COURSE OUTLINE

EDU745 Teaching Junior Secondary Languages

School: School of Education and Tertiary Access

2025 | Semester 1

UniSC Sunshine Coast	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 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

This course builds capacity to design and discern effective pedagogy within Languages for Years 7 -10. You organise and plan lessons using the Australian Curriculum for Languages, apply your knowledge, understanding and skills to interpret, evaluate and adapt learning, in order to engage Junior Secondary students.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – This is a blended Learning course and you are required to engage with Canvas materials and complete related activities.	2hrs	Week 1	9 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – You are required to participate weekly in a tutorial/workshop that builds on the learning materials	2hrs	Week 1	10 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Secondary (F-10) Curriculum Frameworks in Languages Learning Area and Intercultural Language Teaching (ICLT)

- Approaches to planning Language learning
- Assessing learning in Languages
- Benefits of and advocacy for additional language learning, including the academic and social values
- Pedagogical content knowledge: Languages Learning Area
- Curriculum content, syllabus alignment and lesson planning, assessing Languages
- Communicative Language Teaching Methods

2. What level is this course?

700 Level (Specialised)

Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING * Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership
1 Research the benefits of learning Languages to promote the Languages Learning Area to key stakeholders in Junior Secondary School settings	Knowledgeable Empowered	2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
2 Research and critically analyse the Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) approach and the Intercutural Language teaching focus, applying this knowledge to a specific additional language in the Junior Secondary years	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker	2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
3 Critically analyse and interpret key components of The Australian Curriculum	Languages	Knowledgeable	2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	
2	PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE: Know the content and how to teach it
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.
3	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning
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
4	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments

CODE	COMPETENCY
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	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning
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 ED706 and a Languages Teaching area or ED508 or ED705

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 you will draw upon knowledge of a language to complete this course that you have studied prior to entry into this program.

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 completed at the end of week 3, prior to census and will be scored by a computer immediately upon completion, hence providing early feedback to students about their progress.

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	Quiz/zes	Individual	10%	10 questions, 1000 words	Week 3	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Essay	Individual	40%	2500 words excluding Reference List	Week 6	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Creative Performance	Individual	50%	30 minute micro teaching segment and one two page lesson plan,	Week 10	In Class

All - Assessment Task 1: On line quiz

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to become familiar with the Australian Curriculum: Languages syllabus by answering a series of on line questions related to the key syllabus focuses
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes
FORMAT:	On line task

CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge and understanding of the key focuses of the Australian Curriculum: Languages.	3

GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Applying technologies

All - Assessment Task 2: Pedagogical Approaches

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to research the various pedagogical approaches to teaching Languages and articulate a personal philosophy based on a synthesis of this research.
PRODUCT:	Essay
FORMAT:	Research and write a fully referenced academic essay on the various approaches to teaching Languages. Then analyse and synthesise this research to articulate and justify a personal philosophy of how you will teach your specific Language.

CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge and understanding of approaches to teaching Languages	1 2
	2	Written communication and academic literacies including grammar, English expression, APA referencing conventions, and technical accuracy.	2
	3	Ability to research, critically analyse and synthesise information to articulate a personal philosophy to teaching your Language	2

GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation, Information literacy

All - Assessment Task 3: Micro teaching

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to engage in micro teaching to your peers in a Language of your choice evidencing understanding of pedagogical approaches to teaching Languages.
PRODUCT:	Creative Performance
FORMAT:	Teach your Language to your peers for 30 minutes, using relevant pedagogical approaches . Submit a lesson plan prior to the teaching episode.

CRITERIA:	**No.**		**Learning Outcome assessed**
	1	Knowledge and understanding of the Australian Curriculum: Languages	3
	2	Micro teaching skills evidencing understanding of pedagogical approaches	3
	3	Written communication and academic literacies including grammar, English expression, APA referencing conventions, and technical accuracy	

GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation, Information literacy

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.

7.1. Schedule

PERIOD AND TOPIC	ACTIVITIES
Module 1	Introduction to Languages Learning Area: Historical context-Policy Benefits of Learning Languages
Module 2	Historical Overview of grammar translation; audio lingual; communicative language teaching approaches
Module 3	Australian Curriculum: Languages-structures, requirements, strands
Module 4	Teaching and assessing Speaking Teaching and assessing Listening Teaching and assessing Reading Teaching and assessing Writing Teaching and assessing other key aspects: (e.g. reflecting,)
Module 5	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages
Module 6	Issues in Languages teaching and learning

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

Not applicable

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

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. 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 or using the SafeZone app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone 07 5456 3864 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 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
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