**Cardiff School of Education and Social Policy.**

**Key Information required:**

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| **Programme title: MA Education** | |
| 1. **Content of course:** | This full-time MA programme has a range of compulsory and optional validated modules but is usually offered as a compulsory 180 credits of learning in order to facilitate a more cohesive student experience. Content is pitched at students who are not in substantive professional practice, so the assessment does not require application to practice. There is a research methods module running throughout term 1 and into term 2. This is to prepare students for the underpinning expectations of researching and writing at master’s level, and ultimately leading into the dissertation phase. Modules are delivered in a variety of formats. Some modules are shared with students on the part time routes and are delivered in blocks during school holidays. The remaining modules are usually delivered over one full day of attendance per week, with the dissertation tutorials being arranged to suit the student. Modules focus on topics around education policy, philosophy of education, and education and equity. For term 1 all modules, usually delivered face-to-face at Cyncoed campus, will be delivered remotely using the VLE and Microsoft Teams. The programme ethos relies on developing a professional learning community, therefore interactivity will be maximised via the VLE and Teams. Content remains unchanged. We will ensure, via a combination of synchronous and asynchronous delivery, that all modules are accessible to all students, including those who may be located abroad owing to the pandemic. Any asynchronous delivery will be via videos of lectures and student-led tasks, but this will never be the sole method of delivery and will always be augmented with interactive sessions to promote dialogue and check understanding. |
| 1. **Length of course:** | The MA Education can be completed in 1-2 years, depending on the trajectory of each student. It is not anticipated that the length of the course will change in response to the pandemic. |
| 1. **How the course will be delivered:** | In term 1 the content will be delivered remotely, but interactively, as outlined above. The emphasis on interaction means it is not envisaged that there will be any change in the hours of student engagement. The current plan is that term 2 modules will be delivered on campus via block or weekly daytime delivery. Dissertation supervision may occur via a combination of remote and face to face interaction, and this is the usual practice regardless of the pandemic. |
| 1. **Cost of course:** | Full time fees are £9000 per academic year. Part Time fees are based on the number of credits that students enrol onto per year with fees at £1000 per 20 Credits. |
| 1. **How the course will be assessed:** | Assessment takes a variety of formats, all of which require strong levels of critical analysis to reach level 7 standards. The following assessments are included: traditional essays; analysis of practice via peer presentation; seminar delivery; policy analysis; analysis of research; literature reviews, dissertation. There will be no changes to the formative assessment – any peer presentations being conducted via Teams. |
| 1. **Award:** | The award remains unchanged as MA Education |
| 1. **Possible locations:** | Term 1, VLE; Term 2,Cyncoed campus |
| 1. **Complaints:** | Cardiff Metropolitan University is committed to providing high quality services and facilities for students, staff and the general public. Integral to this is monitoring and evaluating those services to enhance quality and to ensure specified standards are met.  We have in place a variety of mechanisms to ensure that students, staff and public have the opportunity to participate fully in the development and improvement of services and it is expected that all parties will take full advantage of these in making their views known.  We recognise that there may be occasions when feedback mechanisms are not sufficient to deal with problems. It is for this reason that a Complaints Procedure has been established. The Complaints Procedure should be used when informal attempts to resolve the matter within the School or Unit have not resolved the issue.  Procedural advice is available from the Complaints Officer who can be contacted on email at [complaints@cardiffmet.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@cardiffmet.ac.uk), and independent support and advice on submitting a complaint is also available to students from Cardiff Met Students Union.  <http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/registry/Pages/Complaints.aspx> |