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University of Strathclyde, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Institute of Education

Class Catalogue for International Students 2024- 25

SEMESTER 1 CLASSES

20 Strathclyde Credits = 10 ECTS

- Students are likely able to take classes across 2 of our year groups (e.g. years 2/3 or years 3/4). Such requirements should be discussed with your home institution.
- If you are a full year teacher education student, you are strongly advised to take as much as possible from the standard Strathclyde curriculum for our year 3 programme set out below.
- Please remember that taking a 'non-standard' programme will likely result in potential timetabling issues that could take time to resolve.

*	Standard year 3 programme	credits	semester
X7315	Pedagogy and Placement Learning: (ages 9- 12, including 6- week placement)	20	classes - 1 Placement - 2
X7316	Pedagogy and Placement Learning: (ages 0- 5, including 5-week placement)	20	2 only
X7330	Language Learning and Teaching in the Primary School	10	1 and 2
X7331	Teaching Social Studies Creatively	20	1 only
X7332	Science and Technology in the Primary School	20	1 only
X7333	Religious and Moral Education, Health and Wellbeing	20	1 only
X7334	Social Research Methods	10	1 and 2

* Further information can be found by clicking on the codes for these classes.

Placement options/ requirements

- Students requiring experience in Scottish schools should initially consider module x7325. This will offer time in schools for a few days each week over a 4- 6 week period.
- X7315 includes a full-time placement experience suitable for **full-year visiting students only**.
- X7316 may be another option for semester 2 only students.
- Specific placement requirements should be discussed with the Institute's Exchange co-ordinator at the application stage.
- **IMPORTANT:** Students looking to undertake a module which requires time spent in schools, must apply for a Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check via the University to ensure they are able to work with children and vulnerable groups. The University will assist with your application once you arrive in Scotland. This application requires a payment of £59.00 which must be paid by the student.
- In addition to this, you must provide a Certificate of Good Conduct (or equivalent) from your home country and any other country you have been resident of outwith the UK within the last 5 years for a period of 3 consecutive months or more. Given that it can, sometimes, take several months for a Certificate of Good Conduct to be issued, it is best to apply for this in

advance of your arrival in Scotland, once the class is confirmed suitable for you. Please note the Certificate must be dated within 3 months of the date you left your home country.

- The Certificate of Good Conduct/ Police Certificate should cover the entire country, not just one state or province. For example, we require FBI clearance for the USA i.e., Identity History Summary check and RCMP clearance for Canada i.e., certified criminal record check.
- Some Police authorities require an official statement confirming why the Certificate of Good Conduct/Police Certificate is required. If this is the case, please contact the University Disclosure team via disclosure@strath.ac.uk before you apply.
- Guidance on how to apply for a Certificate of Good Conduct/Police Certificate from overseas can be found on the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk)

