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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 6723 English Extension Method 1 (6 units of credit)  
Semester 1 2018

## 2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

Course Coordinator: Helen Pearson  
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## 3. COURSE DETAILS

<b>Course Name</b>	English Extension Method 1
<b>Credit Points</b>	6 units of credit (uoc)
<b>Workload</b>	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_S1.html">http://classutil.unsw.edu.au/EDST_S1.html</a>

### *Summary of Course*

The focus of this course is the in-depth enquiry into pedagogy and content knowledge for teaching literacy in the context of the English classroom. Students will critique research into the teaching of English and discuss how this research can be implemented to deliver the most effective classroom practice for addressing the requirements and philosophy of the NSW English syllabuses.

### *Important Information*

**Ways the course has been changed as a result of feedback:** The course was rated highly by students in 2017. Hands-on literacy teaching opportunities will be provided with Year 7 students at Matraville High School.

**Assessment:** Students must pass ALL assignments in order to pass the course. Only by passing all assignments can the Program Learning outcomes (AITSL Professional Graduate Teaching Standards) be achieved.

**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*

<i>Outcome</i>	
1	Demonstrate a deep understanding of the literacy needs of diverse students and of how to meet these needs
2	Develop appropriate planning, teaching and assessment practices for the English classroom that respect the social, ethnic and religious backgrounds of students
3	Demonstrate the essential link between outcomes, assessment, teaching strategies and lesson planning
4	Analyse specific teaching and assessment strategies to meet the literacy needs of all students

### *AITSL Professional Graduate Teaching Standards*

<i>Standard</i>	
1.3	Demonstrate knowledge of teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistics, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds
1.5	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of strategies for differentiating teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities
2.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, substance and structure of the content and teaching strategies of the teaching area
2.3	Use curriculum, assessment and reporting knowledge to design learning sequences and lesson plans
2.4	Demonstrate broad knowledge of, understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages
2.5	Know and understand literacy and numeracy teaching strategies and their application in teaching areas
2.6	Implement teaching strategies for using ICT to expand curriculum learning opportunities for students
3.6	Demonstrate broad knowledge of strategies that can be used to evaluate teaching programs to improve student learning
5.1	Demonstrate understanding of assessment strategies, including informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative approaches to assess student learning
5.3	Demonstrate understanding of assessment moderation and its application to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning
5.4	Demonstrate the capacity to interpret student assessment data to evaluate student learning and modify teaching practice

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

Student-centred activities will form the basis of the course. These activities will draw on the prior knowledge of the students and will allow them to engage in relevant and challenging experiences that mirror those they will be expected to design for the secondary students they will later teach. The lectures and tutorials are designed to be supportive and friendly, as we believe that students are more engaged and learn better if they can have fun whilst learning.

#### **5. TEACHING STRATEGIES**

Teaching strategies used during the course will include:

- Small group cooperative learning, such as Jigsaw, 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, to demonstrate an understanding of students' different approaches to learning and the use of a range of teaching strategies to foster interest and support learning
- Structured occasions for reflection on learning, such as the use of learning journals, to allow students to reflect critically on and improve teaching practice and strategies
- Extensive opportunities for whole group and small group dialogue and discussion, allowing students the opportunity to demonstrate their capacity to communicate and liaise with the diverse members of an education community, and to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of method content.
- Online learning from readings on the Moodle website
- Specific literacy strategies, such as Floor Storming, Dictogloss, Cloze and Three Level Comprehension, to demonstrate the importance of these teaching strategies in the secondary classroom

