortfolio in two ways:

A.) Add additional comments within the body of the work, highlighted in a different colour, to show your iterative development, within the existing 5 sections:

1) **Introduction & Student Learning**: Reflection on strategies to encourage deep learning drawing from the FULT online and face-to-face activities (e.g. the video), discussions with your peers in FULT, literature introduced in FULT, and your own experiences. (~300 words)

2) **Educational Design**: A reflection on flipped classroom drawing from the video, your perspective, and discussions with your peers plus your flipped classroom lesson plan which includes an aligned class learning outcome, activities, and assessment. (~300 words for your reflection and ~500 words for your flipped classroom lesson plan)

3) **Teaching for Learning**: A proposed teaching strategy for a topic you teach or will teach taking into account ideas and literature introduced in FULT (eg. Toohey’s framework) to overcome challenges. (~300 words)

4) **Evaluation**: Reflection on your mini-evaluation, the discussions you had in class regarding it, what you learned from it and what you would do in the future based on the concepts explored in the module (eg. your mini-evaluation, the video, the literature introduced in FULT, and discussions in the F2F session). (~300 words)
5) **Assessment and Feedback:** Reflection on your current assessment tasks plus a revised standards-based assessment rubric for an assessment task. (~300 words for your reflection and ~500 words for your standards-based assessment rubric)

(Note: students who undertook FULT prior to 2015 also did a section 6, an overall reflection on their ePortfolio. If you undertook this work, please leave it in your submission.)

B.) Secondly, you are required to complete a further 500 words, summarizing your overall review of the ePortfolio, responding to the following questions:

a) Since completing FULT and reflecting on your FULT experience, what are the key things you have learnt?

b) What additional reading have you undertaken and how has this informed your ongoing development as a ‘reflective practitioner’?

c) Since completing FULT, what changes have you made to your teaching practice arising from what you had learnt in FULT? What new strategy have you used and why did you choose it? Have you had an opportunity to evaluate this new strategy or what plans do you have to evaluate it in the future?

d) Reflecting on the feedback received on your FULT ePortfolio or feedback received on your final FULT task (if you completed FULT prior to the e-portfolio task), what changes would you make?

Please submit your task as a Word or PDF document via a Moodle Turnitin link.

**Assessment Task 2: Learning and Teaching in your Discipline**

*Due Date:* 29 July (if also enrolled in EDST5122 in S2) OR 14 October

3000 words

Drawing on the literature, investigate a learning and teaching approach that could address an issue or challenge in your own discipline.

Choose one of the following areas of your teaching practice or any other area that was addressed in FULT that relates to an issue or challenge you are experiencing in your own discipline:

- Student learning
- Curriculum alignment (learning outcomes, aims, activities, assessment)
- Flipped classroom
- Assessment strategies
- Standards-based assessment (rubrics)
- Reflection/e-portfolios
- Evaluation strategies
- Small group or large group teaching

1) Read the articles provided for your selected topic and summarise the key points made by each author. You are encouraged to find your own articles and videos as well that relate to your chosen topic. What do they tell us about learning and teaching in higher education? Outline their conclusions about how to improve learning at the tertiary levels, critically exploring any differences in perspective and argument.

(1500 words)

2) Consider the implications for teaching in your discipline. How well (or not) do the approaches and theories you have read in part 1 ‘translate’ for your own subject and its ‘conventional’ learning and teaching practices? Use examples from the literature and from your own experience to help explore these questions.

(1500 words)

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**UNSW SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**FEEDBACK SHEET**  
**EDST5121 INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY LEARNING AND TEACHING**

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Assessment Task: Assessment Task 1

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### GENERAL COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Lecturer:  
Date:  
Recommended: /20  
(FL PS CR DN HD)  
Weighting: 50%

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**Student Name:**              **Student No.:**
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Submission of Assessment Tasks

Electronic copies of an assessment task are to be submitted to the allocated Turnitin Submission Box online via Moodle by midnight on the due date unless the course lecturer has advised otherwise.

You are strongly advised to aim to submit early, as submissions received one minute after the specified due time will be stamped as late and will incur a late penalty. The FASS late penalty is 3% of the total possible marks for the task for each day or part day that the work is late. Lateness includes weekends and public holidays.

Return of Assessment Tasks

Return and feedback for all assessments will be provided to you via Turnitin on Moodle. You will not be provided with printed feedback.

Feedback

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