



COURSE OUTLINE

EDN704

Communicating Education Research Outcomes

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ON CAMPUS

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This course requires you to continue to work on independently conducting a research project in an educational context. You will reflect on your project findings to date and develop a dissemination plan. You will deeply analyse your data and articulate detailed and substantiated research findings addressing your identified research question. Finally, you will generate discussion, implications and conclusions that contribute knowledge to the research community and the profession.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ON CAMPUS			
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – A blended learning approach is used to deliver this course, including a mix of synchronous and asynchronous materials and activities accessed through Blackboard. This course will be supported by technology-enabled learning and teaching including zoom	2hrs	Week 1	13 times
Independent Study/Research – In addition to the lecture hours and completion of assessment tasks, you are required to engage in self-directed learning using the course Blackboard materials, engage with current research/readings via USC library databases, required/recommended textbooks and resources.	4hrs	Week 1	13 times
Lecture – A blended learning approach is used to deliver this course, including a mix of synchronous and asynchronous materials and activities accessed through Blackboard. This course will be supported by technology-enabled learning and teaching including zoom.	2hrs	Week 1	13 times
ONLINE 1			
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Online scheduled via zoom	2hrs	Week 1	13 times
Online – Asynchronous activities	1hr	Week 1	13 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Academic writing
- Establishing conclusions and recommendations from research
- Communicating and disseminating research findings
- Engaging with different education stakeholders and audiences
- Persuasive oral, written and visual communication

2. What level is this course?

700 Level (Specialised)

Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

24 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Generate conclusions from research findings.	Creative and critical thinker
2	Analyse implemented research design decisions and explore implications for education research.	Empowered
3	Communicate education research to a specific audience.	Engaged
4	Uses technology skills to create communication products that disseminate research findings with stakeholders	Creative and critical thinker
5	Demonstrates understanding of dissemination strategies	Knowledgeable
6	Demonstrate how the research project contributes to sustainable and socially just education research practice.	Ethical Sustainability-focussed

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

EDN703 and enrolled in Program ED705

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Students will be provided with feedback through peer review of their work during class in week 3.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Oral	Individual	10%	15 minutes	Week 4	In Class
All	2	Report	Individual	30%	3,500 words	Week 7	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Plan	Individual	20%	1,500 words	Week 10	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	4	Portfolio	Individual	40%	4,500 words equivalent	Refer to Format	Online ePortfolio Submission

All - Assessment Task 1: Oral presentation of research findings

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to describe the potential impact of your research to your peers	
PRODUCT:	Oral	
FORMAT:	You will present an multi-modal presentation that explores how your research findings have the potential to impact education.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Identifies appropriate theories to discuss the impact of their research 1
	2	Analyses and reflects on potential impact of the research on education stakeholders 2
	3	Use of oral communication for an academic audience 3

All - Assessment Task 2: Research report discussion, implications and conclusions

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to generate the discussion and articulate the implications and conclusions of your research project.	
PRODUCT:	Report	
FORMAT:	You will write a report that articulates the discussion, implications and conclusions of your research. Guidelines for the development of the report are provided on the course BlackBoard site.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Applies theoretical knowledge of contemporary education issues to discuss research findings 2
	2	Generates conclusions based on research results/discussion 1
	3	Articulates implications of education research for a range of stakeholders 2
	4	Application of academic literacies 3

All - Assessment Task 3: Plan

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to prepare a dissemination plan that communicates your project or research outcomes.	
PRODUCT:	Plan	
FORMAT:	Write a dissemination plan that communicates the project outcomes to relevant audiences. Articulate how your research project contributes to sustained and socially just education practice. Details of the dissemination plan format are provided on the course Blackboard site.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Application of advanced knowledge of strategies to disseminate research for specific audiences 3
	2	Justifies choices of content and argument for specific audiences 6
	3	Application of academic literacies 3

All - Assessment Task 4: Portfolio

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to develop a suite of dissemination products that communicate the outcomes of your research to education audiences.	
PRODUCT:	Portfolio	
FORMAT:	You will develop a suitable set of audio-visual and text-based dissemination products that share the outcomes of your research project with appropriate audiences. The portfolio should draw upon your plans as articulated in Task 3. Guidelines for the development of the portfolio are provided on the course BlackBoard site. Submit: Friday 5pm week 14	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Creates appropriate products suitable for specific audiences 4
	2	Justifies choices of content, argument and dissemination strategy for specific audiences 5
	3	Use of oral, visual and written communication skills appropriate to the audience 3

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

7.1. Schedule

PERIOD AND TOPIC	ACTIVITIES
n/a	n/a

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

Please note that you need to have regular access to the resource(s) listed below. Resources may be required or recommended.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	PUBLISHER
Required	O'Leary, Zina	2017	The essential guide to doing your research project	Sage

8.2. Specific requirements

It is expected that you will require Internet access and a personal computer. Recommendations from information and technology services are available at askUSC.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.6. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, , injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.7. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.8. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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