



## Postgraduate courses in Education

Manchester Metropolitan University's Institute of Education offers a wide range of taught postgraduate courses in education. From childhood studies to youth and community education and lifelong learning, from language teaching to educational leadership and management, taught Master's courses in the Institute of Education provide you with the skills, knowledge and experience you need to progress in your career. If you are more interested in research, you can join one of the top 10 education research institutes in the UK to study for an MRes or a PhD.

### Special Features

- High quality learning experiences and individual support
- Highly experienced, specialist staff in a wide range of areas
- Close links with hundreds of schools, early childhood centres and post-compulsory settings throughout the North-West and Midlands regions, providing numerous opportunities for placements and practical experience
- Strong support for international students

*"You can ask the teachers whatever you want and they will answer with a big smile on their faces. I recommend anyone to study here, it's amazing!"*

MMU Institute of Education is the major provider of teacher education in North-West England, and is one of the largest teacher education centres in the UK. Over the last ten years, the Institute has expanded from its teacher training focus and has developed successful programmes in Education Studies, Youth and Community Work, Early Years and Childhood Studies, Urban Education, Inclusive Education, Language Education and Educational Leadership and Management. The Education and Social Research Institute (ESRI), which is linked to the Institute of Education, was rated 8th out of 81 education research centres in the UK in the last Research Assessment Exercise, and provides teaching and supervision for MRes Education and Society and PhD qualifications.



## What can I study?

The main taught Master's degree courses offered in the Institute of Education are the following. Except for the MA Education Studies, all courses begin in September 2012.

**MA Education Studies:** The MA Education Studies is available either as

- a full-time course taught over 1 year starting from January 2013, or
- an intensive/distance learning course, with intensive face-to-face sessions from the end of July to end of August 2012, followed by a distance learning period of up to 3 years.

For both full-time and intensive/distance learning modes, you can choose to study for a general MA Education Studies, or more specialised routes in MA Education Studies (English Language Teaching) or MA Education Studies (Lifelong Learning). All routes comprise 4 taught units and a dissertation. All routes share the first 2 units, which cover global issues in education and research methods. You will then select 2 optional units according to your chosen route, and write a dissertation in your area of interest under the supervision of a member of the Education Studies team.

**MA Childhood Studies and Practice:** This is a 1-year, full-time course comprising 4 taught units and a dissertation. Topics covered in the taught units are likely to include international constructions of childhood, legal frameworks and policies surrounding children, childhood in film, literature, music and information technology, diversity, equality and childhood, and research methodologies. You will then complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice under the supervision of members of the Childhood Studies team.

**PGDip/MA Youth and Community Work:**

This is a 2-year, full-time course. On successful completion of all modules in Year 1 you will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Youth and Community Work and gain your professional youth and community status. In Year 2 you will undertake independent study focusing on the completion of Research Methods/MA Dissertation. The entire course seeks to explore social education strategies and community development as a process of empowerment and there is a strong emphasis on understanding policies and practices which counter discrimination and promote equality. Core units typically include principles and practice of youth and community work, community auditing, empowerment in local and global contexts, partnership working and reflective practice placement. Optional units are also available.

**MSc Educational Leadership and Management:**

This is a 1-year, full-time course, comprising 4 taught units and a dissertation. This course improves your knowledge about the processes and practices of educational leadership and management through a professionally orientated delivery which critically engages with current theory, literature and research findings. The taught units will cover topics such as managing people and resources in educational settings, leading change in learning organizations and effectiveness and improvement in educational settings. You will then complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice under the supervision of a member of the Educational Leadership and Management team.

### **MA Inclusive Education and Special**

**Educational Needs:** This is a 1-year, full-time course, comprising 4 taught units and a dissertation. This programme enables you to deepen and extend your understanding of how to develop more inclusive practices within your own professional setting or country context. The two core units which all students follow are Understanding Inclusive Education and Research for Inclusive Education. You can then choose another two option units, covering topics such as the autism spectrum, specific learning difficulties (dyslexia), and behaviour, emotional and social difficulties. You will then complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice under the supervision of a member of the Inclusive Education team.

**MA Language Education:** This is a 1-year, full-time course, comprising 4 taught units and a dissertation. It is aimed at students who have some experience of language teaching. The core unit is Language Development. You can then choose optional units in topics such as working with linguistically and culturally diverse communities, issues in foreign language teaching and learning, inclusive teaching for

bilingual learners, teaching young learners and principles and practice in early reading. The taught units are followed by a dissertation, which is written on a topic of your choice under the supervision of a member of the Languages team.

**MRes Education and Society:** This is a 1-year, full-time course, comprising 4 taught units and a dissertation. It is a research training programme for students who wish to go on to study for a PhD and for research workers in education and the social sciences. Core units cover theory and philosophy in educational and social research, designing educational and social research, and research in practice. Optional units may include advanced qualitative methods, advanced quantitative methods, putting theory to work, educational and social futures, or an independent study. You will then write a dissertation under the guidance of a supervisor, covering areas such as identification of a research topic, research aims and questions, methodologies and approaches, literature review, research design, data collection, data analysis, interpretation and contextualization of findings.

