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Prerequisites
Admission to PGCertTESOL

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit covers the key areas of language teaching methodology. Learners gain an appreciation of the variety of language teaching and learning contexts, and are introduced to methods of analysing and interpreting those contexts. It explores a range of approaches to language teaching, focusing on integrating language knowledge and skills into language learning activities. Learners are introduced to the principles of planning activities and lessons, teaching the language macro-skills, evaluating materials, teaching knowledge about language, and language assessment.

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:
Understand the variety of contexts in which TESOL is taught
Understand various approaches and methodologies appropriate to TESOL
Design language learning activities that promote relevant, meaningful and appropriate language use for the learners
Plan language teaching programs based on well-designed activities, lessons, units of work and teaching sequences which will enable learners to develop skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing
Evaluate commercially available materials (paper and digital) for their fit with a specific teaching/learning context and specific objectives
Prepare materials suitable for a range of learner types
Be aware of the repertoire of classroom management strategies to maximise classroom and out-of-class learning
Implement a range of approaches to teaching grammar and vocabulary
Implement a range of assess instruments in order to assess students’ language skills and achievement

Assessment Tasks

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Due: end week 6
Weighting: 25%

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- Implement a range of approaches to teaching grammar and vocabulary
Materials Design
Due: week 8
Weighting: 30%

On successful completion you will be able to:

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• Understand various approaches and methodologies appropriate to TESOL
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Lesson Plans + Essay
Due: week 13
Weighting: 45%

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and achievement

Delivery and Resources

The delivery of this unit is by weekly topics accessed via the iLearn website. The delivery format is a combination of lectures and readings. Students are expected to read the assigned articles and book chapters each week, and to actively participate in online forum discussions.

Resources are largely available through the iLearn website for this unit. Technologies used include video, e-resources, and e-book chapters. Students are also expected to do independent research using the library resources, and to search, select and analyse authentic texts from real world media.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html
Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of 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/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in iLearn, 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.

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) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

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

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks
  • Evaluating ELT Materials
  • Materials Design
  • Lesson Plans + Essay

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills
Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking
Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience,
of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Assessment tasks**

- Evaluating ELT Materials
- Materials Design
- Lesson Plans + Essay

**PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability**

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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Assessment task

- Evaluating ELT Materials

PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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Assessment tasks

- Evaluating ELT Materials
- Materials Design
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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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**Assessment tasks**

- Materials Design
- Lesson Plans + Essay

**Submission of assessment tasks**

Assessment tasks are submitted electronically through the iLearn website. Due dates for submission are final and requests for extensions will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.