

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Institute of Education		
Course Code(s):	CF002J01UV	Full-time	3 Years
	CF002J31UV	Part-time	6 Years
Course Title:	BA (Hons) Childhood, Family Studies and Education Studies		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Childhood, Family and Education Studies Bachelor of Arts Childhood, Family and Education Studies Diploma of Higher Education Childhood, Family and Education Studies Certificate of Higher Education Childhood, Family and Education Studies University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	12/Apr/2017		
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Course Specification valid from:	2009/0		
Course Specification valid to:	2021/2		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Miss Alison Wren
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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

2017 Entry

- CCD from 'A' levels or equivalent
- BTEC National Diploma grade MMM, BTEC National Certificate DD
- BTEC QCF Extended Diploma grade MMM, BTEC QCF Diploma grade DD
- Access to HE Diploma full award (Pass of 60 credits - of which a minimum of 45 credits must be at level 3 including 18 at Merit or Distinction).
- Successful completion of the [International Foundation Year in Education, Health and Wellbeing](#)
- If you've got other qualifications or relevant experience, please contact [The Gateway](#) for further advice before applying.
- International entry requirements and application guidance can be found at <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/apply>

Other Requirements

Entry to this course requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check.

Students must have studied a minimum of two years post GCSE level. However, it is expected that some applicants will be mature students with work experience, who wish to further their career development. These applicants will be processed through standard procedures, which may involve an interview as part of the process. [Please see http://wlv.ac.uk/mature](http://wlv.ac.uk/mature) for further information.

Those who do not meet the entry requirements may be offered an alternative course.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

- This course involves work related study at every level.
- This unique course offers both academic rigour and professional relevance.
- The Department for Education currently approves level 3 practitioner status for students successfully completing the CAFS specialist degree. Though this will not apply to the integrated joint degree, it is a quality benchmark that underpins the CAFs based modules.

Educational Aims of the Course:

The BA (Hons) Childhood, Family Studies and Education Studies degree will develop the skills and knowledge required for a range of careers working with children, their families and the services that support them, in both education and social contexts. Students will also be able to identify and understand a variety of educational concepts and fields of enquiry. They will actively engage in investigating the cultural, sociological, psychological, political and linguistic dimensions of teaching and learning. The diversity of families, learners, classrooms and schools in contemporary society will be examined, alongside the impact of globalisation and international issues and perspectives.

The course is suitable for people new to this area or experienced staff searching for career development.

Work experience placements are an integral part of the course and can be negotiated in a variety of settings such as schools, nurseries, community care centres, hospitals, social services, libraries and other relevant settings.

Teaching and learning is designed to support digital literacy and students are encouraged to share knowledge and be enterprising with their ideas. An international perspective is taken to the degree and students will also have the opportunity to learn about how other countries support children, their families and learning.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2020/1	H	Part Time	£3050.00
2020/1	Overseas	Part Time	£6125.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

September (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Year 1

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
4ED003	Research and Personal and Professional Development	20	SEM1	Core
4ED002	Education and Social Justice	20	SEM1	Core
4CF011	Child and Young Person Development	20	SEM1	Core
4CF012	Role of Play in Childhood	20	SEM2	Core
4ED001	Education in Europe	20	SEM2	Core
4CF005	Safeguarding and Multi-Agency Perspectives	20	SEM2	Core

September (Full-time)

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Year 2

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5CF007	Children, Family and Society	20	SEM2	Core
5ED004	Enhancing Professional Practice on Placement	20	SEM1	Core

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 40 credits and a maximum of 40 credits

5CF013	Developing knowledge and understanding with young children	20	SEM1	
5CF005	Families and Communities in Context	20	SEM1	
5ED003	The Psychology of Educational Achievements	20	SEM1	
5ED012	Representations of Education in Popular Culture	20	SEM1	

Linked Option Group Rule: Select a minimum of 40 credits and a maximum of 40 credits from the linked (*) groups.

*** For this option group you must choose a minimum of 0 credits and a maximum of 40 credits**

5ED001	Understanding Curriculum	20	SEM2	
5ED005	Language, Power and Education	20	SEM2	
5ED014	Culture, Curriculum and Professional Practice in Primary Schools	20	SEM2	

*** For this option group you must choose a minimum of 0 credits and a maximum of 20 credits**

5ED002	Research Methods	20	SEM2	
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Continuing students will follow the programme indicated below:

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5CF007	Children, Family and Society	20	SEM2	Core
5ED014	Culture, Curriculum and Professional Practice in Primary Schools	20	SEM1	Core

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 40 credits and a maximum of 40 credits

5CF013	Developing knowledge and understanding with young children	20	SEM1	
5CF005	Families and Communities in Context	20	SEM1	
5ED003	The Psychology of Educational Achievements	20	SEM1	
5ED012	Representations of Education in Popular Culture	20	SEM1	

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 40 credits and a maximum of 40 credits

5ED001	Understanding Curriculum	20	SEM2	
5ED005	Language, Power and Education	20	SEM2	
5ED004	Enhancing Professional Practice on Placement	20	SEM2	
5ED002	Research Methods	20	SEM2	

September (Full-time)

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Year 3

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6ED015	Education Research Project	40	YEAR	Core
6CF003	Tackling Inequalities	20	SEM1	Core
6CF005	Rights, Responsibilities and Advocacy	20	SEM1	Core
6ED002	Policy and Practice of Learning and Teaching	20	SEM2	Core

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

6ED001	Education: International and Comparative Perspectives	20	SEM2	
6ED003	Education in Challenging Contexts	20	SEM2	

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Section 4.4.3 - Exemption in accordance with the standards required for Early Years Teacher Status (granted by the National College for Teaching and Leadership) and the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC). Compensation will not be permitted for the following core module (repeats will be allowed);

4CF005 Safeguarding and Promoting Well-Being (20 credits).