2 nd year undergraduate		
Module code	Module title	Learning Objectives
X9278 20 Credits	<i>Children's Language, Literature and Literacy</i>	<p>* This module has teaching and learning in both Semester 1 and 2 and is suitable <u>only for full year</u> students.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Describe the key knowledge, concepts and skills in the development of language and literacy. ▪ Take, analyse and use running records effectively ▪ Describe how cultural and social identity can impact on children's language and on children's literacy attainment and use. ▪ Explain the research on how context and engagement impact on children's learning and how these inform the implementation of a Curriculum for Excellence ▪ Select and use systematic observation of language and literacy behaviours and diagnose and prioritise next steps in teaching. ▪ Devise, plan and carry out appropriate language lessons in school, which take account of <i>both</i> relevant research insights and match the specific needs of the class or individuals in the class. ▪ Identify good examples of children's literature and use it to motivate and enrich children's learning. <p><u>Module assessment</u> Essay reflecting on the complexity of the reading process and the challenges of teaching children to read.</p>
X2201 20 Credits	<i>Achieving Equity and Equality in STEM</i>	<p>* This module has teaching and learning in both Semester 1 and 2 and is suitable <u>only for full year</u> students.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand and critically evaluate the reasons that STEM subjects are considered important in schools and the workplace.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the ways in which certain groups have been excluded, and remain under-represented amongst STEM learners and practitioners. Evaluate interventions intended to redress the imbalance in the population of STEM learners and practitioners.
X7201 20 Credits This will not run in session 2024-25	<i>Exploring Moral and Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society</i>	<p>The module explores a number of moral and ethical issues from the historical perspective up to the present day. Students will examine issues such as Immigration, Freedom of Speech, Capital Punishment, War, Sanctity of Life, Sectarianism, among other issues from a 'local' and international perspective.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be introduced to and explore a number of ethical theories such as utilitarian, deontological, consequentialist, etc. Explore ethical theories in a situational context which will assist in developing a deeper understanding of moral complexity. After discussion with the tutor, choose a moral issue and explore it in the context of the ethical theories studied, through research and the presentation medium. Analyse problems in a reflective, philosophical and discursive manner and be able to apply such approaches to other aspects of their own learning for life. <p><u>Module assessment</u></p> <p>Each student will undertake a group presentation exploring ethical theory in context, in addition to a 2000 word written assignment.</p>
X9280 20 Credits	<i>Learners and Learning</i>	<p>Learning involves fundamental psychological processes, such as cognitive, emotional, interpersonal and linguistic processes. Learning starts before birth and is continuous as learners develop and experience the world. In this module, students will examine the processes involved in human learning, individual learners' needs, and contextual influences upon learners and learning.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a critical understanding of the psychological processes involved in learning and be able to discuss these. Develop critical understanding of individual learner needs and be able to describe these. Have a critical understanding of interpersonal co-construction of meaning and learning and will be able to provide examples related to this. Be able to provide examples of contextual influences upon learners and learning processes and be able to discuss this critically.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a critical understanding of supporting and facilitating learning and be able to highlight links with professional practices in relation to this. ▪ Have a critical understanding of learning across the lifespan and be able to discuss this in relation to different contexts. <p><u>Module assessment</u></p> <p>There are three assessment components: (a) five Learning Processes Portfolios completed throughout the semester, (b) five Multiple Choice Quizzes completed throughout the semester, and (c) the Final Written Assignment (2000 words).</p>
X7209 20 Credits	<i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages: An Introduction</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This module introduces students to the fundamentals of language learning. ▪ Students will develop a basic understanding of current views on how languages are learned. ▪ Drawing on their own experience as language learner/users, this module will examine key theories and concepts in second language acquisition. <p><u>Module assessment</u></p> <p>A European Language Portfolio, using classwork, experiments, reflections and discussion to inform your decisions about your progress and next steps.</p>
X7211 20 Credits	<i>Education and Learning</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research and manage a wide range of information about education and learning. ▪ Identify key issues and questions in the fields of education and learning. ▪ Draw logical and justified conclusions about key aspects of education and learning. ▪ Think critically and analyse situations and information in relation to education and learning. ▪ Enquire and pursue critical questions in the fields education and learning. ▪ Reflect on your own experience of education and learning. <p><u>Module assessment</u></p> <p>Students will write an essay of around 2500 words.</p>
X2405 10 Credits	<i>Second Language Learning</i>	<p>This course introduces and interrogates critical frameworks and processes for understand L2 language learning.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will demonstrate understanding of L2 language learning processes.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will connect culturally situated language learning and language policy to wider frameworks for language learning. Students will critically interrogate the global role of L2 English learning and proficiency. Students will demonstrate an understanding of Scottish policy and approaches to broad L2 education in primary and secondary schools. <p>Module assessment Students will write an essay of around 1800 words.</p>
3rd year undergraduate classes		
X7334 10 Credits	<i>Social Research Methods</i>	<p>The module will provide support in the application of knowledge and understanding of research methods, to provide a structured argument in defence of a proposed topic for investigation.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate an understanding of key research methods, alternative research strategies, principles of research design and project planning. Evaluate and defend the key enquiry methods proposed and justify choices made with relevant reading on research approaches and methods and reference to research ethics. Defend hypotheses and/or questions in terms of professional and academic need. Discuss the anticipated impact and contribution of their research to knowledge, policy and practice. Write a clear, well-documented and well justified research proposal. <p>Module assessment A 1200 word research proposal summarising the potential research project</p>
X7331 20 Credits	<i>Teaching Social Studies Creatively</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend their understanding of the main knowledge, skills and concepts central to the teaching of Social Studies - Geography, History and People In Society. Explore the potential for delivering an interdisciplinary approach through Social Studies. Consider opportunities for exploring a range of global citizenship themes within Social Studies, Geography and People in Society. Develop approaches to teaching and learning that promote the knowledge, skills and develop creative pedagogies that exemplify current thinking related to Geography, History and People In Society.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the use of formative and summative assessment strategies, in each of the curricular areas, as a means of promoting learning in a primary classroom. <p><u>Module assessment</u> A 1,500 word reflective log on observations of teaching in the area of Social Studies. A collaborative group presentation.</p>
