

EP304-15 Introduction to Secondary Mathematics Teaching

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Department

Centre for Teacher Education

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module takes place in term 2 and is specially designed to introduce you to Mathematics curriculum and pedagogy in the Secondary school age range. You will explore your subject from a new perspective through engaging sessions at university led by teaching fellows and visiting teachers. Practical workshops will examine the content of Secondary Mathematics National Curriculum and how to address barriers to learning in Mathematics through the development of effective teaching approaches and resources.

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 of Mathematics teaching in the UK education system and some of the

- approaches to learning that support secondary students in the subject.
2. To develop knowledge and understanding of mathematics education and the secondary curriculum.
 3. To develop key transferable skills through engagement with 11-18 education.
 4. To develop skills in personal reflection on professional practice.
 5. To relate educational theory to education practice.

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 mathematics 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 mathematics.

As part of the module you engage in mathematics education through developing materials, resources and teaching approaches to support learning in Mathematics. You will develop your practical understanding of the teaching of mathematics. Indicative activities might include: developing learning resources, providing exemplar materials to a professional brief, producing online learning resources.

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 secondary schools. Sessions cover topics such as pitching and sequencing resources to support learning, overcoming barriers to 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 mathematics education in school.
- LO2 Critically reflect on practice in teaching mathematics in school.
- LO3 Apply learning theory to school mathematics teaching practices.
- LO4 Demonstrate professional skills in supporting learning in Mathematics.

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

Interdisciplinary

Through exploring the teaching and pedagogy of your subject you will consider and build connections between your subject, 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, peer and professional 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

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

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
A critical review on an issue in Mathematics Education	50%	60 hours	Yes (extension)
A short planning and reflection piece (500 words) on a chosen issue in Mathematics Education followed by a group video presentation discussing the issue and implications for teaching Mathematics.			
Reassessment component is the same			
Assessment component			
Poster	50%	60 hours	Yes (extension)
A poster presentation of a learning resource, artefact or materials designed to support children's learning in Mathematics with a supporting rationale relating to , secondary mathematics curriculum, learning or pedagogic theory.			
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Formative: During the course of the module students will have the opportunity to submit one critical review entry.

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

Availability

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UESA-H315 BEng Mechanical Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H316 MEng Mechanical Engineering
- Year 5 of USTA-G1G4 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 2 of UESA-H161 BEng Biomedical Systems Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H216 BEng Civil Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H63W BEng Electronic Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-HN15 BEng Engineering Business Management
- Year 2 of UESA-HH75 BEng Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-HH35 BEng Systems Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H336 MEng Automotive Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H163 MEng Biomedical Systems Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H217 MEng Civil Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H63X MEng Electronic Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-HH76 MEng Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H316 MEng Mechanical Engineering
- UESA-HH31 MEng Systems Engineering
 - Year 2 of HH31 Systems Engineering
 - Year 2 of HH35 Systems Engineering
- Year 2 of USTA-G302 Undergraduate Data Science
- Year 2 of UESA-H605 Undergraduate Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H606 Undergraduate Electrical and Electronic Engineering MEng

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 2 of UESA-H335 BEng Automotive Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H113 BEng Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-HH35 BEng Systems Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H112 BSc Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H114 MEng Engineering
- UESA-HH31 MEng Systems Engineering
 - Year 2 of HH31 Systems Engineering
 - Year 2 of HH35 Systems Engineering
- UMAA-G105 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 2 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year
 - Year 4 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year
- UMAA-G100 Undergraduate Mathematics (BSc)
 - Year 2 of G100 Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
- UMAA-G103 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath)
 - Year 2 of G100 Mathematics
 - Year 2 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
 - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics

- Year 3 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
- UMAA-G106 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
 - Year 2 of G106 Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
 - Year 3 of G106 Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
- Year 2 of UMAA-G1NC Undergraduate Mathematics and Business Studies
- Year 2 of UMAA-G1N2 Undergraduate Mathematics and Business Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 2 of UMAA-GL11 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics
- Year 2 of UECA-GL12 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics (with Intercalated Year)
- USTA-G1G3 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
 - Year 2 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
 - Year 4 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
- USTA-GG14 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc)
 - Year 2 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
 - Year 3 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
- UMAA-G101 Undergraduate Mathematics with Intercalated Year
 - Year 2 of G101 Mathematics with Intercalated Year
 - Year 4 of G101 Mathematics with Intercalated Year
- Year 3 of USTA-Y602 Undergraduate Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- Year 4 of USTA-Y603 Undergraduate Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics, Economics (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 2 of USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- Year 2 of UPXA-GF13 Undergraduate Mathematics and Physics (BSc)
- UPXA-FG31 Undergraduate Mathematics and Physics (MMathPhys)
 - Year 2 of GF13 Mathematics and Physics
 - Year 2 of FG31 Mathematics and Physics (MMathPhys)
- Year 2 of USTA-Y602 Undergraduate Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics

This module is Option list D for:

- Year 3 of USTA-G1G3 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
- Year 4 of USTA-G1G4 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)