

# **Programme Specification (Postgraduate)**

## 1. Programme title(s) and code(s)

MA International Education

Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate International Education\*

#### **Notes**

\* An award marked with an asterisk is only available as an exit award and is not available for students to register onto.

**FOR ENTRY YEAR: 2023/24** 

#### **HECOS Code**

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[101246]	[100%]

#### 2. Awarding body or institution

University of Leicester

### 3. a) Mode of study

Part-time

### b) Type of study

Distance learning

#### 4. Registration periods

The normal period of registration for the MA International Education is 2 years

The maximum period of registration for the MA International Education is 4 years

#### 5. Typical entry requirements

Entry requirements are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree at a good class 2.2. (UK equivalent) or above
- GPA 3 (US equivalent) or above

Students whose first language is not English or who have not lived in a country where the first language is English for at least three years immediately prior to starting the programme must possess an appropriate English language qualification.

Acceptable evidence includes: GCSE/O-Level English language at grade C or above; an overall score of 6.5 in the British Council test (from October 2010 there is a requirement that a minimum score of 6.0 is obtained in each component); a TOEFL score of 600 (paper) or 90 (IBT); University of Leicester English Test qualification.

In addition, students should have demonstrable evidence of engaging with education in school or college, either through practical experience as teachers and/or as a substantial element of their degree. Applicants who do not fulfil the work experience criteria are encouraged to contact the programme leader to discuss their individual circumstances.

## 6. Accreditation of Prior Learning

Applicants may apply for accreditation of prior learning (APL), up to a maximum of 60 credits, by reason of prior study at University level or relevant work. Such accreditation will

apply to a maximum of two taught Modules (60 credits). APL will not be applicable for the Dissertation Module

#### 7. Programme aims

- To enhance understanding of contemporary educational issues, both national and international, for those educational professionals in primary, secondary and tertiary education and other organisations with an educational remit
- To develop your ability to reflect on theory in the area of teaching and learning and use it as the basis for understanding and improving practice
- To develop your ability to undertake small scale research
- To develop your understanding of ethical principles which underpin the design, conduct and reporting of educational research

#### Students will be enabled to:

- Develop an understanding of pedagogical theories
- Appreciate the relationship between theory and practice in teaching
- Understand the influences of societal or national / regional / religious culture on teaching
- Evaluate the use and management of learning resources, including ICT, for learners within their phase of education
- Understand the various elements of the planning, monitoring and evaluation cycle as applied to teaching
- Understand how to carry out and present small-scale research on the topic of effective teaching

#### **Generic Learning Outcomes**

By the end of each module, students will be able to:

- Select a topic within the area covered by the module and justify their choice in relation to their current or planned professional practice
- Produce for each Core and Pathway module an assignment which presents a coherent literature review of the topic which identifies and critically comments on appropriate theoretical, research and practice-based literature
- Draw conclusions from literature reviews and apply findings to a consideration of teaching, learning or assessment or management of these processes, if and where appropriate.
- Have an understanding of the guiding principles of designing, conducting and disseminating ethical research in educational contexts
- Use a range of presentation modes including written essays, 'conference style' posters and oral presentation.

In addition to the above generic Module objectives, students will be required – through the Core *Introduction to Research Methods* Module and the Dissertation - to design, pilot and conduct a small-scale research study in an area relevant to their current or planned professional practice and demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate research data and to apply findings to a consideration of teaching, learning, assessment or management.

## 8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification

- QAA Benchmarking Statement
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)
- UK Quality Code for Higher Education
- University Learning Strategy

- University Assessment Strategy
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals
- Student Destinations Data

# 9. Programme Outcomes

Unless otherwise stated, programme outcomes apply to all awards specified in 1. Programme title(s).