APPROVED by AFRSC.

Reference Points:

- QAA Subject Benchmarks for Education Studies and Early Childhood Studies are integrated into the degree.
- The QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
- Equality Act 2010

Learning Outcomes:

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 1 (CHECLO1)

Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with your area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 2 (CHECLO2)

Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of your subject(s) of study.

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 3 (CHECLO3)

Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 4 (CHECLO4)

Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 5 (CHECLO5)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 1 (DHECLO1)

Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of your area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed with an understanding of the limits of your

knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 2 (DHECLO2)

Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 3 (DHECLO3)

Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 4 (DHECLO4)

Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 5 (DHECLO5)

Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 6 (DHECLO6)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making and undertake further training, developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable them to assume significant responsibility within organisations.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 1 (ORDCLO1)

knowledge and understanding of the importance and challenges of inter-agency working in order to meet the needs of children, young people and families

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 2 (ORDCLO2)

knowledge and understanding of the expected pattern of children's development from birth, pedagogical approaches for working with children, young people and families and methods of researching these

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 3 (ORDCLO3)

knowledge and understanding of issues in relation to rights, diversity, equity and inclusion in relation to working with children, young people and families both in the UK and abroad

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 4 (ORDCLO4)

relevant subject knowledge, underlying theories, values and principles

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 5 (ORDCLO5)

the different contexts in which learning can take place and the range of different participants and issues in the learning process

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 6 (ORDCLO6)

review personal value systems, developments and practices with reference to concepts and theories particularly social justice, inclusion and globalisation

Honours Course Learning Outcome 1 (DEGCLO1)

knowledge and understanding of the importance and challenges of inter-agency working in order to meet the needs of children, young people and families

Honours Course Learning Outcome 2 (DEGCLO2)

knowledge and understanding of the expected pattern of children's development from birth, pedagogical approaches for working with children, young people and families and methods of researching these

Honours Course Learning Outcome 3 (DEGCLO3)

knowledge and understanding of issues in relation to rights, diversity, equity and inclusion in relation to working with children, young people and families both in the UK and abroad

Honours Course Learning Outcome 4 (DEGCLO4)

relevant subject knowledge, underlying theories, values and principles

Honours Course Learning Outcome 5 (DEGCLO5)

the different contexts in which learning can take place and the range of different participants and issues in the learning process

Honours Course Learning Outcome 6 (DEGCLO6)

review personal value systems, developments and practices with reference to concepts and theories particularly social justice, inclusion and globalisation

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
4CF005	Safeguarding and Multi-Agency Perspectives	CHECLO5
4CF011	Child and Young Person Development	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO5
4CF012	Role of Play in Childhood	CHECLO2
4ED001	Education in Europe	CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4ED002	Education and Social Justice	CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4ED003	Research and Personal and Professional Development	CHECLO4, CHECLO5
5CF005	Families and Communities in Context	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5CF007	Children, Family and Society	DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO6
5CF013	Developing knowledge and understanding with young children	DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED001	Understanding Curriculum	DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED002	Research Methods	DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED003	The Psychology of Educational Achievements	DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED004	Enhancing Professional Practice on Placement	DHECLO1, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED005	Language, Power and Education	DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED012	Representations of Education in Popular Culture	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5ED014	Culture, Curriculum and Professional Practice in Primary Schools	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5
5HU004	Supervised Work Experience	DHECLO1, DHECLO3, DHECLO6
6CF003	Tackling Inequalities	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6
6CF005	Rights, Responsibilities and Advocacy	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6
6ED001	Education: International and Comparative Perspectives	DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6
6ED002	Policy and Practice of Learning and Teaching	DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6
6ED003	Education in Challenging Contexts	DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6
6ED015	Education Research Project	DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

Learning will be face to face and on-line and will consist of the following:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Debates
- Small and large group work
- Discussion forums and wikis
- Student presentations
- Work based learning through placements (to support employability skills)
- Research activities
- Independent and guided study
- Collaborative on-line tasks and activities

- Individual on-line tasks and activities
- Video and image analysis
- Case studies
- Role play

The on-line activities and electronic presentations the students will prepare will support digital literacies.

The group tasks and seminars will support students' enterprising ideas.

The international perspectives to topics taken in lectures and learning tasks will support students' global citizenship.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
 Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
 Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

For all short modules there will be 2 hours face to face sessions per week and then an additional 2 hrs either face to face or on-line activities to support learning (eg via seminars or small group tasks).

For all long modules there will be 2 hours face to face sessions per week and appropriate on-line activities to support learning.

Study skills (such as using Harvard referencing and writing for academic purposes) are embedded in some modules at level 4 and extended at levels 5 and 6.

Students will receive feedback informally throughout the modules and formally through written feedback for their formative and summative assignments. This feedback will be constructive and indicate to students how to progress in their learning.

Students will be supported throughout their professional practice report by an allocated academic supervisor.

All students will have a personal tutor to support their progress through the course.

The learning centre provides learning support and resources. Many books and journals are also available electronically for the students to access to support their learning.

Employability in the Curriculum:

- You may go into teaching, lecturing or research in the field of Childhood and Education Studies
- There are a range of options in community care, family support, play work, youth work, nursery management, inclusion management, advocacy posts and charities.
- If you want to become a teacher you can progress to a Postgraduate Certificate in Education for Primary School Teaching (PGCE Primary)
- You could also choose to apply for a Master's Degree in Social Work or gain further qualifications as a

play therapist or youth counsellor.

Other opportunities include: researcher roles, local authority positions, mentoring and advocacy posts, inclusion managers and positions within support groups and charities.

