

EDU209

Teaching Mathematics in the Early Years

School: School of Education and Tertiary Access

2022 | Semester 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay
UniSC Fraser Coast

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

You will develop an understanding of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics (Prep to Year 3). You will explore current research in early learning and teaching of mathematics to enable you to conceptualise, plan and design learning, teaching and assessments. You will consider a range of strategies including play-based and inquiry learning as well as interpret student thinking and diagnose misconceptions to improve student learning. You will also explore the linkages with literacy, numeracy and ICT and develop your mathematical content knowledge.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – You are required to engage with online learning materials, associated activities and required/recommended course reading materials. All learning materials can be accessed through the university learning management system.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – A blended learning approach is used to deliver the tutorial/workshop component of the course. The workshop involves on-campus engagement and application of learning materials.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Seminar – Face-to-face on Sunshine Coast campus or online options	2hrs	Week 3	3 times
ONLINE			
Learning materials – You are required to engage with online learning materials, associated activities and required/recommended course reading materials. All learning materials can be accessed through the university learning management system.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – The tutorial/workshop involves online engagement (via Zoom).	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Seminar – Face-to-face on Sunshine Coast campus or online options	2hrs	Week 3	3 times

1.3. Course Topics

1. How children learn mathematics
2. Number and Algebra (1)
3. Planning for and assessing mathematics learning
4. Number and Algebra (2) – Computational thinking
5. Number and Algebra (3) – Patterning and Algebraic thinking
6. Measurement and Geometry
7. Probability and Statistics
8. Mathematical language
9. Developing an identity as a mathematics teacher
10. Mathematical associations and PD – where to from here?

2. What level is this course?

200 Level (Developing)

Building on and expanding the scope of introductory knowledge and skills, developing breadth or depth and applying knowledge and skills in a new context. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally, undertaken in the second or third full-time year of an undergraduate programs.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership
1 Apply knowledge of the Australian Curriculum Mathematics content and substance.	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker Empowered	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.3
2 Apply mathematical learning theory and developmentally appropriate pedagogy	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker Empowered	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.3
3 Develop a repertoire of mathematical pedagogies, assessment and resources to meet the needs of a diverse range of early years learners	Creative and critical thinker Empowered Ethical Engaged	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6, 4.2, 5.1, 5.4
4 Plan and develop learning environments and learning episodes that reflect a sound understanding of mathematical concepts, literacy and ICTs	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker Empowered Sustainability-focussed	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.6, 4.2

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	
2.1	Content and teaching strategies of the teaching area: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, substance and structure of the content and teaching strategies of the teaching area
2.2	Content selection and organisation: Organise content into an effective learning and teaching sequence.
2.3	Curriculum, assessment and reporting: Use curriculum, assessment and reporting knowledge to design learning sequences and lesson plans.
2.5	Literacy and numeracy strategies: Know and understand literacy and numeracy teaching strategies and their application in teaching areas.
3.3	Use teaching strategies: Include a range of teaching strategies.
3.4	Select and use resources: Demonstrate knowledge of a range of resources, including ICT, that engage students in their learning.
3.6	Evaluate and improve teaching programs: Demonstrate broad knowledge of strategies that can be used to evaluate teaching programs to improve student learning.
4.2	Manage classroom activities: Demonstrate the capacity to organise classroom activities and provide clear directions
5.1	Assess student learning: Demonstrate understanding of assessment strategies, including informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative approaches to assess student learning.
5.4	Interpret student data: Demonstrate the capacity to interpret student assessment data to evaluate student learning and modify teaching practice.

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Enrolled in Program ed102, ED303, ED304,ED306

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

EDU341

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Early Feedback will occur informally during tutorials prior to the first assessment in a variety of forms such as: peer support, tutor modelling, examples to view, open discussions, etc.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Plan	Individual	30%	Rationale Statement (500 words) and Lesson Plan	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Plan	Group	30%	10 minute teaching segment and lesson plan	Refer to Format	In Class
All	3	Examination - not Centrally Scheduled	Individual	40%	90 minutes	Week 10	In Class

All - Assessment Task 1: Rationale Statement and Lesson Plan

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to apply mathematical learning theory, developmentally appropriate pedagogy and knowledge of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics to develop a rationale statement and lesson plan.
PRODUCT:	Plan
FORMAT:	Rationale Statement (500 words): Your statement will apply your knowledge of mathematical learning theory and developmentally appropriate pedagogies by explaining your lesson plan structure and choices. You will describe your understandings underpinning your lesson plan choices. These ideas are to be supported by literature using APA referencing. Lesson Plan (1000 words): You will develop a written lesson plan using the template provided. The lesson plan is to develop a new mathematical concept for young learners in Prep, Year 1, Year 2, or Year 3. You will write a lesson that aligns with the Australian Curriculum using developmentally appropriate teaching and learning pedagogies. The lesson plan will indicate assessment opportunities and resources that will meet the needs of a diverse classroom. The lesson will be equivalent to 40 minutes of mathematics. It may be divided into mini lessons as appropriate to the age group. The template will require you to consider how you know that the students understand the lesson concepts.

