

EDU348

Teaching Senior Secondary English

School: School of Education and Tertiary Access

2026 | Trimester 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

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

Please go to unisc.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

In this course, you will develop knowledge and skills for implementing the Queensland Senior Secondary English curriculum. You will learn how to design lesson plans and learning sequences that will engage diverse learners. You will explore and analyse a range of pedagogy, assessment and reporting strategies that maximise learning outcomes for senior students, including developing strategies for supporting literacy, numeracy and ICT learning within English.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – You are required to engage and interact with asynchronous materials and activities accessed through Canvas modules, course readings and required texts.	2hrs	Week 1	9 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – The workshop is synchronous and involves on-campus engagement and application of learning materials.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Current Senior English syllabuses
- English curriculum planning and alignment
- Specific learning and teaching requirements and strategies in English, including integration of ICT and numeracy
- Literacy and critical literacy in English subjects
- Engaging with diverse learners
- Assessment and reporting practices in English in the senior phase
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture in Senior Secondary English (cultural sustainability)

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

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 Senior Secondary English curriculum through the incorporation of relevant pedagogy to design learning sequences and programs which will advance students' knowledge and skills.	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker Engaged	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
2 Employ a student-centred and aligned approach to assessment practices, reporting and student achievement.	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker Ethical	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
3 Demonstrate the use of explicit English teaching strategies and pedagogy that engage students in quality learning in Senior Secondary English.	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker Engaged	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
4 Reflect on the role of literary and non-literary texts in Senior Secondary English.	Creative and critical thinker Sustainability-focussed	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	
1.1	Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students and how these may affect learning.
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.
2.4	Understand and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: Demonstrate broad knowledge of, understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages.
2.5	Literacy and numeracy strategies: Know and understand literacy and numeracy teaching strategies and their application in teaching areas.
2.6	Information and Communication Technology (ICT): Implement teaching strategies for using ICT to expand curriculum learning opportunities for students.

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3.1	Establish challenging learning goals: Set learning goals that provide achievable challenges for students of varying abilities and characteristics.
3.2	Plan, structure and sequence learning programs: Plan lesson sequences using knowledge of student learning, content and effective teaching strategies.
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.
3.5	Use effective classroom communication: Demonstrate a range of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to support student engagement
3.6	Evaluate and improve teaching programs: Demonstrate broad knowledge of strategies that can be used to evaluate teaching programs to improve student learning.
4.1	Support student participation: Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities.
4.2	Manage classroom activities: Demonstrate the capacity to organise classroom activities and provide clear directions
4.5	Use ICT safely, responsibly and ethically: Demonstrate an understanding of the relevant issues and the strategies available to support the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.
5.1	Assess student learning: Demonstrate understanding of assessment strategies, including informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative approaches to assess student learning.
5.2	Provide feedback to students on their learning: Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of providing timely and appropriate feedback to students about their learning
5.3	Make consistent and comparable judgements: Demonstrate understanding of assessment moderation and its application to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning.
5.4	Interpret student data: Demonstrate the capacity to interpret student assessment data to evaluate student learning and modify teaching practice.
5.5	Report on student achievement: Demonstrate understanding of a range of strategies for reporting to students and parents/ carers and the purpose of keeping accurate and reliable records of student achievement

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 (AE304 and an English Major or English Studies Extended Minor) or (ED315 and an English Minor)

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

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

It is expected that students who engage in this course will have completed successfully tertiary English course studies.

5.5. Microcredential Information

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

Task 1 is due at the beginning of Week 4. Students will have access to formative feedback in tutorials from Week 1 onwards.

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	Examination - not Centrally Scheduled	Individual	30%	1000-1500 words	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Artefact - Professional	Individual	45%	2000-2500 words	Week 7	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Artefact - Creative, and Oral	Individual	25%	5-10 minutes	Refer to Format	In Class

All - Assessment Task 1: Investigation of the General English Syllabus

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to investigate and evaluate the Senior Secondary English syllabus																
PRODUCT:	Examination - not Centrally Scheduled																
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:																	
FORMAT:	Referring to the Queensland General English syllabus (QCAA) and the associate list of prescribed texts, provide responses to the items on the examination paper. This is an open book exam that is to be completed in class. Due in tutorial Week 4.																
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All - Assessment Task 2: Unit of work evaluation and professional learning team lesson sequence

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to develop your capacity to collaboratively plan, sequence and justify evidence informed lessons using the QCAA General English syllabus 2025. As a learning team, you will use structured peer feedback and reflection to refine your individual and collective practice.																						
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Professional																						
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:																							
FORMAT:	Individually, you will interrogate a provided unit of work. Then, working in a professional learning team (PLT) of three, you will evaluate a provided unit outline and co-produce a sequence of three lessons for Unit 2 (Year 11) in the QCAA General English Syllabus 2025. You will individually draft one lesson plan that includes a diagnostic opening to identify where your students are in their learning before new content is introduced, and a sequence of activities designed to increase in cognitive demand with spacing and retrieval practice embedded throughout. You will exchange written peer feedback with your team before assembling a single co-produced lesson sequence.																						
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GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Collaboration, Organisation																						

All - Assessment Task 3: Introduction to a text with accompanying multimodal resource

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to demonstrate your capacity to introduce a prescribed text for study in Senior Secondary English. Design and create a digital resource to engage students with this text.																			
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative, and Oral																			
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:																				
FORMAT:	<p>Submission: Weeks 8-10 in tutorials according to schedule.</p> <p>Task: You are to make a 5-10 minute presentation to introduce senior secondary students to a new text. The text must be chosen from a QCAA prescribed text list.</p> <p>You must demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching practices for student engagement • Knowledge of how the text will contribute to student learning and assessment • An understanding of its literary and aesthetic value. <p>To support your presentation, design and create a multi-modal resource to introduce the text to students.</p> <p>Purpose: To introduce a text, to inform and educate.</p> <p>Audience: Senior secondary General English students.</p> <p>Mode: Oral with multi-modal support.</p>																			
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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

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Nil

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:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

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10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

- Less than 15 minutes: No penalty
- From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty
- More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. 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>

10.5. 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.

10.6. General Enquiries

For course-specific questions, contact your teaching staff or Course Coordinator.

For other enquiries or to access support, please contact Student Central:

- [UniSC Student Central](#)
- [UniSC Adelaide Student Central](#)

