

Course Outline

EDGDS6033 LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) CURRICULUM 1

Title:	LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) CURRICULUM 1
Code:	EDGDS6033
School / Division:	School of Education
Level:	Advanced
Pre-requisites:	(Required level of undergraduate study in discipline as specified by VIT)
Co-requisites:	Nil
Exclusions:	Nil
Progress Units:	15
ASCED Code:	070301

Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

Knowledge:

- Understand LOTE Policies at a national and state level, and in particular, the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) as they apply to LOTE for Junior (Year 7 and 8) to Middle (Year 9) learning transitions.
- Investigate current theories and policies in LOTE teaching practice.
- Understand first language acquisition and second language acquisition.
- Understand LOTE teaching principles which influence current classroom teaching approaches.
- Understand the issues involved in planning, implementing, and assessing a LOTE program particularly at VCE levels.
- Understand the pedagogies for teaching languages.
- Understand challenges in LOTE classes: different pathways in the LOTE from primary to secondary school, classroom management and engagement of students.

Skills:

- Plan and implement a variety of lesson types and use a communicative approach appropriate to LOTE teaching and learning.
- Effectively teach listening, speaking, reading and writing as they relate to the LOTE.
- Develop supporting skills and strategies for independent learning in the LOTE class.
- Identify and cater for learners' individual needs and learning styles.
- Develop skills in how to establish an environment in which students gain the confidence to use the LOTE orally.
- Select resources that can enhance the LOTE program, including new technologies.
- Develop communication skills and the capacity to collaborate effectively with colleagues.



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• Build pedagogical skills and strategies in order to enhance engagement in learning the LOTE.

Values:

- Be aware of the socio-cultural and educational context of LOTE learning in a range of Australian schools
- Gain a deeper appreciation and respect for various cultural backgrounds and languages.
- Foster an enthusiasm in students, to learn more about the country of the target language
- Promote values of tolerance within the classroom and the wider community.

Content:

Topics may include:

- The philosophy and background of teaching LOTE in Australian schools.
- Theories of first and second language acquisition.
- Strategies for planning and implementing a successful LOTE Program, particularly in middle years classrooms.
- Current language policies and curriculum development.
- Classroom management strategies and the development of stimulating, engaging classroom environments.
- Curriculum pathways and transition issues in relation to the middle years.
- Using and creating effective teaching resources.
- Raising the profile of LOTE in the school and local community.

Learning Tasks & Assessment:

Learning Task	Assessment	Weighting
A cooperative learning activity, practical resource, eg a game, to be designed	The activity should be suitable for the	20-30%
and / or constructed by the student and presented to the group.	LOTE classroom, and aimed at meeting a	
	specific learning outcome from VELS. The	
	activity will be part of a mini-unit of study	
	planned by the student, to meet the	
	second assessable task.	
Plan a mini-unit of study (three lessons), developing a particular topic or	Objectives, learning outcomes, linguistic	40-60%
theme, chosen by the student, to be taught in the LOTE classroom.	elements, and cultural aspects, as well as	
	the teaching method, should be included.	
	Students will be required to teach one	
	lesson, from the unit, in their practical	
	teaching round, under supervision. The	
	lesson should include the activity outlined	
	in Assessable Task 1.	



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Professional Statement.	The professional statement should cover	20-30%
	areas such as a rationale for LOTE	
	teaching; approaches to planning and	
	implementing one's own LOTE program	
	within the school; how one responds to	
	learner needs in the classroom; as well as	
	how one will keep the LOTE profile as	
	high as possible.	

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

Handbook Summary:

An advanced level major study in the language requiring successful completion of Year 12 studies in the language. Native speakers of the language may seek a statement of equivalence from an Australian university to verify that their knowledge and competence in the language meets the standard of a post-Year 12 Advanced level major study in the language.