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Apply knowledge of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics content and substance. ①
	2	Apply mathematical learning theory and developmentally appropriate pedagogy ②
	3	Develop a repertoire of mathematical pedagogies, assessment and resources to meet the needs of a diverse range of early years learners ③
	4	Written communication skills and academic literacies including English expression, grammar, spelling, punctuation, APA referencing conventions. ④

All - Assessment Task 2: Teaching Segment and Lesson Plan

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to create and deliver a 10 minute teaching segment and provide a written lesson plan to demonstrate knowledge of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics.	
PRODUCT:	Plan	
FORMAT:	Submit in week 7: Lesson Plan. You and your partner will create a written lesson plan using the template provided. The lesson plan will developmentally and sequentially build upon a mathematical concept for a year level (P-3). Like Task One, the lesson plan is to demonstrate developmentally appropriate pedagogy and understandings of mathematical learning theory. PLEASE NOTE: This lesson plan concept must be different to Task One and a different age group is suggested. Teaching segment (weeks 7-9). You will individually teach one of the activities (from the co-planned lesson plan) to the tutorial for approximately 10 minutes. You will need to locate materials and resources related to the concept you plan to teach, model the teaching of the selected mathematical concept by incorporating suitable teaching pedagogy and mathematical language for an Early Years class (Yrs P-3) and demonstrate good questioning and communication skills (verbal and non-verbal) while you are teaching. Note: Practice teaching as though the 'students' need to learn the concept and the new associated terminology. Do not assume we know. Teach us. Reflection. At the end of your teaching segment you will personally reflect on the effectiveness of your pedagogy, appropriateness of resources and the quality of your questions. This personal reflection is written after the teaching segment - it is not submitted.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Apply knowledge of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics content and substance. ①
	2	Apply mathematical learning theory and developmentally appropriate pedagogy (Explicit modelling of concepts and effective teaching strategies) ②
	3	Develop a repertoire of mathematical pedagogies, assessment and resources to meet the needs of a diverse range of early years learners (appropriate and effective teaching resources and use of ICTs if applicable) ③
	4	Plan and develop learning environments and learning episodes that reflect a sound understanding of mathematical concepts, literacy and ICTs ④
	5	Oral communication skills (verbal and non-verbal) -teaching presence and engagement with peers during teaching segment ①
	6	Written communication skill and academic literacies including English expression, grammar, spelling and punctuation. ④

All - Assessment Task 3: In-class exam

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to synthesise knowledge of mathematical learning theory, curriculum content, pedagogy and resources.		
PRODUCT:	Examination - not Centrally Scheduled		
FORMAT:	Part A Multiple choice and short answer questions based on the key topics from learning materials, readings, tutorial activities and Australian Curriculum content. Part B You will be provided with an Early Years primary classroom scenario which you will analyse and reflect upon in terms of; Alignment with the content and proficiency strands of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics; Identify Mathematical understandings of the students (assessment); Identify and evaluate the pedagogy; Identify and evaluate the learning happening in the classroom; Explain how you would change the teaching and learning in the scenario so that it is effective for all learners.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Apply knowledge of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics content and substance.	1
	2	Apply mathematical learning theory and developmentally appropriate pedagogy	2
	3	Develop a repertoire of mathematical pedagogies, assessment and resources to meet the needs of a diverse range of early years learners	3
	4	Plan and develop learning environments and learning episodes that reflect a sound understanding of mathematical concepts, literacy and ICTs	4

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

Please note that you need to have regular access to the resource(s) listed below. Resources may be required or recommended.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Required	Robyn Jorgensen, Shelley Dole, Kevin Larkin	2020	Teaching Mathematics in Primary Schools	(3rd ed.)	Allen & Unwin

8.2. Specific requirements

It is the responsibility of the student to provide resources for the teaching segment.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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