

TEAC 7065 LEADING MATHEMATICS IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102323

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Description This subject provides an in-depth exploration of the required mathematics knowledge for primary teaching and for leading other teachers in their professional learning. Students will explore and further develop their pedagogical content knowledge, applying it to the primary mathematics curriculum. They will develop a deep understanding of specific mathematical content, the ways in which children learn that content and appropriate, research based pedagogies.

School Education

Discipline Teacher Education: Primary

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1830 Graduate Certificate in Primary Mathematics Education; 1847 Master of Teaching (Secondary) STEM or 1911 Master of Education.

Assumed Knowledge

Students must have either completed all core mathematics subjects of the MTeach (Primary) program at Western Sydney University, or be a fully qualified primary teacher.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain the essential components of pedagogical content knowledge as it relates to the teaching of primary mathematics
2. Examine learning theory relating to primary mathematics
3. Apply mathematical ideas to the Pedagogical Content Knowledge domains map for mathematical knowledge for teaching
4. Demonstrate pedagogical content knowledge across the primary mathematics curriculum by aligning specific mathematical concepts to curriculum, content and pedagogical practices
5. Formulate a whole-school approach to teaching mathematics
6. Design professional learning resources based on specific mathematical concepts or ideas

Subject Content

1. Knowledge for mathematics education leadership
2. Pedagogical Content Knowledge domains for primary mathematics teachers
3. Effective pedagogy in mathematics
4. Programming and planning across the primary school
5. Understanding and addressing mathematics anxiety

6. Beliefs and identity in mathematics
7. Leading change in mathematic pedagogy
8. Effective strategies for in situ professional development and mathematics

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	3,000 words	50	N	Individual	Y
Presentatio	Presentatio (20 minute) with accompany resource (1,000 words)	50	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Donaldson, G., Field, J. Harries, D., Tope, C., & Taylor, H. (2012). Becoming a primary mathematics specialist teacher. Abingdon, London: Routledge

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Online

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