

EDU781 Contemporary Issues in Steiner Education

School: School of Education and Tertiary Access

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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.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

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

This course provides you with an introduction and overview of Steiner Education. It is designed for both new and experienced educators in Steiner Education and offers you the opportunity to develop an indepth understanding of Steiner educational theory and practice and evaluate its relationship to 21st century educational reforms and policy developments.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – You are required to engage with online pre-recorded presentations and asynchronous materials and activities prior to attending the workshop tutorial.	1hr	Week 1	6 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – This will be run in dual mode with a live Zoom tutorial/workshop in real-time but will be recorded for those who cannot make the session.	2hrs	Week 1	6 times
Tutorial/Workshop 2 – Sunday of week 6 to Monday of week 7 and will be delivered online synchronously and asynchronously supported by technology-enabled learning and teaching including zoom.	7hrs	Week 6	2 times
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Tutorial/Workshop 2 – A two day intensive at the end of week 6/beginning of week 7 will be delivered online synchronously and asynchronously supported by technology-enabled learning and teaching including zoom.	7hrs	Week 6	2 times

1.3. Course Topics

1. Early childhood and primary education: Steiner’s pedagogical framework. Weeks 1-2
2. Primary education: Steiner’s pedagogical framework. Weeks 3-4
3. Secondary education: Steiner’s pedagogical framework. Weeks 5-6
4. Contemporary issues in Steiner Education: Intensive Week 7

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	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 Critically analyse Steiner’s pedagogical framework	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker	1.1, 1.2
2 Critically evaluate a contemporary Steiner educational issue.	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker	6.2
3 Apply Steiner educational theory to respond to contemporary educational issues.	Creative and critical thinker Empowered	6

* 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.
1.2	Understand how students learn: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research into how students learn and the implications for teaching.
6	PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT: Engage in professional learning
6.2	Engage in professional learning and improve practice: Understand the relevant and appropriate sources of professional learning for teachers

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

ED510 or ED705

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

In week 4 students will submit a short response (1) on the features of Steiner Education which will allow for formative feedback that can be taken into account for Task 2. This task is not graded and is used only to provide early feedback on the ideas presented.

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	Written Piece	Individual	0%	500 words	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Oral and Written Piece	Individual	50%	10 minute 'video essay' and accompanying script and references.	Week 7	Online Submission
All	3	Portfolio	Individual	50%	3000 words	Week 12	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: 5 essential elements of Steiner Education

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to identify 5 core principles you believe underpin Steiner Education – taking your readings and class discussions thus far into account, and submit this in week 4. You will identify one element you wish to explore through the lens of a particular area of schooling for Task 2:	
PRODUCT:	Written Piece	
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:		
FORMAT:	Written submission	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Organisation, Information literacy	

All - Assessment Task 2: Analysis of Steiner's educational theory

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to develop and demonstrate an indepth understanding of Steiner's educational theory and practice and evaluate its relationship to a contemporary educational landscape. You may focus on a particular area of schooling such as early childhood, primary or secondary years.	
PRODUCT:	Oral and Written Piece	
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:		
FORMAT:	Video and written script	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge and understanding of Steiner's developmental pedagogy and principles 1
	2	Evaluation of Steiner's pedagogical indications within a contemporary educational context. 2
	3	Written communication skills and academic literacies including English expression, grammar, spelling, punctuation, APA referencing conventions. 2
	4	Assessment criteria are mapped to the course learning outcomes. 1 2 3
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Applying technologies, Information literacy	

All - Assessment Task 3: Educational Theory Specialisation

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to create a portfolio that responds critically to the learning materials, in-class discussions, and readings from the intensive, integrating your own insights.													
PRODUCT:	Portfolio													
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:														
FORMAT:	This is a portfolio divided into sections that enable you to respond to the different focus areas of the intensive. A template and task sheet will be provided.													
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GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Collaboration, Problem solving													

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
Weeks 1-2: Topic: EC and primary education	Read Child's Changing Consciousness assigned chapters; watch lecture
Weeks 3-4: Topic: primary education	Reach Child's Changing Consciousness assigned chapters; read Education for Adolescents assigned chapters; watch lectures
Weeks 5-6: Topic: secondary education	Read Education for Adolescents assigned chapters
Week 6 or 7 Intensive (dates may vary due to holidays): Contemporary Issues in Steiner Education	Read assigned chapters and articles

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

It is expected that you will require: Internet access and a personal computer (recommendations from information and technology services are available at the following link https://usc.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1371).

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](#)