School of Education

EDUC6025: TESOL Curriculum and Methodology

Callaghan and Online Semester 1 - 2024





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OVERVIEW

Course Description

Develops understanding of curriculum theories and its application in ESL/EFL Syllabus design and ESL/EFL program writing in schools and universities. The pedagogic principles and practices of ESL/EFL teaching will be discussed in relation to curriculum development. It also aims to develop students' understanding of the importance of curriculum innovation in accordance with the global, national and local educational contexts in the 21st century.

Requisites

This course has similarities to EDUC6888 and EDUC6889. If you have completed either of these courses or are currently enrolled in either of these courses, you cannot enrol in this course.

Contact Hours

Callaghan Lecture

Face to Face On Campus 1 hour(s) per Week for Full Term

Tutorial

Face to Face On Campus 1 hour(s) per Week for Full Term

Online

Integrated Learning Session

10

2 hour(s) per Week for Full Term

Unit Weighting

Workload Students are required to spend on average 120-140 hours of

effort (contact and non-contact) including assessments per 10

unit course.



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SYLLABUS

Course Content

- 1. Key concepts of curriculum theory and its application;
- 2. ESL/EFL syllabus design and ESL/EFL program writing;
- 3. Pedagogical approaches to teaching ESL/EFL;
- 4. Materials and resources to support TESOL; and
- 5. New directions of teaching English as an international language.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand and analyse key concepts of curriculum theory and its application;
- 2. Apply core knowledge to ESL/EFL syllabus design and ESL/EFL program writing;
- 3. Critically evaluate pedagogical approaches to teaching ESL/EFL;
- 4. Design and develop materials and resources to support TESOL;
- 5. Discuss and synthesize new directions of teaching English as an international language.

Course Materials

Lecture Materials:

Guidelines and lecture notes of the weekly topic.

Recommended journal articles

Recommended Reading:

- A reading list is provided through Canvas. The textbook is recommended to use for this course:
- B. Kumaravadivelu. (2006) Understanding language teaching: from method to postmethod. New York: Routledge.



SCHEDULE

Week	Week Begins	Topic	Learning Activity	Assessment Due	
1	26 Feb	Week 1 Introduction to the course	Group discussion on the course outline Questions and answers	Brief assessment tasks of the course	
2	4 Mar	Week 2 The definition of curriculum	Class discussion Questions and answers	Reminder of the first assignment	
3	3 11 Mar Week 3 Cooperative learning Class discussion and group syllabus work 4 18 Mar Week 4 Group discussion Demonstration of teaching		Class discussion and group	No assessment due	
4				No assessment due	
5	25 Mar	Week 5 Writing a lesson plan and a unit plan	Workshop Class discussion	The first assignment due in Week 5	
6	1 Apr	Week 6 Evaluating a program	Workshop Group discussion Cooperative learning	No assessment due	
7	8 Apr	Week 7 Development of L2 teaching methods	Group discussion Students' research	Reminder of the second assignment	
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8	29 Apr	Week 8 The definitions of approach and method	Class discussion Questions and answers	No assessment due	
9	6 May	Week 9 Language-centred methods	Class discussion Questions and answers	The second assignment due in Week 9	
10	13 May	Week 10 Learner-centred methods	Class discussion Questions and answers	Reminder of the third assignment	
11	20 May	Week 11 Multiliteracies in language education	Classroom presentation	No assessment due	
12	27 May	Week 12 Framework and Approaches to Assessment in Language Education	Classroom presentation	No assessment due	
13	3 Jun	Week 13 New directions in TESOL	Classroom presentation	The third assignment due in Week 13	
			ion Period		
		Examinat	ion Period		



ASSESSMENTS

This course has 3 assessments. Each assessment is described in more detail in the sections below.