# a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies

) Knowledge

i) Knowledge		
Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the principles and practices of Education in International contexts.  Students will be expected to draw on theory and research on a range of contemporary issues within Education. In doing so, students will have the opportunity to engage in studies that relate to their specific area(s) of professional interest and expertise in educational contexts, which are explored through two Core modules:  • Contemporary Issues in International Education  • An Introduction to Educational Research Methods)  and five specialist (two module) pathways which examine, respectively:  • Models of pedagogy  • Educational innovation and reform;  • Leadership for Social Justice in Education  • Special educational needs and inclusion  • Learning Technologies  Through each of these modules, students will also be expected to develop an understanding of the core principles of designing, conducting research which is informed by ethical principles, and how such research would inform their own professional contexts.	Course materials (mainly digital) including:  Directed tasks  Directed reading  Study-skills development materials  Podcast lectures Online (synchronous & asynchronous) support:  Tutorials (via email and/or Skype or FaceTime)  Small-group virtual tutorials/seminars  Discussion forums/Blogs  Student-led (virtual) seminars  Dissertation supervision  Exemplars: Small group tutorials/seminars exploring key concepts of education shared within global contexts, and terms in research methods  Student-led seminars involving enhanced understanding of educational theory practice as reflected in different societal or national / regional / religious context  Online discussion with designated tutor regarding any difficulties or confusions in the reading and use of theoretical and methodological concepts and techniques	Formative and summative assessment, including:  Written essay Oral presentation* Poster* Portfolio tasks* Dissertation  *Starred assessment tasks will be partly or wholly achieved through the use of technology for example podcasts accompanied by PowerPoint slides for oral presentation, digital poster gallery

ii) Concepts

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# iii) Techniques

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Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Demonstrate knowledge and	Directed tasks	Showing use of these techniques in:
understanding of how to learn.	Directed reading	Poster*
	<ul> <li>Study-skills development</li> </ul>	Portfolio tasks*
The range of study skills would	materials	Student evaluation of the course.
include: How to keep notes;	<ul> <li>Podcast lectures</li> </ul>	
how to reference; how to carry		Students' reflections on their own
out a literature search; how to	Online (synchronous &	personal and professional
access online bibliographic	asynchronous) support:	development.
resources; planning essays and	<ul> <li>Tutorials (via email and/or</li> </ul>	
dissertations	Skype or FaceTime)	
Develop communicative and	Small-group virtual	
intercultural competence.	tutorials/seminars	
	<ul> <li>Discussion forums/Blogs</li> </ul>	
Develop the ability to apply the	Working alongside educational	
skills and knowledge gained to	practitioners and those with	
their own professional contexts.	experience of educational contexts	
	from a wide range of cultural and	
	professional backgrounds.	
	Engagement with	
	educators/practitioners in UK	
	context through PGCE programme,	
	visiting experts, school visits	

# iv) Critical analysis

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Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Display ability to analyse and critique relevant arguments, debates and points of view in areas of contemporary educational theory, policy and practice in international contexts  Demonstrate understanding of developments in educational and community	Online media such as discussion boards, blogs and video-linked study groups to develop critical debate'.  Small group tutorials analysing aspects of educational theory, policy and practice  Online discussion with personal tutor regarding essay/dissertation drafts and other formative activities.	Development of critical argument through tutor-led and peer-group discussions, extended essays, presentations, portfolio, poster and final dissertation.
systems in international contexts  Critically evaluate the relationship between educational theory and educational practice (praxis)  Critically examine the ethical		
principles which underpin both existing research and how this informs the design, and conduct of their own empirical studies.		

## v) Presentation

v) Presentation		
Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Outcomes		
Produce articulate, fluent and well- structured assignments.	Study guides and induction to support development of academic literacy.	Good organisation and presentation are specific aspects of our formal marking criteria in all assignments, including the demonstration of a
Show accurate and appropriate handling of references and sources.  Show ability to present work clearly and appropriately.	Use of online environments to host materials in a clear and structured manner to support personal study Study-skills tasks Online (email and/or Skype/FaceTime) tutorials	sound understanding of the basic principles of narrative and structure, the use of tables and graphs and other visual forms of presentation, appropriate attention to referencing conventions, accuracy of English grammatical and language conventions.
		In terms of assessment, these are demonstrated through essays and also through assessed oral presentations to show mastery of presentational skills and an assessed presentation of a conference —style poster to demonstrate ability to display concepts and outcomes clearly and concisely for a public audience.

vi) Appraisal of evidence

Intended Learning Outcomes  The programme is designed to progressively develop in students the ability to interrogate contemporary issues in  Teaching and Learning Methods  Course materials (mainly digital) including:  Directed tasks  Directed reading  Study-skills development	Presentations Portfolio Poster
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Education as increasingly autonomous and skilled researchers. This is achieved through the Module structure as follows:  In Core Module 1, students develop an understanding of key theories and concepts in international Education studies assessment opportunities. This module will also develop basic study skills.  In Core Module 2 students develop how to design and conduct robust, trustworthy and ethical educational research, further supported through additional Study Skills sessions which focus on practical experience of research techniques  Specialist Pathways provide the opportunity for students to develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of a chosen aspect of Education (Modules 3 & 4).  Module 4 focuses on dissertation preparation through a mixture of tutor-led classes, student-led seminars,  online discussion groups and individual tutorials.	Online discussion 'threads' Formal dissertation plan Final dissertation.

