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Because of the large number of candidates seeking admission, we regret that no telephone or personal enquiries will be entertained.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## INTRODUCTION

The National Institute of Education (NIE) was established on 1 July 1991 as an institute of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

### **NIE's Vision**

To be an Institute of Distinction

### **NIE's Mission**

To excel in teacher education and educational research

### **Degree Programmes offered**

Student teachers in the bachelor's degree programmes are registered as undergraduates of the Nanyang Technological University.

The University offers the following degree programmes at the National Institute of Education:

- Bachelor of Arts (Education)  
[B A (Ed)] (full-time)
- Bachelor of Science (Education)  
[B Sc (Ed)] (full-time)
- Bachelor of Education  
[B Ed] (part-time)

All these programmes are administered by the Foundation Programmes Office which is committed to developing educational professionals ready to be leaders in the service of learners.

All student teachers come under the purview of the Dean of Foundation Programmes.

### **Aims of B Ed Programme**

The B Ed (part-time) programme is specially designed for non-graduate primary school teachers in Singapore, taking into consideration programme components that will greatly benefit a candidate who already has some classroom teaching experience. This is ensured through the curriculum structure and content of the programme which aims to establish clear links between pedagogical theory and actual classroom practice.

### **Duration of Programme**

The minimum period of study required for the degree of B Ed (part-time) is 3½ years. This includes a full-time semester which is essential in order to fulfil the residency requirements of the B Ed degree. No student teacher is permitted to take more than 6 years to obtain the degree. Non-graduate teachers may be awarded honours degree based on excellent overall performance in the four year programme.

### **The Academic Unit System**

The University adopts the Academic Unit System, that is, academic units are used to measure academic workload per semester and per academic year. The academic year is currently divided into two semesters.

The Academic Unit (AU) provides a consistent measure of the student teacher's academic workload related to both class attendance and independent preparation. Used to weight courses in a subject taught for the duration of one semester of 13 teaching weeks, each Academic Unit represents an average workload equivalent to one hour per week in the form of lecture/tutorial classes, or three hours per week in the form of

laboratory/field work sessions. For example, a course with one lecture hour per week and one tutorial hour per week carries 2 AUs. Academic Units are calculated on a course basis, that is, subjects are made up of courses, and each course carries a certain number of AUs. It is not uncommon in the age of multimodal delivery that some face-to-face lectures and tutorials might be replaced by online and/or other independent modes of learning depending on the discretion of the course instructor.

## Academic Calendar

The academic year is made up of two semesters as follows:

Programme	Dates of Orientation (O) Semester(S) / Recess (R) / Vacation (V)	Dates of Revision/ Examination
B Ed (Part-time)	S1: 04 Aug 2008 – 28 Nov 2008 R: 20 Sep 2008 – 28 Sep 2008 V: 29 Nov 2008 – 04 Jan 2009  S2: 05 Jan 2009 – 01 May 2009 R: 21 Feb 2009 – 01 Mar 2009 V: 02 May 2009 – 26 July 2009	8 Nov 2008 – 28 Nov 2008    11 Apr 2009 – 01 May 2009

## APPLICATIONS

### 1 Entry Requirements

Applicants seeking admission must be primary school teachers employed by the Ministry of Education who have at least two years of teaching experience and have a Grade C or above for annual appraisal. They must also meet the following entry requirements:

- (a) Have obtained a Certificate in Education or Diploma in Education or Diploma in Physical Education and have done well in the programme;
- (b) Have good GCE 'A' Level or Polytechnic diploma qualifications; and
- (c) Have a letter of recommendation from the current school Principal.

Those who have performed well in further professional programmes like the Advanced Diploma, Diploma in Departmental Management and Management & Leadership in Schools may also be considered for admission.



## **MATRICULATION AND REGISTRATION**

Matriculation will take place two weeks before Semester I. Registration for courses to be offered in Semesters I and II will normally take place one week before each semester.

Student teachers can register for or drop a course offered in the semester within the first week of that semester. A course that is dropped within the first week of a semester will not appear in the student teacher's official transcript.

