Course Description

MEDD8819 Linking Curriculum to Learning and Pedagogy

Course description and objectives

The course shows how more powerful ideas, more powerful educational practices and more powerful research methods can be developed by means of underlining the mutual dependence between learning, and teaching, theory and practice, collective and individual, ideas and acts. It then critically reviews the role of learning, assessment and pedagogy and evaluates trends that are occurring in these areas globally and in Hong Kong.

Course learning outcomes	Aligned programme learning outcomes (PLOs)
demonstrate a sound understanding of some of the major theoretical perspectives and pertinent issues in the area of learning, teaching and assessment	PLOs 1, 2
2. review critically the role of learning, teaching and assessment, and evaluates trends that are occurring globally and in Hong Kong	PLOs 2, 3

Course assessment methods

- Essay 1
- Essay 2
- Collaborative reading

Course content and topics

- An overview of learning and assessment
- Behaviourism and Cognitive information-processing theories
- Constructivist view of learning and teaching
- Phenomenography and Variation theory of learning
- How to assess what you are intended to assess?
- Formative assessment: promoting learning through assessment
- Leading Curriculum, Learning and Pedagogy: Concepts and Practices

Required / recommended readings and online materials

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Other additional course information

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