# b) Transferable skills

i) Research skills

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ii) Communication skills

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Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Outcomes		
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	Programme-specific:	Formative assignment focuses on
<ul> <li>Communicating</li> </ul>		writing skills.
effectively and fluently in	Study skills programme which	
writing.	includes a specific focus on	Sustained involvement in online
	developing relevant skills for	discussions
<ul> <li>Using the appropriate</li> </ul>	academic writing and understanding	
register and style for academic	the principles of academic honesty.	Tutorial advice offered on drafts
writing and proper referencing		prior to final assignments.
in essays, posters, portfolios	Programme website/Blackboard site	
and dissertations.	provides additional support	Written assignments required in
	materials for academic writing,	each module.
<ul> <li>Demonstrating</li> </ul>	including annotated exemplars of a	
appropriate understanding of	range of written assessment tasks	
academic honesty		
	Institutional support:	
	Academic writing support materials	
	available via the Education Unit	

## iii) Data presentation

iii) Data presentati	OII	
Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Outcomes		
• Students should have a clear idea of the different ways in which they can present data. This will include understanding how to make effective poster and oral presentations; how to use PowerPoint and video as part of a presentation.	Discussions, seminar debates and student presentations  Involvement in online discussion, the development of podcasts and the use of video tutorials, as well as static online tutorials	<ul><li>Presentations</li><li>Portfolio</li><li>Poster</li></ul>
This will also include:  understanding how to present numeric data in a variety of ways (e.g. tables, charts and figures) to make it accessible to readers and/ or viewers  understanding how to present qualitative data appropriately attractively		

# iv) Information technology

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Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Through active participation in an digital learning environment, development of skills, knowledge and understanding of the learning and teaching potential of new and emerging	The entire curriculum and al teaching and learning approaches are mediated by technology. Thus, a wide range of generic and specific ICT skills will be developed through the programme. These include:	Use of a wider range of software tools for accessing, exploring, creating and disseminating learning resources, including:  • completion of tasks
technologies  Ability to use effectively bibliographic and other tools for	Online tutorials (pod-/vod-casts) available through Blackboard	embedded in purpose-designed learning materials (written , audiovisual, interactive)
identifying relevant research literature and associated resources	Introduction to IT tools (e.g. Endnote, Turnitin) for referencing and plagiarism detection.	<ul> <li>conducting literature and other research-related resources exercises (assessed and non- assessed).</li> </ul>
Able to demonstrate basic understanding of data analysis tools for both qualitative and quantitative data.	Use of a number of Web 2.0 applications and software applications to support activity and assignment work	<ul> <li>qualitative and quantitative data analysis exercises (assessed and non-assessed).</li> </ul>
Able to demonstrate an understanding of quantitative research methods and their application in real-world contexts.	Tasks embedded in the Introduction to Research Methods module  Online resources (including interactive software) designed to develop understanding.	various assessment modes (synchronous and asynchronous) where relevant.
	Virtual workshops on data/data handling approaches	

## v) Problem solving

v) Problem solving	5	
Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Ability to identify and reflect on	In addition to the potential for	Each Module offers opportunities to
common learning and teaching	problem solving implicit in Core	discuss and analyse problems and
problems	Modules 1 & 2 and in the	evaluate possible solutions related to
	Dissertation, Specialist Pathway	contemporary issues in education in
Ability to recognise strengths	Modules (3 & 4) include key	international contexts.
and limitations of varying	opportunities for problem solving in	
approaches within applied	relation to chosen areas of	Formal assessment through essays
educational research	education relating to (for example)	reflecting on and critically discussing
	curriculum design, assessment,	problems and issues in educational
Ability to identify and reflect on	effective schooling, leadership,	theory, policy and practice
cultural issues in education	educational reform, and so on).	
Core Modules 1 & 2 explore	The inherent nature of distance	
respectively key debate/ issues	learning frameworks will call for a	
in contemporary education and	sustained level of basic problem	
key issues in educational	solving	
research. The dissertation		
consolidates this learning in the	The dissertation consolidates this	
form of an empirical	learning in the form of an empirical	
investigation of a specific	investigation of a specific	
educational problem.	educational problem.	

