

Key course information

MSc Education Studies - January 2025 Cohort

Induction event details

Date and time: Tuesday 14th January 2025, 10am – 12pm (possibly followed by a Scavenger Hunt 12pm – 2pm)

Location: CW404b, Cathedral Wing, 199 Cathedral St, Glasgow G4 0QU

Led by: Dr Laela Adamson, Programme Leader

At the meeting, the programme leader will introduce the programme, its general structure and outline. You can also meet the administrator who is responsible for the programme: Eilidh McDonald. We then hope to join with students from another programme to explore the university campus.

Reading list

Here are some of the key texts for your Semester 1 modules. A full reading list for each module will be available in the relevant module handbooks.

X2909 Globalisation, Society and Education Policy (Module lead: Dr Laela Adamson – Wednesdays, 10am – 1pm)

- McCowan, T. & Unterhalter, E. (2021). *Education and International Development: An Introduction*. 2nd edition. London: Bloomsbury.
- Young, M. D., & Diem, S. (2017). *Critical approaches to education policy analysis: moving beyond tradition*. Springer.

X2911 Frameworks for Understanding Learning (Module lead: Dr Jonathan Firth – Thursdays, 10am – 1pm)

- Bransford, J. D., Brown, A. L., & Cocking, R. R. (2000). *How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school*. National Academy Press.
- Phillips, D. C., & Soltis, J. F. (2009). *Perspectives on learning* (5th Edition). Teachers College Press.

X2912 Research Methodologies and Reasoning (Module leads: Dr Alastair Wilson / Dr Alan Huang – Tuesdays, 1pm – 4pm)

- Aveyard, H. (2019) *Doing a literature review in health and social care: a practical guide* (4th ed.). Maidenhead: Open University Press.
- Bryman, A. (2012) *Social Research Methods* (4th edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Punch, K. F. (2016). *Developing Effective Research Proposals*, 3rd edition. Los Angeles: Sage.

In Semester 1, you will also have classes for **X3815 Dissertation** that will explore key features of Masters-level academic practice and prepare you to make decisions about your dissertation project. These will be run by Dr Rebekah Sims and Dr Laela Adamson.

Elective classes

The list below shows the elective classes that we expect to be available on your course. You will have an opportunity to give your preferences for elective modules at the end of Semester 1.*

*The option module list might undergo changes according to availability of staff. Students will be informed in a timely manner.

Name of class	Semester	Time	Lead academic
Alternative Education	2	Wednesdays 10am – 1pm	Dr Nicola Robertson
Sociology of Education	2	Tuesdays 10am – 1pm	Dr Markus Klein
Health & Wellbeing: Policy, Practice and Pedagogy	2	Wednesdays 5pm – 8pm	Dr Stephanie Hardley

In Semester 2, you will also study the core module: **X2908 *Thinking About Education*** (Module lead: Dr Katja Frimberger). This will run on Thursdays from 1pm – 4pm.

Key dates

For a list of University key dates, [please visit our website](#).

Course start date: 13th January 2024.

In addition to the full programme induction on Tuesday 14th January, you will also have the following additional introductory sessions:

- Introduction to Strathclyde's IT and online learning systems – *you only need to attend one of the times below, but you are welcome to attend both:*
 - Wednesday 15th January – 10am – 12pm - CU321a, Curran Building
 - Tuesday 21st January – 10am – 12pm - CU321a, Curran Building
- Exploring our understandings and experiences of education - Wednesday 22nd January – 1pm – 4pm – TL662, Teaching and Learning Building (Mary Dunn Wing)

These sessions are designed to help you to succeed in your modules, and so you are strongly advised to attend.

Semester 1 teaching: runs from January until April (no classes during the Spring Break, 7th – 21st April).

Semester 1 assignment deadlines: you will have assignment deadlines for X2909 and X2911 in late April. The deadline for X2912 will be in late May. The exact dates for each module will be available at the induction sessions and in the individual module handbooks.

Semester 2 teaching: begins in the week beginning 12th May and runs until 10th July with **assignment deadlines** in July and August.

Dissertation: preparation for your dissertation begins in Semester 1. From August you will work independently, with support from your individual dissertation supervisor. The **dissertation deadline** will be in December 2025.