THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Course Outline

Part I

Programme Title : Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language) (Five-year Full-time)
Programme QF Level : 5
Course Title : Second Language Acquisition and Curriculum Design: Theory and Practice
Course Code : ENG4419
Department : Department of English Language Education (ELE)
Credit Points : 3
Contact Hours : 39
Pre-requisite(s) : Nil
Medium of Instruction : English
Course Level : 4

Part II

The University’s Graduate Attributes and seven Generic Intended Learning Outcomes (GILOs) represent the attributes of ideal EdUHK graduates and their expected qualities respectively. Learning outcomes work coherently at the University (GILOs), programme (Programme Intended Learning Outcomes) and course (Course Intended Learning Outcomes) levels to achieve the goal of nurturing students with important graduate attributes.

In gist, the Graduate Attributes for Undergraduate, Taught Postgraduate and Research Postgraduate students consist of the following three domains (i.e. in short “PEER & I”):

- Professional Excellence;
- Ethical Responsibility; &
- Innovation.

The descriptors under these three domains are different for the three groups of students in order to reflect the respective level of Graduate Attributes.

The seven GILOs are:
1. Problem Solving Skills
2. Critical Thinking Skills
3. Creative Thinking Skills
4a. Oral Communication Skills
4b. Written Communication Skills
5. Social Interaction Skills
6. Ethical Decision Making
7. Global Perspectives
1. Course Synopsis

This course introduces students to theories of second language learning and explores how second language development is affected by individual learner factors and social contextual factors. With the theories as the foundation, this course further helps students develop essential concepts of an English language curriculum from global perspectives, preparing students to demonstrate professional excellence in curriculum planning. Building upon the pedagogical content knowledge and technological pedagogical content knowledge covered in previous courses, this course focuses on learning and planning at the curricular-level, with particular emphasis placed upon critically reviewing and applying innovative task-based teaching learning and assessment, and knowledge and skills for curriculum tailoring/school-based curriculum in the context of Hong Kong. Students will also demonstrate ethical awareness of issues linked to professional judgements when planning a curriculum.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

CILO1 Identify the major theories that seek to explain second language acquisition;
CILO2 Use relevant theoretical concepts to analyse how individual learner factors and social contextual factors affect second language acquisition;
CILO3 Demonstrate professional excellence through a critical understanding of key features of the current English language curriculum framework in Hong Kong, the underlying theoretical basis, professional ethical considerations and the issues concerned; and
CILO4 With local and global perspectives and ethical judgement, apply innovative concepts of curriculum design to lesson and unit planning and evaluation.

3. Course Intended Language Learning Outcomes (CILLOs)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

CILLO1 Develop and use subject-specific vocabulary to articulate knowledge and skills in academic writing.

4. Content, CILOs, CILLOs and Teaching & Learning Activities

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<th>CILOs/ CILLOs</th>
<th>Suggested Teaching &amp; Learning Activities</th>
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<td>1) Key explanatory theories of language acquisition:</td>
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<td>Lecture, Seminar, Group work, Online learning activities</td>
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<td>➢ Behaviourism</td>
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<td>➢ Cognitivism</td>
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<td>2) Factors affecting second language acquisition:</td>
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<td>➢ Motivation</td>
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3) Key features of different types of English language curriculum (ELC) reflecting different underlying language acquisition theories

| CILOs 1 & 3 | Lecture, Seminar, Group work, Online learning activities |

4) Critical analysis of ELC in Hong Kong with a special focus on learning to learn 2.0+, task-based approach to teaching, learning and assessment

| CILOs 2 & 3 CILO3 | Lecture, Seminar, Group work, Online learning activities |

5) Key issues and practice of curriculum design in the Hong Kong context:

- Planning
- Resourcing
- Teaching and learning
- Evaluating
- Ethical issues

| CILOs 2, 3, & 4 CILO1 | Lecture, Seminar, Group work, Online learning activities |

5. Assessment

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<td>(a) A group project that requires students to interview a second language learner and analyse his/her learning experience using the key factors and theories.</td>
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<td>CILO1</td>
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<td>(b) Quizzes that test students’ basic understanding of the key concepts and theories.</td>
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<td>CILO2</td>
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<td>(c) Evaluate and improve a task-based unit plan to show understanding of planning at the curriculum level and relevant theories of SLA.</td>
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<td>CILOS 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4 CILO1</td>
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6. Required Text(s)

Nil

7. Recommended Readings

Berry, R. & Adamson, B. (Eds.) (2010). *Assessment reform in education: policy and*
Curriculum Development Council (2018). *Supplement to the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Secondary 1-3)*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Government Printer.
language acquisition, 13(2), 275-298.

8. Related Web Resources

http://www.e-c.edu.hk/

9. Related Journals

- Curriculum Inquiry
- Curriculum Perspectives
- Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching
- Language and Education
- Language Culture and Curriculum
- Language Learning
- Language Teaching Research
- RELC
- TESOL Quarterly
- TESL Reporter

10. Academic Honesty

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11. Others

Nil

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