



# EDUC7030

## Curriculum Studies

Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2020

*Macquarie School of Education*

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## General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The study of curriculum is central to our understanding of educational institutions. It can be focused on the learning of a single student or group of students; on the formal curriculum of a school or other educational workplace; or it can be expansive in its national and international focus. This unit encompasses each of these areas and introduces you to the breadth of curriculum studies. It considers the nature of curriculum, the relationships between curriculum, knowledge and ideology, curriculum planning, curriculum implementation and evaluation, curriculum change and curriculum futures. The learning tasks in the unit focus on developing an understanding of advanced concepts in the curriculum field. Current issues being researched or unfolding in the curriculum literature are also considered with a view to identifying research trends and possibilities.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1:** Discuss the strategic importance of research in the curriculum field

**ULO2:** Analyse current research debates in the curriculum field, including the nature of curriculum, the relationships between curriculum, knowledge and ideology, the foundational disciplines that underpin curriculum studies, and the dynamics of curriculum planning, implementation and evaluation

**ULO3:** Critically assess curriculum priorities, change processes and preferred curriculum futures in an educational jurisdiction

**ULO4:** Identify key themes, trends and issues in curriculum research

## Assessment Tasks

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

## Delivery and Resources

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: [https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit\\_status](https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status)

It is assumed in the teaching and learning modules that you will have your own copy of the required texts below as valuable additions to your professional library:

- Brady, L. and Kennedy, K. (2019). *Curriculum Construction*. Frenchs Forest, Sydney. Pearson. (6th edition)
- Webster, S. and Ryan, A. (2019). *Understanding Curriculum*. Port Melbourne, Cambridge University Press.

## Unit Schedule

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The unit schedule/topics and any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19. Please consult [iLearn](#) for latest details, and check here for updated delivery information: [https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit\\_status](https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status)

Week beginning	Wk	Module	On-campus Evening Sessions	Online Seminars and Learning Activities	Focus	Assessment Task
24 February	1	1	<i>Seminar 1 Orientation Getting to Know You 27 Feb 5-7pm  Room 149, 7 Wally's Walk</i>	<b>Seminar 1</b>	<i>An Introduction to Curriculum Studies</i>	Seminar 1:  Evening Students  <i>Please note: Attendance at Seminar 1- the on-campus orientation session- is recommended but voluntary for Online students able to come.</i>
2 March	2	1				
9 March	3	2	<i>Seminar 2  12 March</i>	<b>Seminar 2</b>	<i>The Social and Ideological Contexts of Curriculum</i>	-
16 March	4	2	-			Module 2 learning activity response due by 22 March
23 March	5	3	<i>Seminar 3  26 March</i>	<b>Seminar 3</b>	<i>Cultural Diversity and Curriculum</i>	-
30 March	6	3	-			-
6 April	7	4	<i>Seminar 4  9 April</i>	<b>Seminar 4</b>	<i>Curriculum Planning and Design</i>	
13 April	8	4	<i>(Mid-semester Break)</i>	-		.
20 April	9	5	<i>(Mid-semester Break)</i>	-		<b>Reflective Journal Assignment (A) (Modules 3-4).  Due Sunday 26 April</b>
27 April	10	5		<b>Seminar 5</b>	<i>Curriculum Assessment. Evaluation and Review</i>	<i>Topic of Major Assignment finalised in consultation with Unit Convenor by Friday 1 May at the latest</i>
4 May	11	5		-		-

11 May	12	6	-	Seminar 6	Curriculum Change	Major Assessment Task Due Sunday 15 May
18 May	13	6	-	-	-	
25 May	14	7	Seminar 5 28 May	Seminar 7	Curriculum Futures	
1 June	15	7	-	-	-	Reflective Journal Assignment (B) (Modules 5-7) Due Friday 5 June

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](mailto:ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](mailto:ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Changes since First Published

Date	Description
21/02/2020	The dates for assessment tasks and the unit schedule have been added.