	Assessment Name	Due Date	Involvement	Weighting	Learning Outcomes
1	Essays/Written Assignments (report of a case study) 20%	Thursday 28 Mar 2024 Week 5	Individual	20%	1, 2
2	Essays/Written Assignments 40%	Friday 10 May 2024 Week 9	Individual	40%	3, 4
3	Essays/Written Assignments (A teaching program) 40%	Friday 7 June 2024 Week 13	Individual	40%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Late Submissions

The mark for an assessment item submitted after the designated time on the due date, without an approved extension of time, will be reduced by 10% of the possible maximum mark for that assessment item for each day or part day that the assessment item is late. Note: this applies equally to week and weekend days.

Assessment 1 - Essays/Written Assignments (report of a case study) 20%

Assessment Type Purpose

Case Study / Problem Based Learning

To apply the theoretical concepts of curriculum development to an investigation on a real

case of curriculum implementation.

To evaluate the appropriateness of various L2 syllabi in the social and cultural context of the student's home country.

To assess student's writing skills and overall learning outcomes

DescriptionBased on your own experience of teaching or learning ESL/EFL in previous schools or

universities in your country as a case study, identify the weaknesses as well as strengths of the language teaching. Provide suggestions for ways to improve the language teaching. This case study must be in essay form with up-to-date references as support for your arguments (Native English speaking students who have no experience of teaching and learning ESL/E can focus on learning a foreign language or English as their first language).

Weighting 20%

Length 1000 words

Due Date Thursday 28 Mar 2024 Week 5

Submission Method Online using Turnitin

This assignment needs to be submitted through Canvas.

Assessment Criteria

1. Thorough understanding of the L2 syllabus.

2. Thorough understanding on the concepts of syllabus design.

3. Appropriate links between theory and the case study of practice in the home country.

4. A critical analysis of the major issues related to syllabus.

5. A high quality of literacy and overall presentation.

Return Method Feedback Provided

Online - Week 7.

Online

Assessment 2 - Essays/Written Assignments 40%

Assessment Type

Written Assignment

Description Weighting

Due Date

40%

Length 2000 words

Friday 10 May 2024 Week 9

Submission Method

Online using Turnitin
This assignment needs to be submitted through Canvas.

Assessment Criteria

1. Thorough understanding of methods of language teaching

2. Thorough understanding of a variety of teaching approaches and strategies.



3. Appropriate links between methods and the teaching practice in the home country.

4. A critical analysis of the major issues related to the teaching methodology.

5. High quality academic writing skills and overall presentation.

Return Method Online

Feedback Provided Online - Week 11.

Assessment 3 - Essays/Written Assignments (A teaching program) 40%

Assessment Type

Written Assignment

Purpose

To apply theory to practice in language curriculum design.

To synthesize knowledge and skills relevant to curriculum and methodology.

To locate relevant resource and to organize learning activities. To assess and evaluate students' overall learning outcomes.

Description

Prepare five detailed lesson plans for a sequence of ESL lessons as a unit suitable for a future class that you wish to teach. Provide a brief description of the class and classroom and show how you would incorporate motivation, communication, assessment and support for the achieving of your stated outcomes.

Weighting 40%

Length 2000 words

Due Date Friday 7 June 2024 Week 13

Submission Method Online using Turnitin

This assignment needs to be submitted through Canvas.

Assessment Criteria

1. Well-justified objectives appropriate to your intended students.

2. A clear unit timetable indicating the teaching schedule.

3. Five detailed lessons with various activities in a logical sequence.

4. Various assessment tasks to check learning outcomes.

5. Overall high quality organisation and presentation.

Return Method

Feedback Provided

Online - Two weeks after Week 13.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Online

Grading Scheme

This course is graded as follows:

Range of Marks	Grade	Description			
85-100	High Distinction (HD)	Outstanding standard indicating comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of an outstanding level of academic achievement; mastery of skills*; and achievement of all assessment objectives.			
75-84	Distinction (D)	Excellent standard indicating a very high level of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of a very high level of academic ability; sound development of skills*; and achievement of all assessment objectives.			
65-74	Credit (C)	Good standard indicating a high level of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of a high level of academic achievement; reasonable development of skills*; and achievement of all learning outcomes.			
50-64	Pass (P)	Satisfactory standard indicating an adequate knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of an adequate level of academic achievement; satisfactory development of skills*; and achievement of all learning outcomes.			
0-49	Fail (FF)	Failure to satisfactorily achieve learning outcomes. If all compulsory course components are not completed the mark will be zero. A fail grade may also be awarded following disciplinary action.			

