



MA (Honours) Education
Induction booklet
2023-2024

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1 - WELCOME

On behalf of the School of Education, welcome to the University of Aberdeen!

The MA Education Tutor Team are delighted to be working with and supporting you during your studies. Whether you are a new or returning student, we hope you enjoy your year of study with us during this academic session.

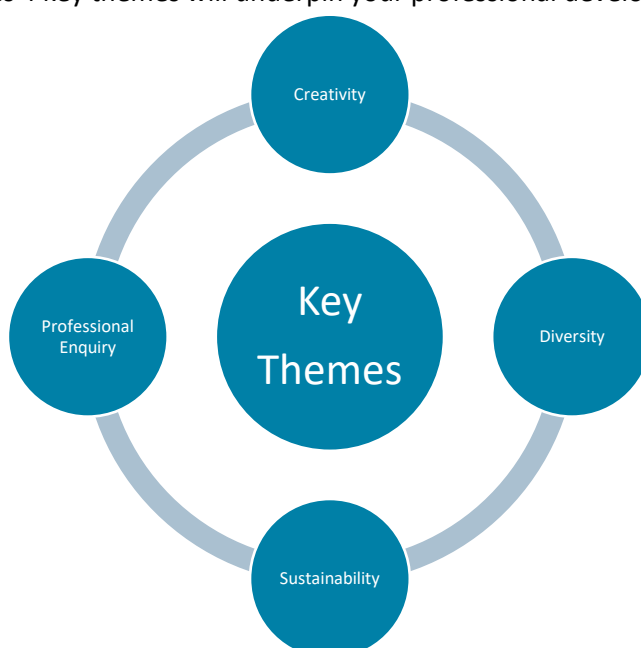
The purpose of this induction booklet is to enable you to plan for the year ahead, prior to commencing your studies with us. Further information will be provided when the programme starts via your induction lecture, Programme Handbook and individual course handbooks.

1.1 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MA programme at Aberdeen aims to support student teachers as they embark on their professional journey of becoming an inclusive practitioner and facilitating the learning of all young people whilst developing a reflective, reflexive and enquiring disposition. The aim of our MA programme is to develop critically responsive, reflective practitioners and continue to provide high quality, 'fit for purpose' student experiences which are innovative and enquiry-based to prepare students for the first phase of their professional lives. Successful achievement of the Standard for Provisional Registration (SPR) enables registration with the **General Teaching Council for Scotland**. Within each year of study, students will undertake university study and practical classroom-based learning.

A supporting programme of university and school-based studies is provided to prepare students for the classroom, and to equip them with a framework of knowledge and skills which enables them to develop, evaluate, and reflect critically on their practice. Throughout your time on the MA programme students will develop understanding of the Scottish Curriculum, as well as theories of learning, educational philosophy, and international pedagogical approaches that underpin teaching in the 21st century.

Throughout your studies 4 key themes will underpin your professional development:



1.2 DELIVERY OF TEACHING

Timetabled sessions will take place on campus weekly for each course. All lectures and workshops are delivered in person unless otherwise specified at individual course level. Please note that attendance at lectures and tutorials is monitored by Tutor Teams.

Online learning and course materials are presented in MyAberdeen which is the University of Aberdeen's Virtual Learning Environment. This is where you will find learning materials and resources associated with the courses you are studying. You can log in to MyAberdeen by going to www.abdn.ac.uk/myaberdeen and entering your University username and password (which you use to access the University network).

2 - MA TIMELINE: GENERAL OVERVIEW

7	11.09.23	Term opens/ Induction Lecture/ Welcome Week
8	18.09.23	Teaching starts for MA1 – MA4 Yeargroups
9	25.09.23	As above
10	02.10.23	As above
11	09.10.23	As above
12	16.10.23	Reading Week in School of Education
13	23.10.23	As above
14	30.10.23	As above
15	06.11.23	As above
16	13.11.23	As above
17	20.11.23	As above
18	27.11.23	As above
19	04.12.23	As above
20	11.12.23	As above
21	18.12.23	University Holidays
22	25.12.23	University Holidays
23	01.01.24	University Holidays
24	08.01.24	Term opens
25	15.01.24	As above
26	22.02.24	As above
27	29.01.24	As above
28	05.02.24	As above
29	12.02.24	As above
30	19.02.24	As above
31	26.02.24	As above
32	04.03.24	As above
33	11.03.24	As above
34	18.03.24	As above
35	25.03.24	As above
36	01.04.24	University Holidays
37	08.04.24	University Holidays
38	15.04.24	University Holidays
39	22.04.24	
40	29.04.24	
41	06.05.24	Moving On Lectures for MA1 – MA3
42	13.05.24	MA2/ MA3 Retrieval Placements (5 weeks)
43	20.05.24	

2.1 PLACEMENT DATES

Year	Placement	Dates	Assessment
MA1	5-week Placement	8 th January - 9 th February 2024	<i>Formative School Report</i>
MA2	5-week Placement	8 th January - 9 th February 2024	<i>Tutor Visit Summative School Report</i>
MA3	SE1A 5-week Placement	6 th November - 8 th December 2023	<i>Tutor Visit SE1A Summative School Report and follow up tutor visit (if required) SE1B</i>
	SE1B 4-week Placement	4 th March - 29 th March 2024	
MA4	SE1A 6-week Placement SE1B 3-week Placement	30 th October - 8 th December 2023 8 th January - 26 th January 2024	<i>Tutor Visit Summative School Report</i>
	SE2A 5-week Placement SE2B 4-week Placement	26 th February - 29 th March 2024 22 nd April - 17 th May 2024	<i>Tutor Visit Summative School Report</i>
MA2\3	5-week Retrieval Placement	13 th May - 14 th June 2024	<i>Tutor Visit and School Report</i>

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It is important that you are aware of who to contact for any enquiries. Enquiries related specifically to a course should be directed to the Course Co-ordinator. Matters that may impact on all of your studies should be directed to your Year Lead. For pastoral matters please contact your Personal Tutor in the first instance. Please note, School of Education staff work standard hours Monday to Friday.

Student Support Services offer guidance for academic, non-academic and wellbeing issues that may arise during your time at Aberdeen University. You can find out about the range of services available to all students by following this weblink: [Support & Wellbeing | Students | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/support-wellbeing-students).

4 - FIRST WEEK OF THE PROGRAMME (UNIVERSITY WEEK 8)

INDUCTION SESSIONS:

The date and time of your induction session in week 7 (week beginning 11th September 2023) will be communicated to you in due course. Students are required to attend the relevant induction session for their MA Year, even if you have previously been a student at the University. This will allow you to learn more about your new courses, meet key MA team members for your cohort and enable you to feel as prepared as possible for the year ahead.

PREPARING FOR LEARNING:

Before your induction session and teaching the following week, take time to familiarise yourself with the course areas available to you and the programme handbook. Each course will also have a handbook and assessment guide that will be useful to read over. You will have self-study to undertake prior to each teaching session so, again, prioritise time to complete this to feel as prepared as possible for your first sessions.

Reading lists will be made available from Course Co-ordinators ahead of your first week of teaching. Please make sure that you can access Primo. Recommended texts can be purchased from Blackwell's on campus or via their website: [Shops Blackwell's \(blackwells.co.uk\)](https://www.blackwells.co.uk).