X7332 20 credits	<i>Science and Technology in the Primary School</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate sound knowledge of how key concepts in sciences and technologies can be developed across the primary school. Develop a toolkit of practical approaches to teaching and learning that exemplify current thinking within sciences and technologies. Acquire a range of formative and summative assessment strategies to help determine, and further develop, pupils' understanding of key concepts in primary sciences and technologies. Justify approaches to teaching and learning in light of current research into primary sciences and technologies. Demonstrate how key principles, content and methodology might be combined into coherent sciences and technologies lessons for primary school aged children. Demonstrate a commitment to professional development in primary sciences and technologies through demonstrating collaborative practice and effective resources development in practical lab situations. <p><u>Module assessment</u> A 2,000 word reflective essay.</p>
X7330 10 Credits	<i>Language learning and teaching in the Primary school</i>	<p>This class will prepare teachers in the early stages of their career for the demands of delivering the 1 + 2 curriculum learning model effectively in the classroom. A wide range of language learning contexts and approaches will be explored to develop teacher awareness of cultural diversity and how these can support inclusion and attainment, and equip teachers with the core skills in teaching a language in the primary school setting.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a knowledge and understanding of policies relating to language learning in the primary school in Scotland. Develop a knowledge and understanding of key theories of language learning and teaching in the primary school.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop an understanding and awareness of the key pedagogies of teaching an additional language and how these can be applied to the primary school context. ▪ Reflect on language learning experiences using other languages with reference to learner motivation, identity and culture. <p><u>Module assessment</u> The module is assessed through a reflective log (1500 words) which links international and national policy and literature contexts on approaches to plurilingualism and pluriliterates to practitioner enquiry.</p>
X7310 20 credits	<i>Children and Childhood</i>	<p>This class will explore how children and childhood have been imagined and constructed in a range of historical and contemporary contexts. Drawing on representations of children, we aim to support you in developing an understanding of children and childhood as part of a set of social and cultural relations. With a focus on environments other than formal education, the module will seek to open for discussion the nature of childhood according to themes such as politics, history, play, work, the global and queerness.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investigate the changing role and place of children and childhood in society by considering the concepts across time and place. ▪ Be a critical reader of representations of children and childhood in art, film, literature and theory. ▪ Explain how notions of children and childhood have a bearing on features within society, for example, in contexts such as the world of work, law, family, play, etc. ▪ Give an oral presentation on one aspect of children/childhood in relation to film and/or literature; and ▪ Create a portfolio, with commentary, that critically analyses an aspect of children and/or childhood that has been covered in the class. <p><u>Module assessment</u> The assessment for this module is an essay with an accompanying portfolio to complement the work presented in the essay.</p>
X7333	<i>Religious and Moral Education, Health and Wellbeing</i>	<p>Health and Wellbeing permeates the whole of the Scottish Curriculum and makes a necessary contribution to a rich RME programme. Therefore, this module is positioned not only to build on key concepts and issues that underpin and develop thinking in relation to both curricular areas but, in response to the policy framework and recommendations outlined in the Donaldson Report and McCormac Review</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will reflect on their knowledge and understanding of the core principles underlying health and wellbeing, critically reflecting on their own practice in relation to developing, reinforcing and extending learning in health and wellbeing for children. ▪ Students will reflect on their knowledge and understanding of the core principles underlying RME, critically reflecting on their own practice in relation to developing, reinforcing and extending learning in RME for children. ▪ Students will extend their knowledge, skills, approaches and practices in embedding health and wellbeing across the curriculum. ▪ Students will extend their knowledge, skills, approaches and practices in devising interdisciplinary programmes of RME and health and wellbeing. ▪ Students will demonstrate a critical understanding of health concepts, health promotion theory, principles and current issues, considering them in relation to, and applying them to teaching and learning in RME. <p><u>Module assessment</u> A group presentation exploring an interdisciplinary/holistic approach to a primary school topic.</p>
X7348 20 Credits	<i>TESOL 2: Methods, Approaches and Techniques in Language Teaching</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This module introduces students to the pedagogical processes in language teaching. ▪ The topics include traditional and contemporary language teaching methods (audiolingual, communicative language teaching, task-based language learning, etc.). ▪ We will also discuss practical issues such as lesson planning, material evaluation and design, needs analysis and profiling, and classroom management. ▪ In this module, students will gain some first-hand experience of English language teaching in practice through micro teaching. <p><u>Module assessment</u> Working in groups to create a class 'wiki'. (30%) 2,500 word essay on the literature of language learning (70%)</p>
X7353 20 Credits	<i>Adult Education with Placement</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critically appraise key theories, concepts and terminology relating to adult education. ▪ Demonstrate understanding of the application of theories, concepts and examples to the practice of facilitating adult education. ▪ Observe and practise teaching methods and techniques appropriate to adult education.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically analyse dispositions required to work in a range of settings and contexts. <p><u>Module assessment</u> Essay (2000-2500 words)</p>
X7351 20 credits	<i>Educational Encounters Past and Present</i>	<p>Who are you, and what do you think about education, and why? Despite everybody being somehow involved in education, those important questions are rarely asked and reflected upon. The best way to engage with such problems is the encounter with the Other in either historical or intercultural perspective. Using a set of questions around fundamental pedagogical notions and concepts (such as 'educator', 'student', 'pedagogical relationship', 'curriculum', 'pedagogical ethics', 'Education Studies', etc.) the module will explore different answers to those questions that either have been given in our own culture in the past, or in other cultures in the past or today (for example, in East/ South East/ South Asia, in the Arabic world, in African societies, in South America, and amongst indigenous tribes and peoples around the globe).</p> <p>Fundamental problems explored could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> what is education perceived to be? what is the educator understood to be, what is the student, and how is their pedagogical relationship established, organised, and justified? what is/are the purpose/s of education, and how does it/do they get justified? what is the relation between individual and social needs and desires within education? what ways of educating are preferred, and why? how is the reflection on education (i.e. Education Studies) codified and institutionalised; who is reflecting and what counts as an acceptable form of reflection, and why? <p>Everyone who is interested in looking beyond their own educational horizon to learn about others and oneself is very welcome on this educational journey.</p> <p><u>Module assessment</u> Essay (2000-2500 words)</p>