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

## 6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Week	Wednesday Topics
<p>1 26 Feb – 2 March</p>	<p><b>Introduction: Scope and importance of literacy</b> K-12 Literacy continuum; recursive learning; Literacy myths</p> <p><b>Aspect of literacy – Teaching reading</b> Phonics, fluency, decoding for meaning; repairing errors; Learning to read v Reading to Learn</p> <p><b>Selecting reading materials</b> Assessing reading level and identifying difficulties; Matching text difficulty to reading level; Texts to engage low-level readers; The problem of aliteracy Comprehension strategies (intro)</p> <p>ATSIE A.5-8 CM B.1 ICT C.3, 4 L&amp;L D. 1-5, 7-10 SE E.3, 4 NESB F. 3-4</p>
<p>2 5 - 9 March</p>	<p><b>Class held on site at Matraville High; Anzac Parade Meet in the UNSW hall within the school grounds</b></p> <p><b>Aspect of literacy – Spelling</b> Stages of development; strategies good spellers use; Strategies to spell unfamiliar words; the role of etymology; Explicit teaching; proofreading; Assessment of spelling competence</p> <p>ATSI 2.8 CM B.2, 5 ICT C.4, 11 L&amp;L D.1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 SE E.1, 2 NESB F.3, 7</p>
<p>3 12 – 16 March</p>	<p><b>Aspect of literacy – Written and aural comprehension</b> Ways of reading/listening; Strategies for improving comprehension; Extending vocabulary; Working memory, graphic organisers and responding to text; Formative assessment</p> <p>ATSIE A.1-3 CM B.4, 5 ICT C.11 L&amp;L D.1- 5, 7-11 SE E.1, 2, 4 NESB F.3</p>
<p>4 19 – 23 March</p>	<p><b>Aspect of literacy – Grammar</b> Use of metalanguage (functional/traditional); Teaching grammar in context; recursive learning; Levels of grammar – text, sentence, word; Knowing when to break the rules; Making and interpreting grammatical choices to improve communication</p> <p>ATSIE A.2, 8 CM B.1 ICT C.12 L&amp;L D.4, 10-12, 15 NESB F.7</p>
<p>5 26 – 30 March</p>	<p><b>Teaching Literacy in a mixed ability English classroom</b> Gibbons' High-challenge High-support classroom model; Adjusting outcomes; modes of language; Group work (guided v independent); Adjusting assessments for EALD/low levels of literacy; Multi-level explicit teaching</p>

	ATSIE A.5 CM B.1, 4 ICT C.3, 4 L&N D.1, 3, 4, 8-10, 15, 17, 19 SE E.6 NESB F. 3-5, 7
<b>Mid-semester break</b>	
6 9 – 13 April	<p><b>Class held on site at Matraville High; Anzac Parade Meet in the UNSW hall within the school grounds</b></p> <p><b>Literacy assessment</b> Assessment types and purposes; Integrating assessment to move learning forward; Self and peer assessment for literacy; Giving explicit feedback; to grade or not to grade? NAPLAN and the English teacher</p> <p>ICT C.7 L&amp;L D.9, 13, 14, 18 SP E.6 NESB F.5</p>
7 16 – 20 April	<p><b>Aspect of Literacy – Writing</b> Model what you teach; Writing essentials - Purpose and audience; Key Stages: <i>understanding task</i> (model text, annotation, graphic organiser), <i>planning</i> (text type, generating and organising ideas), <i>writing</i> and <i>revising</i> (editing/proofreading); Grammar, spelling and punctuation in context; Assessment and feedback: stars and wishes; self and peer feedback</p>
8 23 – 27 April	<p><b>Negotiating the world: accumulating literacy</b> Literacy matters – control of language; current and future learning; Providing opportunities for continual improvement; Environmental literacy; digital reading; making connections; Life skills: proliferation and diversity of literacy needs; What counts as “proper” literacy?</p>
9 1 – 4 May	<p><b>Class held on site at Matraville High; Anzac Parade Meet in the UNSW hall within the school grounds</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of assessment 2 and peer feedback before and after teaching Year 7</b></p>
10 7 – 11 May	<p><b>Class held on site at Matraville High; Anzac Parade Meet in the UNSW hall within the school grounds</b></p> <p><b>Aspect of Literacy – Punctuation</b> The role of punctuation in reading and writing; Teaching levels of punctuation: Sentence level; simple punctuation; complex punctuation</p> <p><b>Role of ICT in Literacies</b> Reading and Writing Multimodal texts; word processing; proofreading (again); collaborative texts; blogs and eJournals;</p> <p>Course reflections and on-line evaluation</p>
<b>Professional Experience</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	

## 7. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	AITSL Standards	National Priority Area Elaborations	Due Date
<u>Assessment 1</u> Texts for explicit literacy teaching	2,500 words equivalent	50%	1, 2, 3	1.3, 1.5, 2.5, 2.6, 3.6	ATSIE A.5, 6 CM B.4, 5 ICT C.4 L&N D.4, 8, 18 NESB F.3, 4, 7	Week 6 Friday 13 April 5pm
<u>Assessment 2</u> Formative assessment practices for literacy	2, 500 words equivalent	50%	2, 3, 4	1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.3, 3.6, 4.2, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4	ATSIE A.5 ICT C.7 L&N D.18 SE E.6 NESB F.5	Week 11 Monday 14 May 5pm

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. Student no longer need to use a cover sheet. 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.