*"I was really impressed with the advice given by teachers – they really wanted to help us feel comfortable and it was all positive. Support with language courses was also a good idea for those of us who wanted to improve our English so thank you for ELSIS!"*

### **Where will I study?**

The Institute of Education is located on two campuses. The Didsbury campus is located 5 miles (8km) out of Manchester city centre, while the Crewe campus is located in Cheshire, 36 miles (58km) south of Manchester and 90 minutes by train from London. Both campuses have excellent teaching facilities and libraries. The Crewe campus has an active social programme and its own Arts and Sports Centres, and is renowned for its sense of community, while the Didsbury campus provides easy access to the vibrant Manchester student social scene.

There is student accommodation at both campuses, and international students who have an offer and apply for accommodation before 30 June 2012 have priority for a room. See [www.mmu.ac.uk/accommodation/](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/accommodation/) for more details about accommodation.

The MA Youth and Community Work, MA Inclusive Education and Special Educational Needs, MA Language Education and MRes are available at the Didsbury campus. The MA Childhood Studies and Practice and MSc

Educational Leadership and Management are available at the Crewe campus. The MA Education Studies (full-time) is available at the All Saints campus in central Manchester, with some options taught at the Didsbury campus. The MA Education Studies (intensive/distance-learning) is available at the Didsbury campus.

### **What career and further study opportunities could these courses provide?**

The majority of graduates of MMU Institute of Education postgraduate courses take on senior roles as teachers, early childhood educators, youth and community workers and local government employees. Other career opportunities include educational publishing, outdoor education, museum education and family support work. In terms of research, the MRes Education and Society is ideal preparation for embarking on a PhD in education or social sciences. Doctoral students completing a PhD at ESRI are qualified to engage in a research career in higher education institutions or other organisations in the UK and around the world.

## What are the entry requirements?

Entry requirements are listed in the online prospectus. If you are not sure about the equivalence of qualifications, look at the "What qualifications do I need to study in the UK?" box on the MMU International website ([www.mmu.ac.uk/international/](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/international/)).

## What about English requirements?

If English is not your first language, you will generally need to pass IELTS at 6.5, at least 91 in TOEFL IBT, or equivalent (see [www.mmu.ac.uk/international/courses/language\\_requirements.php](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/international/courses/language_requirements.php) for a list of equivalent qualifications).

Alternatively, for most courses, you can opt for a lower IELTS score plus successful completion of a pre-session course. For example, you can enter with IELTS 6.0 and successful completion of a 5-week pre-session course in August, or with IELTS 5.5 and an 8-week pre-session course in July and August.

See [www2.hlss.mmu.ac.uk/languages/english/pre-session-english-language-courses/](http://www2.hlss.mmu.ac.uk/languages/english/pre-session-english-language-courses/) for details.

## What support will I have?

You will have access to a wide range of support during your time at the Institute of Education. Centrally, MMU International provides advice and guidance from your first enquiry through to graduation. They can help you with visa applications, pre-departure information and much more. You can find details on the website: [www.mmu.ac.uk/international](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/international)

There is an active International Society that organises activities, visits to different parts of the UK, classes, a hospitality scheme whereby you are invited to visit British families in their homes, and other events. Details are on the website: [www.internationalsociety.org.uk](http://www.internationalsociety.org.uk)

If English is not your first language, you can benefit from ELSIS, a programme of free

English language classes and one-to-one support provided throughout your period of study by the Language Centre.

In the Institute of Education, you will be invited to an induction day for international/EU students in September, and will have opportunities to participate in regular meetings and events for international students throughout the year. Dedicated academic and administrative staff are available to help you with any questions or problems you may have at any stage of your MMU experience.

## Do you offer scholarships?

MMU offers a number of Vice-Chancellor Scholarships, worth £3,000, to international students on full-time courses in the university. The deadline for application for these scholarships is 30 June 2012, and you need to have an offer of a place by this date in order to apply. Further details are available on the MMU International website at [www.mmu.ac.uk/international/scholarships/](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/international/scholarships/). You can also find information about other scholarships you may be able to apply for here.

## Where can I find out more?

Further details of the Institute of Education and courses available can be found on the website: [www.ioe.mmu.ac.uk/international](http://www.ioe.mmu.ac.uk/international). If you have specific enquiries that are not answered on the website, please feel free to contact Dr Lynne Parmenter ([l.parmenter@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:l.parmenter@mmu.ac.uk)).

## How do I apply?

You can find details about how to apply on the MMU International website: [www.mmu.ac.uk/international/courses/pg\\_apply.php](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/international/courses/pg_apply.php)

## Alternative Format

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For further information about study opportunities in the Institute of Education, please visit our website at [www.ioe.mmu.ac.uk](http://www.ioe.mmu.ac.uk)

As part of its continuing drive to deliver the very best quality programmes for students MMU is undertaking a review of the structure and processes which underpin them. Students joining the university in September 2011 will be the first to benefit from changes aimed at providing the very best learning experience.

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