

Welcome to the MA in Education course (International students)

We are delighted you are going to join us for our Master's in Education (International) course in September 2023. We are happy to tell you that Clair Bowen is our International Lead and will be your personal tutor throughout the course. You can speak with any of the team, but Clair will be able to meet you and support you as you settle in to a new country and perhaps a different culture in which to work and learn in.

Please read the following carefully as it contains important information for your course. This information, plus additional videos to welcome you to the course is also available at our welcome site so please do explore more resources here:

<https://bcumaed.weebly.com/>

Induction

Our induction week starts on **Monday 11th September 2023 for International students and lasts until Thursday 16th September 2023**. Induction is an essential start to your course and we have many activities planned to help you settle into the university, meet your peers and tutors and understand the expectations of the course. We hope that induction will be mostly face-to-face, but there may also be online sessions in a way that reflects the blended learning of the course.

We know and understand that lots of you will still be making your way to England during the week of 11th September 2023 – do not worry if you miss this Induction week as Clair will be your PDT and will be able to ensure that you are well supported as you settle into a new country and a new degree course in England.

If you are in England during the week of 11th September 2023, then please do make every effort to attend the Induction week

If you think you may have issues being able to access online learning across the year, please let us know so we can support this and ensure everything is accessible to you.

| <u>Monday 11th</u> <u>September</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> <u>13th</u> <u>September</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> <u>14th</u> <u>September</u> | <u>Thursday 15th</u> <u>September</u> | <u>Friday 16th</u> <u>September</u> |
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| <p>10 -12 Noon</p> <p>Understanding the year ahead</p> <p>Meet the Team</p> <p>1-3pm</p> <p>Overview of the optional modules</p> <p>Transitions to Level 7 and the role of the Personal Tutor</p> <p>Seacole Room TBC</p> | <p>10-12 Noon</p> <p>Critical reflection on the pre-reading</p> <p>1-3pm</p> <p>Team Building and pedagogic approaches to learning.</p> <p>Seacole Room TBC</p> | <p>ALL DAY</p> <p>It is Freshers week in the University so please make your way to Birmingham City Centre and find Curzon Building (B4 7BD), where there will be lots of things for you to do and see and get involved with.</p> <p>You are most welcome at BCU</p> | <p>10-12 Noon</p> <p>Academic services – library, student services/enable, I.T.</p> <p>1-3pm</p> <p>Introduction to critical thinking/ Writing at Level 7</p> <p>Seacole Room TBC</p> | <p>Independent tasks:</p> <p>Please use this day to ensure you are familiar with Moodle, with the library, IT and ASK services plus any tasks from induction</p> |

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Pre-course reading

We want you to be as successful as possible on the course and one of the ways you can be prepared is by immersing yourself in reading about educational issues. Please take some time to explore some of the suggestions in **the pre-course reading suggestions booklet**. Tutors may well refer to these readings during the year and we will make use of them during induction. I hope they stimulate some interesting thinking and discussion about education.

Your modules

All International students will take the following modules. These will appear on your individual timetable that you will receive once you are enrolled.

Introduction to Master level study module (EDU7392)

Research Methods (EDU7393)

Dissertation (EDU7369)

Institutional Effectiveness (EDU7372)

Leadership and Management (EDU7382)

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion International (EDU7364)

International and Comparative Education (EDU7373).

Enrolment

Further details regarding enrolment will be sent to you.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if there is anything we can help you with prior to starting the course. Your key contacts are Dr Stephen Griffin and Dr Tina Collins (course leads) Stephen.Griffin@bcu.ac.uk Tina.Collins@bcu.ac.uk and Fahiza Hanif (course administrator) Fahiza.hanif@bcu.ac.uk

Clair Bowen – International Lead clair.bowen@bcu.ac.uk

We are looking forward to meeting you in September!

Timetable will be available on MySRS

Semester 1:

Semester 1: MA Modules (International Pathway)

2022-2023

Introduction to Masters
EDU7392
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(10am-3pm)

Module Lead
Beverley Cole

Research Methods
EDU7393

Day 1

(10am-1pm)
Module Lead
Stephen Griffin

Research Methods
Day 2

Research Methods
Day 3

Research Methods
Day 4

Research Methods
Day 5

Leadership and Management
(International Focus)
EDU7382

**Thursday 12th
October 2023
to Thursday
14th
December
2023**

(10am-1pm)

Equality, Diversity and
(Inclusion International Focus)
EDU7364

(10am-1pm)

Module Lead
Beverley Cole

Semester 2 January -Jun

Semester 2: International Pathway

Research
Methods
Day 1
(10am-1pm)

Research
Methods
Day 2
(10am-1pm)

Research
Methods
Day 3
(10am-1pm)

Research
Methods
Day 4
(10am-1pm)

Research
Methods
Day 4
(10am-1pm)

International
and
Comparative
Education
(International
Focus)
EDU7373

**Thurs. 25th
January 2024
to Thursday
21st March
2024
(10am-1pm)**

Module Lead
Clair Bowen

Institutional
Effectiveness
EDU7372
(International
Focus)

(10am-1pm)

Module Lead
Stephen
Griffin

Dissertation
EDU7369
April-October
(Supervised)

Workshop

10am-3pm

Module Lead
Tina Collins