A student teacher who drops a course after the deadline, that is the end of the first week of a semester, will be deemed to have sat and failed in the course. 'F' will appear on the official transcript and will be used in the computation of Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

### **Enrolment**

Although student teachers usually get to read the subject/courses of their own choice, the final choice of subjects/courses sometimes has to be determined by the Dean of Foundation Programmes/Heads/Co-ordinators of subjects concerned. Student teachers are responsible for ensuring that the courses they select do not clash on the class time-table and the examination time-table both of which are prepared before the registration exercise.

## **EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT OF COURSEWORK**

Various modes of assessment including Continuous Assessment (CA) have been built into coursework. These include tests/practical tests, essay assignments, project work, progress ratings and examinations. Examinations will be held at the end of each semester. There are no supplementary examinations. No special examination will be held for student teachers who are unable to take any paper because of illness or other special reason. Such student teachers and those who fail will be allowed to take the examination in that course on the next occasion when it is conducted.

Student teachers must successfully complete all the prescribed academic unit requirements as set out by the programme curriculum and earn a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.00 at the end of the final semester of study before qualifying for the award of the degree of the Bachelor of Education. Student teachers are responsible for ensuring that they register for all the courses and examinations necessary to fulfil the requirements of their programme of study.

Student teachers are not allowed to re-take an examination in order to improve on the grades of courses they have passed. The grades for a course taken by any student teachers in all attempts are reflected on the official transcript. The degree classification will be based on the CGPA student teachers obtain throughout their programme of study. Credits earned in other approved institutions will be excluded from CGPA computation.

**The Period of candidature for the programme is as follows:**

Programme	Period of candidature (Years)		
	Normal	Minimum	Maximum
B Ed (Part-Time) Admitted in Year 2	-	3½	6

All leave of absence (except for approved medical leave) is counted towards the period of candidature.

Non-graduate teachers will take the B Ed on a part-time basis, with the exception of the one semester which will be completed on a full time basis to fulfil the residency requirements of the B Ed degree.

**Grade Point Average (GPA) System**

The Institute adopts the Grade Point Average (GPA) system with effect from the academic year 2005-2006.

1 Grade and grade points are assigned as follows:

Letter-Grade	Grade Point	Academic Unit (AU)
A+	5.00	AU is earned
A	5.00	
A-	4.50	
B+	4.00	
B	3.50	
B-	3.00	
C+	2.50	
C	2.00	
D+	1.50	
D	1.00	
F	0.00	No AU is earned

- 2 The following non-letter grades and notations are also used, but will not be counted in computation of CGPA.

*	-	Courses with Pass/Fail grading only
IP	-	In-Progress
ABS	-	Leave of absence granted
TC	-	Transfer Credit

- 3 The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) represents the grade average of all courses (including failed courses) attempted by a student teacher.

The computation of CGPA is as follows:

$$\frac{[\text{Grade Point} \times \text{AU for course 1}] + [\text{Grade Point} \times \text{AU for course X}] + \dots}{[\text{Total AU attempted in all the semesters so far}]}$$

- 4 The CGPA will be reflected on student teachers' transcripts.
- 5 An 'F' grade obtained in a course, and a new grade attained for the subsequent repeat, will be both reflected in the transcript. Both grades will also be counted in the computation of CGPA. No AU is earned for courses with 'F' grade.
- 6 Student teachers are not allowed to repeat any courses taken except those with 'F' grade.
- 7 **The requirements for graduation are as follows:**
- Successful completion of the prescribed academic unit requirement as set out by the programme curriculum.
  - A minimum CGPA of 2.00 is required at the end of the final semester of study.

**8 The criteria for satisfactory academic standing in any given semester are:**

- a) Maintaining a minimum CGPA of 2.00
- b) Completing at least 75% of the normal AU workload

**9 Student teachers with poor standing will be subjected to the following performance review:**

- a) Academic Warning – if the CGPA falls below 2.00 for any given semester.
- b) Academic Probation – if the CGPA falls below 2.00 for the following semester.
- c) Academic Termination – if the CGPA falls below 2.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive semester, or at the end of the final semester of study. A letter of termination will be issued.

Appeal against termination on the grounds of extenuating circumstances may be made, subject to the following rules:

- the appeal must be submitted to NIE by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the semester following the termination
- normally only one appeal is allowed per candidature.