^{*}Skills are those identified for the purposes of assessment task(s).



Attendance

Attendance/participation will be recorded in the following components:

- Lecture (Method of recording: roll-calling in the class)
- Tutorial (Method of recording: roll-calling in the class)

Communication Methods

Communication methods used in this course include:

- Canvas Course Site: Students will receive communications via the posting of content or announcements on the Canvas course site.
- Email: Students will receive communications via their student email account.
- Face to Face: Communication will be provided via face to face meetings or supervision.

Course Evaluation

Each year feedback is sought from students and other stakeholders about the courses offered in the University for the purposes of identifying areas of excellence and potential improvement.

Oral Interviews (Vivas)

As part of the evaluation process of any assessment item in this course an oral examination (viva) may be conducted. The purpose of the oral examination is to verify the authorship of the material submitted in response to the assessment task. The oral examination will be conducted in accordance with the principles set out in the Oral Examination (viva) Procedure. In cases where the oral examination reveals the assessment item may not be the student's own work the case will be dealt with under the Student Conduct Rule.

Academic Misconduct

All students are required to meet the academic integrity standards of the University. These standards reinforce the importance of integrity and honesty in an academic environment. Academic Integrity policies apply to all students of the University in all modes of study and in all locations. For the Student Academic Integrity Policy, refer to https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=35.

Adverse Circumstances

The University acknowledges the right of students to seek consideration for the impact of allowable adverse circumstances that may affect their performance in assessment item(s). Applications for special consideration due to adverse circumstances will be made using the online Adverse Circumstances system where:

- 1. the assessment item is a major assessment item; or
- 2. the assessment item is a minor assessment item and the Course Co-ordinator has specified in the Course Outline that students may apply the online Adverse Circumstances system;
- 3. you are requesting a change of placement; or
- 4. the course has a compulsory attendance requirement.

Before applying you must refer to the Adverse Circumstance Affecting Assessment Items Procedure available at:

https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=236

Important Policy Information

The 'HELP for Students' tab in UoNline contains important information that all students should be familiar with, including various systems, policies and procedures.

This course outline was approved by the Head of School. No alteration of this course outline is permitted without Head of School approval. If a change is approved, students will be notified and an amended course outline will be provided in the same manner as the original.

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EDUC6025: Assessment Tasks

1. Assessment Task One (AT1): Case Study

Based on your own experience of teaching or learning ESL/EFL in previous schools or institutions in your country as a case study, identify the weaknesses as well as strengths of the language teaching. Provide suggestions for ways to improve the language teaching.

This case study must be in essay form with up-to-date references as support for your arguments (Native English-speaking students who have no experience of teaching and learning ESL/EFL can focus on learning a foreign language or English as their first language).

Length: 1000 words Value: 20% Due Date: Thursday 28 Mar 2024 Week 5

Purpose of this task:

- To apply the theoretical concepts of curriculum development to an investigation on a real case of curriculum implementation.
- To evaluate the appropriateness of various L2 syllabi in the social and cultural context of the student's home country.
- To assess student's writing skills and overall learning outcomes.

To prepare this assignment, you need to ask yourself a couple of questions:

- What are the purposes of this Assessment Task One?
- What have you learned from Week 1 to Week 4?
- What does the lecturer expect you to do in this assignment?
- How can you demonstrate that you have achieved good learning outcomes in the first 4 weeks?

Here are some tips to help you to clarify some possible doubts:

- 1000 words is not a long essay, your writing should be concise and focused. The lecturer will not count the words exactly. 5% more or less than 1000 words are acceptable.
- Your writing should be related to the concepts of syllabus, objectives, learning outcomes and "two sides of one coin".
- You need to identify the weakness and strengths in terms of syllabus design. The reasons for your argument should be convincing.
- If you have no teaching experience, you can focus on your learning experience when you
 were in schools or universities.