4 th year undergraduate		
X7339 20 credits	<i>Academic Literacy and Communication 1</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Select professionally relevant academic texts and journal articles about a self-selected topic using University Library systems and efficient search strategies. ▪ Undertake critical analysis and the evaluation and synthesis of ideas, concepts and information taken from this reading for the purposes of their own research objectives. ▪ Identify key words, define search strategies, and compare and contrast the ideas of different authors within their selected literature. ▪ Create an annotated bibliography about a self-selected topic that shows a critical understanding of key themes within the literature and is accurately referenced to the original source. <p><u>Module assessment</u> 3,000 word annotated bibliography</p>
<p>Students who require a placement experience</p> <p>* This will require a PVG check and 'certificate of good conduct' from your home country. Please enquire about this with your home country authorities in advance of coming to Strathclyde.</p>		
X7325 20 credits <i>This is the standard placement module for exchange/visiting students.</i>	<i>Placement Learning: International Perspectives</i>	<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review the Scottish education system. ▪ Compare and contrast the education systems in both their home country and Scotland. ▪ Plan, implement and evaluate learning experiences for children in the context of their home school culture and subject specialism. ▪ Identify their strengths and development needs and be able to act on these. ▪ Reflect upon their experience and the impact of this learning on their future career. <p><u>Module assessment</u> Maintain a reflective log of observations within the school in which the student is placed.</p> <p>This module offers a limited experience in schools of perhaps 1-2 days per week over a short period of 4- 6 weeks. Individual requirements should be discussed with the exchange co-ordinator.</p>
X7315 20 Credits	<i>Pedagogy and Placement Learning: (ages 9-12, including 6-week placement)</i>	<p>* This module has teaching and learning in both Semester 1 and 2 and is suitable <u>only for full year</u> students.</p> <p>In semester one, classes will be on campus that consider the pedagogy of teaching and learning with this age group.</p>

		<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communicate and present ideas to a range of audiences including peers, tutors, pupils and teachers. ▪ Use information and communication technology in approaches to teaching and learning. ▪ Plan, organise and implement appropriate differentiated learning activities. ▪ Collaborate as part of a professional team in a work setting. ▪ Reflect on own learning and set targets for personal and professional development. ▪ Employ problem solving strategies in a creative manner. <p>Semester 2 will apply these skills in a 6-week full-time placement in a Scottish primary school.</p> <p><u>Module assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tutor visit(s) to student while on placement ▪ School report from placement establishment ▪ Content of School Placement File
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