**10 A minimum CGPA of 2.00 must be maintained at the end of each semester to qualify for the overloading of courses.**

**11 Credits for courses taken from approved student exchange programmes will be excluded from the CGPA computation. But they will be counted toward the academic unit requirement for graduation, and reflected on the transcript.**

12 The cut-off for B Ed classification is as follows:

Class of Award	CGPA Range
First Class Honours	4.50 – 5.00
Second Class Upper Honours	4.00 – 4.49
Second Class Lower Honours	3.50 – 3.99
Third Class Honours	3.00 – 3.49
Pass	2.00 – 2.99

### **Classification of Student Teachers**

Student teachers are classified as Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 student teachers according to the number of academic units earned as shown below:

#### **B Ed (Primary)**

Programme	Number of Academic Units Earned			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Education	0 – 26	27 – 64	65 – 97	98 & above

### **Talks, Seminars, Workshops and Other Activities**

During the period of training, student teachers are expected to study diligently and participate actively in talks, seminars, workshops and other activities organised for them, if any.

## **Plagiarism and Copyright**

The Institute advises all student teachers to respect all copyrighted works and encourages the purchase of original textbooks and/or other copyrighted materials that are required for your programmes. Student teachers should not plagiarize or pass off as one's own, the writing or ideas of another, without acknowledging or crediting the source from which the ideas are taken.

The Institute takes a serious view of any form of plagiarism and infringement of copyright by student teachers. A contravention of the provisions of the Copyright Act is deemed to be a breach of the Institute's rules and regulations, which could result in disciplinary action. Cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are considered serious offences for which disciplinary penalties will be imposed.

## **ACADEMIC STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME**



## THE ACADEMIC UNIT SYSTEM

### Core Courses and Prescribed Electives

There are two categories of subject courses in the B Ed programme:

*Core Courses* : Compulsory courses that must be passed to fulfil degree programme requirements;

*Prescribed Electives:* Electives that form a certain field of specialisation in a particular subject. They add to the depth and/or breadth of knowledge and skills to be acquired by student teachers;

Each course is assigned academic units. Minimum academic unit requirements for completing the degree programme are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Academic Unit Requirements of B Ed Programme**

This table shows the various possible PCK combinations that student teachers can take and the breakdown of AUs by year of study for these different combinations. The AUs total up to 138 at the end of four years of study.

Programme	Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK)	Year of Study	No. of Academic Units (AUs)	Total
Bachelor of Education (Primary)	Eng, Maths and Sc	1 2 3 4	36 39 31 32	138
	Or Eng, Sc and SS			
	Or Eng, Sc and SN			
	Or Eng, Sc and GTE			
	Or Maths, Sc and SS			
	Or Maths, Sc and SN			
	Or Maths, Sc and GTE			
	Eng, Maths and SS	1 2 3 4	35 39 33 31	138
	Or Eng, Maths and SN			
	Or Eng, Maths and GTE			

Legend:

- Eng : English
- Maths : Mathematics
- Sc : Science
- SS : Social Studies
- SN : Special Needs
- GTE : Gifted & Talent Education

**B Ed PROGRAMME**

## STRUCTURE OF B Ed PROGRAMME

The courses are divided into the following areas of study:

- (a) **Education Studies (Level 1)\* (ES)**: This area of study will acquaint student teachers with the key concepts and principles in education that are necessary for effective instruction and reflective practice in primary schools.
- (b) **Education Studies (Level 2) (ES)**: This core set of courses will build on the Education Studies level 1 courses and will encourage student teachers to review and critique contemporary and sociological theories of learning, the principles of curriculum development as well as new technologies in education.
- (c) **Curriculum Studies\* (CS)**: This area of study is designed to give student teachers the pedagogical skills in teaching specific subjects in Singapore schools.
- (d) **Subject Knowledge\* (SK)**: This group of courses helps to reinforce subject content mastery for primary school teaching.
- (e) **Pedagogical Content Knowledge Subject Areas and/or Inclusive Education (PCK)**: In this area of study, student teachers are to offer English, Math and Science but can opt to exchange one of these subjects with Social Studies, Special Needs, and Gifted & Talent Education.
- (f) **Essential Courses (EC)**: The 3 essential courses are
  - (a) Integrated Arts Approach which aims to introduce the key concepts in an integrated art, music and drama approach with primary school children;
  - (b) Education Research Methodology which serves to prepare student teachers to conduct education research; and

(c) There are two Prescribed Electives of which student teachers will have to select one:

- (1) Action Research Project which prepares the student teachers to continue to develop as reflective practitioners and to investigate issues in their teaching;
- (2) Inter-disciplinary Approach which looks at how student teachers can teach a subject matter in an integrated fashion across different subjects.