- Your reference should be up to date. Most of them should be after 2010.
- Please use APA7th referencing style. If you do not know, please visit the website of UoN Library https://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/learn/referencing#ref.

The following marking sheet is provided for your reference. It gives you a general idea about how your assignment is marked:

MARKING SHEET 1 NAME: TOTAL MARKS: /20

Marking Criteria					
	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Credit	Distinction	Higher Distinction
Knowledge Development of Subject & Details	No evidence of understanding of the subject/content and key ideas in L2 syllabus	Inaccurate or basic understanding of the subject/content and key ideas in L2 syllabus.	Adequate understanding of the subject/content and key ideas in L2 syllabus	Sophisticated understanding of the subject/content and key ideas in L2 syllabus	In-depth analysis of subject/content. Highly sophisticated understanding of theoretical concepts in L2 syllabus.
	Few or no relevant details	Details lack elaboration; important details omitted or inaccurate	Adequate, accurate, and relevant details with clear elaboration	Specific details/elaboration to enhance knowledge development	Rich supporting details are fully elaborated to enhance knowledge development
/5	Less than 2.5	2.5	3	4	5
Knowledge Application & Unclear introduction to and synthesis of the case study of curriculum implementation in the social and cultural context of one's home country No connection between subject/content and task		Basic introduction to and synthesis of the case study of curriculum implementation in the social and cultural context of one's home country Few connections to subject/content and task	Good introduction to and synthesis of the case study of curriculum implementation in the social and cultural context of one's home country Implied connection between subject/content and task	Sophisticated introduction to and synthesis of the case study of curriculum implementation in the social and cultural context of one's home country Clear connections between subject/content and task	Highly sophisticated introduction and evaluation of the case study of curriculum implementation in the social and cultural context of one's home country Insightful connections between subject/content and task
/5	Less than 2.5	2.5	3	4	5
Academic Literacy	Written expression is unclear with significant errors in grammar or sentence structure	Basic developed points to present, but some minor errors in grammar or sentence structure	Good constructed points, but with minor errors in grammar or sentence structure	Well-constructed points, with very minor errors (if any) in grammar or sentence structure	Outstanding constructed points; flawless grammar and sentence structure
/5	Less than 2.5	2.5	3	4	5
APA 6 th (or above) Referencing Style	No APA 6 th or above referencing present; APA 6 th or above referencing with significant errors;	APA 6 th or above referencing with some errors	APA 6 th or above referencing with minor errors	APA 6 th or above referencing is almost all correct, but with very minor errors (less than 2)	APA 6 th or above referencing is correct
/5	Lesson than 2.5	3	3	4	5

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Assessment Task Two: Methodology Analysis

You will be given a specific teaching method. You then research its historical

background, major authors or representative figures and theoretical foundation behind

the teaching method. Review the effectiveness of the approach and explain how you

would adapt its techniques to suit your classroom in the social and cultural context of

your own country. Give reasons for selecting or not selecting the approach in the

current educational climate in your ESL classroom. Presentation will be required to

demonstrate your understanding of the identified English language teaching method.

Due date: Week 9 Friday 10 May 2024 Value: 40%

Length: 2000 words

Purpose of this task:

To research methods of L2 teaching

To analyse a specific language teaching method in the light of a theoretical framework.

To link the concepts of methodology with the practice of teaching L2.

To assess students' writing and speaking ability and overall learning outcomes.

To prepare this assignment, you need to ask yourself a couple of questions:

What are the purposes of this Assessment Task Two?

What does the lecturer expect you to do in this assignment?

How can you demonstrate that you have achieved good learning outcome?

Here are some tips to help you to clarify some possible doubts:

This is a 2000-word essay therefore your writing should demonstrate a discussion in

depth. The lecturer will not count the words exactly. 5% more or less than 2000 words are

acceptable.

Your writing should focus on a specific teaching method although you can consider other

strong points from other teaching methods. In doing so, the reasons for your argument

should be convincing.

Your reference should be up-to-date.

Please use APA 6th or above referencing style. If you do not know, please visit the website

of UoN Library https://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/learn/referencing#ref

Please submit your work via Turnitin.

