

# EP309-30 Introduction to Primary Education

**22/23**

**Department**

Centre for Teacher Education

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 3

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study locations**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry Primary  
A Warwick Partnership School

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module takes place in term 2 and is specially designed to introduce you to primary curriculum and pedagogy in the Primary school age range. You will explore your subject from a new perspective through engaging sessions at university led by teaching fellows and visiting teachers and have opportunity to support teaching and learning in practice through activities in a school or online learning setting with primary age pupils. Through engagement in primary education you will have the opportunity to raise awareness of and encourage engagement with primary education within the local community.

The module is hosted by the Centre for Teacher Education (currently rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED). Anyone who completes the module is automatically eligible for an interview for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) initial teacher training course (providing all entry requirements for Initial Teacher Training are met).

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

1. To develop knowledge and understanding about the UK education system and what it is like to be a primary teacher.

2. To develop knowledge and understanding of primary education.
3. To provide a professional experience in supporting the teaching of primary.
4. To develop key transferable skills through engagement with 4-11 education.
5. To develop skills in personal reflection on professional practice.
6. To relate educational theory to education practice.
7. To raise aspirations of school students and encourage access to the study of primary in Higher Education.

## **Outline syllabus**

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

The theory which underpins the practice of primary teaching is explored through seminars led by CTE Teaching Fellows. The seminars begin by discussing the current context of the UK education system and national curriculum before exploring a range of key themes in education such as how students learn, how ideas develop in the school curriculum and using assessment for learning and specific aspects of pedagogy relating to the teaching of primary .

As part of the module you engage in primary education through contributing to support for primary age students, either through online learning support or a short placement in a school. Whilst engaged in supporting primary learning you will develop your practical understanding of the teaching in primary schools. Indicative activities might include: developing learning resources, observing experienced teacher, supporting lessons, 1 to 1 or small group teaching, supporting school students in preparation for Higher Education.

To prepare for and support you for this you will participate a series of workshops at the university. These are highly interactive, practice based sessions, delivered by visiting teachers from local primary schools. Sessions cover topics such as effective management of learning environments, developing resources to support learning and effective questioning

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- LO1 Critically analyse and reflect on key issues in primary education in school.
- LO2 Critically reflect on practice in teaching primary in school.
- LO3 Apply learning theory to primary school teaching practices
- LO4 Demonstrate engagement with supporting the teaching and learning of primary.
- LO5 Demonstrate professional skills in collaboration and effective communication with young people.
- LO6 Demonstrate engagement with raising the aspirations of school students towards study in Higher Education

## **Indicative reading list**

Primary English: audit and test : assessing your knowledge and understanding

Primary English: knowledge and understanding

Primary mathematics: audit and test: assessing your knowledge and understanding  
Mathematics explained for primary teachers  
Understanding mathematics for young children: a guide for teachers of children 3-8  
Teaching mathematics creatively  
The elephant in the classroom: helping children survive, achieve and enjoy school maths  
The really useful science book: a framework of knowledge for primary teachers  
Primary science: knowledge and understanding  
Primary science: teaching theory and practice  
ASE guide to primary science education  
Successful teaching placement: primary and early years  
Transforming primary mathematics  
Primary mathematics: teaching for understanding

## **Interdisciplinary**

Through exploring the teaching and pedagogy of primary education you will consider and build connections between primary education, educational theory, the psychology of learning and cognition and also consider elements of policy, society and sociology. You will develop your written communication skills in producing both academic and professional evidence-informed rationales for practice.

## **Subject specific skills**

You will develop skills relevant for teaching and the development of practice such as communication, collaboration and reflection. You will also develop skills relevant to the academic study of education such as analysis and critique. The module will also develop your skills in the pedagogy of your subject.

## **Transferable skills**

Critical Thinking  
Reasoning and Problem Solving  
Active Lifelong Learning  
Communication (verbal and written)  
Teamwork and working effectively with others  
Information literacy (research skills)  
ICT Literacy  
Citizenship (local and global)  
Ethical Values  
Inter-cultural learning and diversity awareness  
Professionalism  
Organisational awareness

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## **Study**

## Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	2 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Seminars	7 sessions of 2 hours (47%)
Practical classes	7 sessions of 2 hours (47%)
Total	30 hours

## Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

## Costs

Category	Description	Funded by	Cost to student
Other	In the UK, anyone working with children is required to have a Disclosure & Baring Services (DBS) check. The Centre for Teacher Education will cover the costs of this, however, you will need to provide the relevant proof of identification and address prior to the start of the module.	Department	£0.00
Field trips, placements and study abroad	The module may provide the option for a short physical placement in a local school. You will be responsible for your travel arrangements to the placement. Placements are assigned to align with bus routes and opportunities for car share where possible. When possible, you will have the option to choose an alternative online teaching experience which will provide access to similar experiences and learning outcomes with no travel requirements.	Student	

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A

	Weighting	Study time
Critical review on an issue in Primary Education	35%	60 hours
A short (1000 word, approximately 4 sources) annotated bibliography on a chosen issue in		

## Weighting

## Study time

Primary Education followed by a 500 word discussion and conclusion on the implications for teaching primary.

Evidence-based Primary teaching presentation

35%

75 hours

A recorded teaching presentation designed to support children's learning in primary with a 500-word teacher note, discussing the rationale relating to primary curriculum, learning intentions or pedagogic theory.

Academic Poster- what should future of primary education look like?

30%

60 hours

An academic poster to synthesise ideas from the module learning and demonstrate their application by exploring what future of primary education should look like. This draws together concepts students will have developed at school/tutoring, as well as those they have encountered at the university through critical engagement with both theory and practice.

## Feedback on assessment

Formative: During the course of the module students will have the opportunity to submit one annotated bibliography and their planning sheet for the academic poster for either written or audio feedback.

Summative: A written feedback sheet and in-text comments will be provided on each component.

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## Availability

There is currently no information about the courses for which this module is core or optional.