- (g) **Language Enhancement and Academic Discourse Skills (LEADS):** The courses in this component equip student teachers with the basic language and voice skills that they require for teaching as well as for successfully engaging in academic writing for assignments and theses.
- (h) **Practicum\*:** Practicum provides student teachers with the opportunity to develop teaching competencies in a variety of instructional contexts and at different levels, under the guidance and supervision of cooperating teachers and university lecturers. During the Practicum, student teachers will be able to use the knowledge and skills acquired in the subjects they read at the university and have opportunities to integrate theory and practice in schools.
- (i) The total number of Academic Units (AUs) for the B Ed is 138 AUs.

Non-graduate teachers holding a Dip Ed (or its equivalent certification) will need to fulfil 69 AUs based on relevant exemptions granted from their Dip Ed or Cert Ed qualifications.

Special Note \* - Part-time B Ed student teachers are exempted from these areas of study.

## CURRICULUM STRUCTURE FOR B Ed (Primary) PROGRAMME

The part-time B Ed programme is based on the following curriculum structure shown in Table 2. However, exemptions are granted based on their qualifications obtained and years of teaching experience. The exempted courses are highlighted in grey.

**Table 2: Curriculum Structure for B Ed (Primary) Programme**

Category/Subject	Course Code	Title	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
<b>EDUCATION STUDIES (LEVEL 1)</b>				
	AED102	Educational Psychology 1 : Theories and Applications for Learning and Teaching	3	-
	AED104	ICT for Engaged Learning	2	-
	AED201	The Social Context of Teaching and Learning	2	-
	AED302	Educational Psychology II : Teaching and Managing Diverse Learners in the Classroom	3	-
<b>EDUCATION STUDIES (LEVEL 2)</b>				
	AED231	Diversity, Inclusivity and Reflective Practice	3	-
	AED232	Introduction to Counseling Psychology	2	-
	AED233	Critical Reasoning Skills for Effective Teaching	2	-
	AED234	ICT-based Cognitive Tools for Engaged Learning	2	-
	AED235	Introduction to Curriculum Development and Design	3	-
<b>CURRICULUM STUDIES (Select any 3)</b>				
English Language	ACE201	Teaching Reading and Writing 1	3	-
	ACE301	Teaching Reading and Writing 2	3	-
	ACE401	Teaching Oral Communication	2	-
Mathematics	ACM201	The Teaching and Learning of Primary Mathematics I	3	-
	ACM301	The Teaching and Learning of Primary Mathematics II	3	-
	ACM401	The Teaching and Learning of Primary Mathematics III	2	-
Science	ACS201	Curriculum and Pedagogy for Primary Science	3	-
	ACS301	Assessment Modes and Resource Management in Primary Science	3	-
	ACS401	Innovations in Design and Practices for Primary Science	2	-
Social Studies	ACL201	Teaching Social Studies in the Primary Classroom I	3	-
	ACL301	Teaching Social Studies in the Primary Classroom II	3	-