The following marking sheet is provided for your reference. It gives you a general idea

about how your assignment is marked:

EDUC6025: MARKING SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT TWO

NAME: **TOTAL MARKS:** / 40

Marking Criteria					
Criteria	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Credit	Distinction	Higher Distinction
Knowledge Development of Subject & Details	Limited/minimal understanding of the subject/content and main knowledge components in ESL/EFL teaching methods Few or no relevant details	Inaccurate or basic understanding of the subject/content and main knowledge components in ESL/EFL teaching methods	Adequate understanding of the subject/content and main knowledge components in ESL/EFL teaching methods Adequate, accurate, and relevant details	Sophisticated understanding of the subject/content and main knowledge components in ESL/EFL teaching methods Specific details/elaboration to	In-depth analysis of subject/content. Highly sophisticated understanding of theoretical concepts and coherent philosophy of construction and their interrelationships on a specific language
/10	Less than 5	elaboration; important details omitted or inaccurate	with clear elaboration 6.5-7	enhance knowledge development 7.5-8	Rich supporting details are fully elaborated to enhance knowledge development
					8.5-10
Knowledge Application & Information Integration	Limited/minimal analysis of the chosen language teaching method; No evidence of the evaluation of the method or link theory about teaching methods with practice in the social and cultural context of one's own country	Basic analysis of the chosen language teaching method; No evidence of the evaluation of the method or link theory about teaching methods with practice in the social and cultural context of one's own country	Firm analysis of the chosen language teaching method; No evidence of the evaluation of the method or link theory about teaching methods with practice in the social and cultural context of one's own country	Sophisticated analysis of the chosen language teaching method; No evidence of the evaluation of the method or link theory about teaching methods with practice in the social and cultural context of one's own country	Highly sophisticated analysis of the chosen language teaching method; No evidence of the evaluation of the method or link theory about teaching methods with practice in the social and cultural context of one's own country
	No connection between subject/content and task	Few connections to subject/content and task	Implied connection between subject/content and task	Clear connections between subject/content and task	Insightful connections between subject/content and task
/10	Less than 5	5-6	6.5-7	7.5-8	8.5-10
Academic Literacy	Written expression is unclear with significant errors in grammar or sentence structure	Basic developed points to present, but some minor errors in grammar or sentence structure	Good constructed points, but with minor errors in grammar or sentence structure	Well-constructed points, with very minor errors (if any) in grammar or sentence structure	Outstanding constructed points; flawless grammar and sentence structure
/10	Less than 5	5-6	6.5-7	7.5-8	8.5-10
Organisation & Format	Unclear focus organisational strategy	Established but lacks focus and organisation	Maintains a clear focus	Clear and appropriate focus	Clear and appropriate focus
	Paper format is inconsistent with assignment	Major formatting issues found	Part of the paper is formatted correctly with some minor inconsistencies	A majority of the paper is formatted correctly	Entire paper is formatted correctly
/5	Less than 2.5	2.5	3	4	5
APA 6 th (or above) Referencing Style	No APA 6 th or above referencing present; APA 6 th or above referencing with significant errors;	APA 6 th or above referencing with some errors	APA 6 th or above referencing with minor errors	APA 6 th or above referencing is almost all correct, but with very minor errors (less than 2)	APA 6 th or above referencing is correct
/5	Lesson than 2.5	2.5	3	4	5

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Assessment Task Three (AT3): Program design

Prepare five detailed lesson plans for a sequence of ESL lessons as a unit suitable for a future class that you wish to teach. Provide a brief description of the class and classroom and show

how you would incorporate motivation, communication, assessment and support for the

achieving of your stated outcomes.

Length: 2000 words Value: 40% Due date: Week 13 Friday 7 June 2024

Purpose of this task:

To apply theory to practice in language curriculum design.

• To synthesize knowledge and skills relevant to curriculum and methodology.

• To locate relevant resource and to organize learning activities.

• To assess and evaluate students' overall learning outcomes.

To prepare this assignment, you need to ask yourself a couple of questions:

What are the purposes of this Assessment Task Three?