# vi) Working relationships

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Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Ability to communicate and work effectively both synchronously and asynchronously in 'virtual peergroups.	Group work in virtual discussion groups (asynchronous) and seminargroups (synchronous)	Informal/formative assessment of students' effectiveness in group activities
Evidence of learning from other education professionals and those with educational experience.		

# vii) Managing learning

VII) Managing learn	<u> </u>	How Domonstrated?
Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Outcomes  Show ability to work independently, demonstrating	Workshop on study skills, e.g. time management, organisational	Tutor reports on student progress.
initiative, self- organisation and time-management.	strategies.	Course evaluation forms and staff/student committee meetings
Show ability to manage their own learning self-critically.	Tutorial support in time management and planning of assignments and dissertation.	enable us to monitor how students see their own success in these areas.
Ability to identify and reflect on common learning and teaching problems	In addition to the potential for problem solving implicit in Core Modules 1 & 2 and in the	Each Module offers opportunities to discuss and analyse problems and evaluate possible solutions related to contemporary issues in education in
Ability to recognise strengths and limitations of varying approaches within applied educational research	Dissertation, Specialist Pathway Modules (3 & 4) include key opportunities for problem solving in relation to chosen areas of education relating to (for example) curriculum design, assessment,	Formal assessment through essays reflecting on and critically discussing problems and issues in educational
Ability to identify and reflect on cultural issues in education	effective schooling, leadership, educational reform, and so on).	theory, policy and practice
Core Modules 1 & 2 explore respectively key debate/ issues in contemporary education and key issues in educational research. The dissertation	The inherent nature of distance learning frameworks will call for a sustained level of basic problem solving	
consolidates this learning in the form of an empirical investigation of a specific educational problem.	The dissertation consolidates this learning in the form of an empirical investigation of a specific educational problem.	

## viii) Career management

viii) Career management							
Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?					
Outcomes							
Participants will already in professional roles in international contexts.  Nevertheless students should acquire an understanding of the main steps in constructing a career; what qualifications and/or skills are needed for particular steps in it; know where to get help and support in developing their career; understand what time frame shapes their choices of particular moves in particular careers	This will draw on agencies specialised in giving careers advice; students will be guided into finding such agencies	Portfolio tasks Discussions with their tutors					

## 10. Special features

The MAIE DL programme builds upon the campus-based MAIE taking from its core features which have proved to be both effective academically and organisationally as well as popular with students and positively endorsed by the external examiner. These include the basic structure (two core modules followed by a choice of five specialist pathways), specific study skills provision designed to align with core and pathway modules and forms of assessment designed to demonstrate a range of

oral, written and visual skills). Five specialist pathways enable students to explore in depth areas of specific interest while offering sufficient flexibility for students to develop these interests within their own personal/professional context.

While the campus-based model provides a solid foundation, many DL programmes lack the learning and teaching benefits of direct face to face contact and interaction (tutor-student, peer-peer) of a campus based programme. The MAIE DL programme exploits new and emerging technology to facilitate such interactions, both synchronously (for example via discussion forums, wikis, blogs) and synchronously using internet tools (eg., MS Teams) organised around small 'research groups' in different time-zones. Given the target course participants (education professionals) it is anticipated that the majority will have regular access to reliable connectivity. However while participation in the programme will require a broadband connection, variable access to broadband is take account of in the design of tasks and activities requiring a 'live' connection, such that these will require occasional rather than regular connectivity. In developing these approaches we have worked closely with colleagues with relevant experience within the School and also with colleagues at the BDRA/ILI.

The programme is designed to explore contemporary issues in education in an international/intercultural context. Analysis by the Marketing Department at Leicester reveals that comparable programmes are currently offered by just four other HEIs in the UK, none of which offer a full DL version. In the light of this analysis, the target market of educational professionals working in primary through tertiary education as well as other organisations such as NGOs, museums and galleries and the innovative technologically- driven delivery model, we are confident that the programme offers a highly attractive prospect for education professionals wishing to pursue a UK-accredited Masters programme in education.

#### 11. Indicators of programme quality

As noted above, the existing campus-based programme upon which this new programme was built, has proved to be successful and popular. Examiners' reports for the current programmes have been consistently positive, and their recommendations are fully discussed and followed up appropriately, with annual reports to the Vice-Chancellor of the action taken. Student feedback (through formal module and course evaluation surveys and staff- student councils) have similarly been consistently positive for all the current programme. Again, student comments are followed up and revisions to course content, structure and support have been made where appropriate.