	ACL401	Managing Diversity in the Social Studies Classroom	2	-
<b>SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE (Aligned to 3 selected Curriculum Studies subjects)</b>				
English Language	ASE201	Grammar	2	-
	ASE301	Text Types	2	-
Mathematics	ASM201	Number Topics	2	-
	ASM301	Geometry Topics	2	-
Science	ASK201	Topics in Physical Science for Primary Science Teaching	2	-
	ASK301	Topics in Biological Science for Primary Science Teaching	2	-
Social Studies	ASL201	History for Social Studies	2	-
	ASL301	Geography for Primary Social Studies	2	-
<b>PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE and/or INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (Aligned to the selected Curriculum Studies subjects)**</b>				
English Language#	AKE101	Children's Literature in the Primary School Classroom	3	CS - English Language
	AKE201	Principles and Practices of Language Teaching	3	
	AKE301	The Study of Language Acquisition and Development	3	
	AKE302	Selecting Resources for the Primary English Classroom	3	
	AKE401	Current Trends in Language Education for Primary Schools	3	
Mathematics#	<b>Choose 5 courses, at least two from Group A and two from Group B</b>			CS - Mathematics
	<b>Group A</b>			
	AKM131	New Initiatives in the Primary Maths Curriculum	3	
	AKM231	Teaching and Learning : Curriculum Perspectives	3	
	AKM331	Teaching and Learning : Content Topic Perspectives	3	
	<b>Group B</b>			
	AKM132	Patterns, Counting and Data Handling	3	
	AKM232	Reasoning in Arithmetic and Geometry	3	
AKM332	Mathematics from a Historical Perspective	3		
Science#	AKS101	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Diversity and Cycles)	4	CS - Science
	AKS201	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Systems)	3	
	AKS301	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Interaction and Energy)	4	
	AKS401	Current Trends, Issues and Challenges in Primary Science	4	
Social Studies#	AKL101	Re-visioning the Social Studies Curriculum	3	CS - Social Studies
	AKL201	Society and Change	3	
	AKL301	Culture in Society	3	
	AKL302	Environment and Society	3	
	AKL401	Implementing and Evaluating the Social Studies Curriculum	3	
Special Needs	AKN101	Introduction to Special Education	3	-
	AKN201	Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs I	3	-

	AKN301	Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs II	3	-
	AKN302	Curriculum Adaptation	3	-
	AKN401	Collaboration and Consultation in the School and Community	3	-
Gifted & Talent Education	AKT101	Understanding Gifts, Talents & Exceptionalities	3	-
	AKT201	Curriculum Differentiation for Highly-able Learners	3	-
	AKT301	Talent Development & Programming	3	-
	AKT302	Nurturing Creative and Talented Learners	3	-
	AKT401	Building Research, Inquiry & Creative Capacities	3	-
<b>ESSENTIAL COURSES</b>				
	AMX101	Integrated Arts Approach	3	-
	AMX201	Education Research Methodology	3	-
<b>Select 1 elective course</b>				
	AMX331	Action Research Project	3	AMX201
	AMX332	Inter-disciplinary Approach	3	AMX201
<b>LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT AND ACADEMIC DISCOURSE SKILLS</b>				
	ALK101	Communication Skills for Teachers	2	-
	ALS101	Academic Discourse Skills	3	-
<b>PRACTICUM</b>				
	APR101	School Experience	0	-
	APR201	Teaching Assistantship	3	SE
	APR301	Teaching Practice I	6	TA
	APR401	Teaching Practice II	12	TP I
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>138</b>

Notes:

\*\* Student teachers are to offer English, Maths and Science. They may replace one of the subjects with Social Studies or Special Needs or Gifted & Talent Education. Pre-requisites for English, Maths, Science and Social Studies PCK courses apply.

# The PCK courses for English, Maths, Science and Social Studies are only offered to student teachers who have done the same Curriculum Studies subjects.



Table 3 shows the course offerings by year of study:

**Table 3: Full-Time Curriculum Structure with course offerings by year of study**

Category/Subjects	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>Education Studies</b>				
	AED102 AED231	AED104 AED201 AED234	AED302	AED232 AED233 AED235
<b>Curriculum Studies (Select any 3)</b>				
English	ACE201	ACE301	ACE401	
Mathematics	ACM201	ACM301	ACM401	
Science	ACS201	ACS301	ACS401	
Social Studies	ACL201	ACL301	ACL401	
<b>Subject Knowledge (Aligned to 3 selected Curriculum Studies subjects)</b>				
English Lang	ASE201	ASE301		
Mathematics	ASM201	ASM301		
Science	ASK201	ASK301		
Social Studies	ASL201	ASL301		
<b>Pedagogical Content Knowledge and/or Inclusive Education (Aligned to the selected Curriculum Studies Subjects)**</b>				
English #	AKE101	AKE201	AKE301 AKE302	AKE401
Mathematics #	AKM - 1	AKM - 2	AKM - 3 AKM - 4	AKM - 5
Science #	AKS101	AKS201	AKS301	AKS401
Social Studies #	AKL101	AKL201	AKL301 AKL302	AKL401
Special Needs	AKN101	AKN201	AKN301 AKN302	AKN401
Gifted & Talent Ed	AKT101	AKT201	AKT301 AKT302	AKT401
<b>Essential Courses</b>				
	AMX101	AMX201		AMX331 or AMX332
<b>LEADS</b>				
	ALK101	ALS101		
<b>Practicum</b>				
	APR101	APR201	APR301	APR401