### Assessment 1 – Texts for explicit literacy teaching (50%)

1. Select a short, written text (Text 1) suitable for Stage 4 students. Your text should be no more than 400 words. It should focus on a contemporary issue (eg STEM, friendship, bullying, same-sex marriage) that will engage this age group.
  - a. Outline the issue and why you selected it for students in Years 7 or 8.
  - b. What literacy challenges does this text present for students with low levels of literacy? Consider (1) length (text, paragraphs, sentences); (2) grammatical features; (3) vocabulary (including lexical chains) and spelling.
  - c. How would you support low-level literacy students so that they can access the language and meaning effectively? What explicit literacy teaching is required? Provide a brief outline of one way you can provide appropriate and explicit scaffolding for different aspects of literacy.
  - d. Design three activities (not necessarily worksheets) to explore the contemporary issue raised and support/develop the language modelled in the Text 1. One activity should link to the explicit scaffolding outlined in (c); one should be for group/partner work and one is your own choice. The activities need to focus on different aspects of literacy. State the learning intention(s) for each activity and how you will evaluate the success of student learning.
  
2. Write a second, **original** text (Text 2) to extend the issue raised in Text 1.
  - a. Annotate Text 2 to show examples of the language features you chose to scaffold and explicitly teach from Text 1.
  - b. Explain how Text 2 links to Text 1. How does it extend Text 1 (content, language etc.)? How does it reinforce literacy development for your students?
  - c. Design a formative assessment task to allow students to demonstrate their understanding of Text 2. The task should allow some creativity as well as provide formative assessment of how well students can demonstrate the targeted aspects of literacy.



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Student Name:  
 Assessment Task 1: Texts for explicit literacy teaching

Student No.:

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) ←	→	(+)
<b>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of the task and its relationship to relevant areas of theory, research and practice</li> <li>• Clarity and accuracy in use of key 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>• Ability to reflect deeply on the literacy challenges evident in the text, the needs of low-level literacy students and on adjustments required to meet these needs</li> <li>• Provision of appropriate scaffolding</li> </ul>			
<b>Familiarity with and relevance of professional skills used to design response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated understanding on the need to differentiate curriculum to cater for diverse learners</li> <li>• Deep understanding of the diverse learning needs of students in Australian schools</li> </ul>			
<b>Structure and organisation or response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to write an original text with features for specific learning intentions</li> </ul>			
<b>Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of appropriate academic English</li> <li>• Instructions suitable for low-literacy learners</li> </ul>			
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT TIME</b>			

**Lecturer**

**Date**

**Recommended: /20 (FL PS CR DN HD)**

**Weighting: 50%**

NB: The ticks in the various boxes are designed to provide feedback to students; they are not given equal weight in determining the recommended grade. Depending on the nature of the assessment task, lecturers may also contextualize and/or amend these specific criteria. **The recommended grade**

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**Assessment 2 – Formative Assessment Practices for Literacy: 3,000 words (equivalent) (50%)**

Prepare and deliver a 15-minute presentation that demonstrates your capacity to design five short, thematically connected **formative** assessment tasks. Each task must focus on a different literacy skill (see below). Consider the mode of assessment and how students will respond, with at least one task differentiated to allow access for different levels of skill.

The five tasks will target: Reading, Writing, Listening, Spelling, Grammar.

In your oral presentation you should briefly discuss the context for the set of assessments (stage, learning intentions and success criteria) and how they can be used formatively to evaluate current learning as well as provide feedback to move learning forward. Provide a rationale for the choices you have made. You should briefly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each type of assessment (short answer, guided response, cloze, multiple choice questions, matching) in terms of purpose, setting, administration and feedback. Also indicate whether you feel the task is suitable for teacher, self or peer assessment.

Your written submission will introduce each assessment task and provide more detail about the above points. You need to explain and justify any options provided and also how the task allows for differentiation.

For your set of assessment tasks, make sure you include written information about:

- a. the target student(s)
- b. the sequence in which the tasks will be used
- c. the learning intention(s)
- d. success criteria
- e. how feedback will be given.