The DL programme is designed to incorporate the most effective features and structures of the existing programme while developing new and innovative approaches to course delivery, assessment and student interaction, as already explained. The development team for the DL version included the same academic and support personnel as for the campus-based programme, a highly effective feature of which has been a 'team' approach from the first days of programme development through to programme delivery. This collective model will be extended, where possible, to include associate tutors who will be recruited to the teaching team, selection of which will be subject to rigorous scrutiny procedures to ensure both academic credentials and a commitment to the programme model and philosophy.

#### 12. Criteria for award and classification

This programme follows the standard scheme of taught postgraduate award and classification set out in <u>Senate Regulations</u> – see the version of <u>Senate Regulation 6 governing taught postgraduate programmes of study</u> relevant to year of entry.

#### 13. Progression points

As defined in <u>Senate Regulations</u> - refer to the version of *Senate Regulation 6 governing taught postgraduate programmes of study* relevant to year of entry.

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Examiners for an intermediate/exit award where appropriate.

## 14. Rules relating to re-sits or re-submissions

As defined in <u>Senate Regulations</u> - refer to the version of *Senate Regulation 6 governing taught postgraduate programmes of study* relevant to year of entry.

## 15. External Examiners reports

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found at <a href="mailto:exampapers@Leicester">exampapers@Leicester</a> [log-in required]

**16.** Additional features (e.g. timetable for admissions)



# Programme Specification (Postgraduate) FOR ENTRY YEAR: Choose an item.

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# **Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)**

The University regularly reviews its programmes and modules to ensure that they reflect the current status of the discipline and offer the best learning experience to students. On occasion, it may be necessary to alter particular aspects of a course or module.

## Credit breakdown

Status	Year long	Semester 1	Semester 2	Other delivery period
Core taught	n/a	n/a	n/a	60 credits
Optional	n/a	n/a	n/a	60 credits
Dissertation/project	n/a	n/a	n/a	60 credits

180 credits in total

## Level 7/Year 1 – October Intake 2023/24

Core modules

The programme has two intakes: October and April. In the case of October intake, the programme would run from October of Year 1 to September of Year 2.

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
October	ED7590	Contemporary Issues in Education	30 credits
February	ED7591	Introduction to Research Methods in Education	30 credits

#### Notes

# Option modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
June	ED7592	Pedagogy – Lead Module	30 credits
June	ED7594	Innovation and Reform in Education – Lead Module	30 credits
June	ED7596	Leadership for Social Justice in Education – Lead Module	30 credits

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
June	ED7598	Inclusion and Special Educational Needs – Lead Module	30 credits
June	ED7601	Learning Technologies 1: Technology Enhanced Learning	30 credits

#### Notes

The above list is for October intakes. This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules. Although these are labeled as 'optional' modules, students are required to take one module from the list.

## Level 7/Year 2 – October Intake 2024/25

## Option modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
November	ED7593	Pedagogy – Specialist Module	30 credits
November	ED7595	Innovation and Reform – Specialist Module	30 credits
November	ED7597	Leadership for Social Justice in Education – Specialist Module	30 credits
November	ED7599	Inclusion and Special Educational Needs – Specialist Module	30 credits
November	ED7602	Learning Technologies 2: Learning Design	30 credits

#### **Notes**

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#### Core modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
November	ED7600	Dissertation	60 credits

## Level 7/Year 1 - April Intake 2023/24

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
April	ED7590	Contemporary Issues in Education	30 credits

<b>Delivery period</b>	Code	Title	Credits
August	ED7591	Introduction to Research Methods in Education	30 credits

# Option modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
December	ED7592	Pedagogy – Lead Module	30 credits
December	ED7594	Innovation and Reform in Education – Lead Module	30 credits
December	ED7596	Leadership for Social Justice in Education – Lead Module	30 credits
December	ED7598	Inclusion and Special Educational Needs – Lead Module	30 credits
December	ED7601	Learning Technologies 1: Technology Enhanced Learning	30 credits

#### Notes

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# Level 7/Year 2 - April Intake 2024/25

# Core modules

	Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
9	September	ED7600	Dissertation	60 credits

# Option modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
May	ED7593	Pedagogy – Specialist Module	30 credits
May	ED7595	Innovation and Reform – Specialist Module	30 credits
May	ED7597	Leadership for Social Justice in Education – Specialist Module	30 credits
May	ED7599	Inclusion and Special Educational Needs – Specialist Module	30 credits
May	ED7602	Learning Technologies 2: Learning Design	30 credits

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# **Appendix 2: Module specifications**

See taught postgraduate module specification database (Note - modules are organized by year of delivery).