• What have you learned from Week 1 to Week13?

What does the lecturer expect you to do in this assignment?

How can you demonstrate that you have achieved good learning outcome for the whole

semester?

Here are some tips to help you to clarify some possible doubts:

The assignment does not indicate a length, therefore you are free to write a unit as you

like. But your writing should not be less than 2000 words since its weight is 40%.

Your writing should be related to the concepts of syllabus, objectives, learning outcomes

and "two sides of one coin".

• Your work should include a table of unit plan with five detailed lesson plans.

The unit plan and lesson plan should be workable for the students you are going to teach.

• If you use any reference or teaching materials, you should acknowledge the resource.

Please use APA 6th or above referencing style. If you do not know, please visit the website

of UoN Library https://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/learn/referencing#ref

• When you finish the final draft, please submit your work via turnitin.

The following marking sheet is provided for your reference. It gives you a general idea

about how your assignment is marked:

EDUC 6025: MARKING SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT THREE

NAME: TOTAL MARKS: / 40

Marking Criteria					
	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Credit	Distinction	Higher Distinction
Knowledge Development of Subject & Details	Limited/minimal understanding of the key concepts of ESL/EFL program design	Inaccurate or basic understanding of the key concepts of ESL/EFL program design	Adequate understanding of the key concepts of ESL/EFL program design	Sophisticated understanding of the key concepts of ESL/EFL program design	Highly sophisticated understanding of theoretical concepts and coherent philosophy of construction on ESL/EFL program design
	Few or no relevant details	Details lack elaboration; important details omitted or inaccurate	Adequate, accurate, and relevant details with clear elaboration	Specific details/elaboration to enhance knowledge development	Rich supporting details are fully elaborated to enhance knowledge development
/10	Less than 5	5-6	6.5-7	7.5-8	8.5-10
Knowledge Application & Information Integration	Limited/minimal evidence to demonstrate the syllabus has a coverage of language skills, structure, and functions	Basic evidence to demonstrate the syllabus has a coverage of language skills, structure, and functions	Firm evidence to demonstrate the syllabus has a coverage of language skills, structure, and functions	Sophisticated evidence to demonstrate the syllabus has a coverage of language skills, structure, and functions	Highly sophisticated evidence to demonstrate the syllabus has a coverage of language skills, structure, and functions
	No unit plan provided and five detailed lessons with various activities in a logical sequence	Unit plan provided or only five lesson plans shown in the program design	Clear unit plan and five detailed lessons are provided in a logical presentation	Well-designed unit plan and five detailed lessons are provided in a logical presentation	Excellent unit plan and five detailed lessons are provided in a logical presentation
	No connection between subject/content and task	Few connections to subject/content and task	Implied connection between subject/content and task	Clear connections between subject/content and task	Insightful connections between subject/content and task
/10	Less than 5	5-6	6.5-7	7.5-8	8.5-10
Academic Literacy	Written expression is unclear with significant errors in grammar or sentence structure	Basic developed points to present, but some minor errors in grammar or sentence structure	Good constructed points, but with minor errors in grammar or sentence structure	Well-constructed points, with very minor errors (if any) in grammar or sentence structure	Outstanding constructed points; flawless gramma and sentence structure
/10	Less than 5	5-6	6.5-7	7.5-8	8.5-10
Organisation & Format	Unclear focus organisational strategy	Established but lacks focus and organisation	Maintains a clear focus	Clear and appropriate focus	Clear and appropriate focus
	Paper format is inconsistent with assignment	Major formatting issues found	Part of the paper is formatted correctly with some minor inconsistencies	A majority of the paper is formatted correctly	Entire paper is formatted correctly
/5	Less than 2.5	2.5	3	4	5
APA 6 th (or above) Referencing Style	No APA 6 th or above referencing present; APA 6 th or above referencing with significant errors;	APA 6 th or above referencing with some errors	APA 6 th or above referencing with minor errors	APA 6 th or above referencing is almost all correct, but with very minor errors (less than 2)	APA 6 th or above referencing is correct
/5	Less than 2.5	3	3	4	5