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IMPORTANT:

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1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
School of Education
EDST 5321 Motivation in Educational Settings (6 units of credit)
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2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

Course Coordinator: Dr Paul Evans
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3. COURSE DETAILS

Course Name	EDST 5321 Motivation in Educational Settings
Credit Points	6 units of credit (6 uoc)
Workload	Includes 150 hours including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities
Schedule	This course is online and has no scheduled face to face classes

SUMMARY OF THE COURSE

What makes students want to achieve highly and engage deeply in learning? What makes students want to study some subjects over others? What makes anyone want to do anything at all? This course covers a range of contemporary perspectives on motivation that offer some ways to answer these questions. Some topics include values and attitudes, creativity, flow, choice, rewards, punishment, and passion.

THE MAIN WAITS IN WHICH THE COURSE HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST TIME AS A RESULT OF STUDENT FEEDBACK ARE:

- This course was previously run as an 'intensive' face-to-face class and as a blended (face-to-face and online) class. It has now been adapted to a fully online format. Previous student feedback suggested modifications to assessments which have now been included.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Outcome		Assessment/s
1	Understand the key tenets and constructs of self-determination theory including its assumptions about the nature of human behaviour	1
2	Conduct independent research into a specialised topic within motivation related to educational settings	1, 2
3	Apply understandings of motivation to various educational settings	1, 2

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Standard		Assessment/s
	Advanced disciplinary knowledge and practices	
1	Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the field of education as it relates to their specialist area of study, and the ability to synthesize and apply disciplinary principles and practices to new or complex environments.	1, 2
	Enquiry-based learning	
2	Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of research-based learning and the ability to plan, analyse, present implement and evaluate complex activities that contribute to advanced professional practice and/or intellectual scholarship in education	1,2
	Cognitive skills and critical thinking	
3	Demonstrate advanced critical thinking and problem-solving skills	1,2
	Communication, adaptive and interactional skills	
4	Communicate effectively to a range of audiences, and be capable of independent and collaborative enquiry and team-based leadership	1,2
	Global outlook	
5	Demonstrate an understanding of international perspectives relevant to the educational field	1
	Ethics	
6	Demonstrate an advanced capacity to recognise and negotiate the complex and often contested values and ethical practices that underlie education	1,2

AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

Standard		Assessment/s
1.1.3	Select from a flexible and effective repertoire of teaching strategies to suit the physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students.	2
1.2.2	Structure teaching programs using research and collegial advice about how students learn.	1,2
3.3.3	Support colleagues in selecting and applying effective teaching strategies to develop knowledge, skills, problem-solving, and critical and creative thinking.	2
3.5.2	Use effective verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to support student understanding, participation, engagement and achievement.	1,2
4.2.2	Establish and maintain orderly and workable routines to create an environment where student time is spent on learning tasks.	1
4.4.2	Initiate and take responsibility for implementing current school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements to ensure student wellbeing and safety.	1,2

4. RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH

The major focus of this course is on contemporary accepted theories of motivation and their evidence. These theories are often at odds with what has been accepted in the early 20th century, and also with folk or intuitive understandings about motivation. The perspectives that are discussed are chosen because they are theoretically sound, empirically verified, and have implications for educational settings. Through the seminar assessment task, students may either bring additional perspectives or discuss perspectives already covered in class in more detail.

5. TEACHING STRATEGIES

Students will be presented with information during classes about major theories of motivation and their empirical evidence. Discussions will play a key role in developing students' thinking about how the theories might be applied to various educational settings.

6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course will be delivered via a combination of self-paced and interactive activities. The topics below are subject to change

Module	Topic
1	Course orientation
	What is motivation? Reflections on prior experiences. Is motivation important in educational settings?
2	Self-determination theory: A framework for understanding human motivation
3	Self-determination theory research in educational settings
4	Engagement in learning
5	Metacognition and self-regulated learning
6	Multidimensional perspectives on growth
7	Teacher motivation: Where does it come from?
8	Resilience and burnout
9	Character traits: Cautionary tales
10	Summary and revision

7. RESOURCES

There is no required textbook for the course. Readings are provided on Moodle.

8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	Program Learning Outcomes Assessed	Due Date
1. Annotated Bibliography	15 x 2-300-word annotations	50%	1, 2, 3	1-5	Part 1: Wed 17 June 5pm Part 2: Wed 22 July 5pm
2. Motivation Report	2-3000 words	50%	2, 3	1-5	Wed 5 August 5pm

Submission of assessments

Students are required to follow their lecturer's instructions when submitting their work for assessment. All assessment will be submitted online via Moodle by 5pm. Students are also required to keep all drafts, original data and other evidence of the authenticity of the work for at least one year after examination. If an assessment is mislaid the student is responsible for providing a further copy. Please see the Student Policies and Procedures for information regarding submission, extensions, special consideration, late penalties and hurdle requirements etc. <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>

Assessment Details

Assignment 1: Annotated bibliography

Present an annotated bibliography of sources provided including some of your choosing. The purpose of the annotated bibliography is to acquaint you with the elementary aspects of motivation and the literature associated with motivation in educational settings.

See Moodle for further details on how to complete the annotated bibliography.

Assignment 2: Motivation report

Report to a school, sector, district, government department, or other organisation based on your analysis of its policies, strategies, practices, or curriculum. Your source information could be based on a school's discipline policy, interviews with a senior staff member at a school or a curriculum officer, school communications, or other school official or policy documents. The report should be written as though you are a consultant for the school

See Moodle for further details on how to complete the school motivation report.

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 FEEDBACK SHEET
 EDST5321 MOTIVATION IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

Student Name:
 Assessment Task: **Annotated Bibliography**

Student No.:

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) → (+)				
Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the substance of the article/text described and accurately? • Was the subject matter correct? 					
Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there any attempt to synthesise the various sources or points of view in the research? • Was there any evaluation or critique of evidence or argument to support claims made in the literature? 					
Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were any additional references made to education, psychology, or motivation literature? • Were connections made between different reference sources provided? 					
Structure and organisation of response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the material summarised effectively rather than simply being abstracted? • Were the annotations presented in the requested format? 					
Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the level of academic English expression appropriate? • Were the references in APA format? 					
GENERAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT TIME					

Lecturer
 Recommended: /20 (FL PS CR DN HD)

Date
 Weighting: 50%

NB: The ticks in the various boxes are designed to provide feedback to students; they are not given equal weight in determining the recommended grade. Depending on the nature of the assessment task, lecturers may also contextualize and/or amend these specific criteria. **The recommended grade is tentative only, subject to standardisation processes and approval by the School of Education Learning and Teaching Committee.**

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Student Name:
 Assessment Task: **Motivation Report**

Student No.:

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) —————> (+)				
Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good understanding of the history, structure, definitions, and development of self-determination theory • Competent analysis of the school/organisation's policy or approach 					
Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis among the sources and understanding of different types of evidence presented in the literature. Synthesis of various sources and their criticisms • Use of various sources of information from the school/organisation regarding policies (e.g., policy documents as well as actual practice) 					
Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate number of references used (at least 10) • Familiarity with the key texts in the theory as well as reports of empirical studies • Understanding of quality sources 					
Structure and organisation of response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report follows a logical structure • Information is presented in a way that most efficiently and effectively communicates the message appropriate to its audience 					
Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate register for academic/professional English • References cited appropriately 					
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