One assessment task **MUST** include an alternative form showing the adjustments you have made to cater for students with either low reading levels in literacy or EALD students.

You will need to provide a paper copy of each task (and a marking rubric where required) for your lecturer. To annotate during your presentation To allow members of the class to offer peer assessment, other material can be displayed electronically.

Assessment Task 2 needs to be submitted through Turnitin by 5pm the Monday following your presentation. This will allow you to reflect on peer and teacher feedback as well as adjust your own content if required as a result of the presentation.

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Student Name:

Student No.:

Assessment Task 2: Formative Assessment Practices for Literacy

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) <span style="font-size: 2em;">➔</span> (+)				
<b>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• demonstrate knowledge of effective assessment practices, especially backward mapping so that there are clear links between the learning intentions, success criteria and assessment tasks</li><li>• design a range of five effective assessment tasks</li><li>• demonstrate a deep understanding of different ways to offer student feedback</li></ul>					
<b>Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• demonstrate understanding of academic and cultural diversity when assessing students</li><li>• design appropriate tasks focused on specific needs of the student(s)</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>• demonstrate understanding of the need to differentiate assessment to cater for diverse learners</li><li>• understanding of effective assessment practices that suit different purposes</li></ul>					
<b>Structure and organisation of response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ability to deliver an engaging presentation that meets the specified criteria, including 15-minute time allocation</li></ul>					
<b>Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ability to use clear and appropriate English</li></ul>					
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT TIME</b>					

**Lecturer**

**Date**

**Recommended:**      /20      (FL PS CR DN HD)

**Weighting:**      50%

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## 8. RESOURCES

### Readings

- Barton, G. & Woolley, G. (2017). *Developing Literacy in the Secondary Classroom*. London: Sage.
- Dean, G. (2004). *Improving Learning in Secondary English*. Oxon: Routledge.
- Fisher, D., Frey, N. and Lapp, D. (2016). *Text Complexity: Stretching Readers With Texts and Tasks* 2nd Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Literacy.
- Fisher, D., Frey, N. and Hattie, J. (2016). *Visible Learning for Literacy: Implementing the Practices that Work Best to Accelerate Student Learning*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Literacy.

Readings will be posted on Moodle in the week prior to each class.

### Further Readings

- Adoniou, M. (2016). *Spelling it Out: How words work and how to teach them*. Cambridge: CUP/.
- Anstey, M. & Bull, G. (2006) *Teaching and learning multiliteracies: Changing times, changing literacies*. Curriculum Press, Melbourne.
- Finger, G., Russell, G., Jamieson-Proctor, R. & Russell, N. (2006) *Transforming Learning with ICT Making IT Happen*. Pearson Australia
- Gibbons, P (2002) *Scaffolding language, scaffolding learning: Teaching second language learners in the mainstream classroom*. Portsmouth, Heinemann.
- Harrison, N & Sellwood (2016), *Learning and Teaching in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education*. Oxford, Sydney.
- Hayes, D., Hattam, R., Comber, B., Kerkham, L., Lupton, R. & Thomson, P. (2017). *Literacy, Leading and Learning: Beyond Pedagogies of Poverty*. Oxon: Routledge.
- Henderson, R. (2012) *Teaching Literacies. Pedagogies and Diversity in the Middle Years*, Oxford University Press, Australia.

### Professional websites for English teachers

- <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/7-10-literacy-numeracy/literacy-strategy.html> (BOSTES)
- <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/english/curriculum/f-10?layout=1> (English K-10)
- <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/> (Lit Continuum)
- <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/literacy/PD20050288.shtml> (Lit Pol)
- <http://www.naplan.edu.au/> (ACARA)
- <http://www.englishteacher.com.au/index.php>- The English Teachers Association site.
- <http://www.aitsl.edu.au> (Search for "Teach Literacy")

### Professional Associations

#### English Teachers' Association (ETANSW)

Tel: 95726900      Email [admin@englishteacher.com.au](mailto:admin@englishteacher.com.au)      [www.etansw.asn.au](http://www.etansw.asn.au)

#### Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA)

Tel: 1800248 379      Email [office@alea.edu.au](mailto:office@alea.edu.au)      [www.alea.edu.au](http://www.alea.edu.au)

#### Primary English Teachers' Association Australia (PETAA)

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