\*\* Student teachers are to offer English, Mathematics and Science. They may replace one of the subjects with Social Studies or Special Needs or Gifted & Talent Education. Prerequisites for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies PCK courses (as stated in #) apply.

# The PCK courses for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are only offered to student teachers who have done the same Curriculum Studies subjects.

+ Exempted courses are highlighted in grey.

Table 4 shows the curriculum structure for the B Ed (Primary) part-time programme with all exempted courses removed:

**Table 4: Curriculum Structure for B Ed (Primary) (Part-Time) Programme**

Category/Subject	Course Code	Title	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites	
<b>EDUCATION STUDIES (LEVEL 2)</b>					
	AED231	Diversity, Inclusivity and Reflective Practices	3	-	
	AED232	Introduction to Counseling Psychology	2	-	
	AED233	Critical Reasoning Skills for Effective Teaching	2	-	
	AED234	ICT-based Cognitive Tools for Engaged Learning	2	-	
	AED235	Introduction to Curriculum Development and Design	3	-	
<b>PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE and/or INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (Aligned to the selected Curriculum Studies subjects)**</b>					
English Language#	AKE101	Children's Literature in the Primary School Classroom	3	CS-English Language	
	AKE201	Principles and Practices of Language Teaching	3		
	AKE301	The Study of Language Acquisition and Development	3		
	AKE302	Selecting Resources for the Primary English Classroom	3		
	AKE401	Current Trends in Language Education for Primary Schools	3		
Mathematics#	<b>Choose 5 courses, at least two from Group A and two from Group B</b>			CS-Maths	
	<b>Group A</b>				
	AKM131	New Initiatives in the Primary Maths Curriculum	3		
	AKM231	Teaching and Learning : Curriculum Perspectives	3		
	AKM331	Teaching and Learning : Content Topic Perspectives	3		
	<b>Group B</b>				
	AKM132	Patterns, Counting and Data Handling	3		
	AKM232	Reasoning in Arithmetic and Geometry	3		
	AKM332	Mathematics from a Historical Perspective	3		
Science#	AKS101	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Diversity and Cycles)	4	CS-Science	
	AKS201	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Systems)	3		
	AKS301	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Interaction and Energy)	4		
	AKS401	Current Trends, Issues and Challenges in Primary Science	4		

*B Ed Curriculum Structure*

Social Studies#	AKL101	Re-visioning the Social Studies Curriculum	3	CS-Social Studies
	AKL201	Society and Change	3	
	AKL301	Culture in Society	3	
	AKL302	Environment and Society	3	
	AKL401	Implementing and Evaluating the Social Studies Curriculum	3	

Special Needs	AKN101	Introduction to Special Education	3	-
	AKN201	Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs I	3	-
	AKN301	Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs II	3	-
	AKN302	Curriculum Adaptation	3	-
	AKN401	Collaboration and Consultation in the School and Community	3	-
Gifted & Talent Education	AKT101	Understanding Gifts, Talents & Exceptionalities	3	-
	AKT201	Curriculum Differentiation for Highly-able Learners	3	-
	AKT301	Talent Development & Programming	3	-
	AKT302	Nurturing Creative and Talented Learners	3	-
	AKT401	Building Research, Inquiry & Creative Capacities	3	-
<b>ESSENTIAL COURSES</b>				
	AMX101	Integrated Arts Approach	3	-
	AMX201	Education Research Methodology	3	-
<b>Select 1 elective course</b>				
	AMX331	Action Research Project	3	AMX201
	AMX332	Inter-disciplinary Approach	3	AMX201
<b>LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT AND ACADEMIC DISCOURSE SKILLS</b>				
	ALS101	Academic Discourse Skills	3	-
TOTAL			69	

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# The PCK courses for English, Maths, Science and Social Studies are only offered to student teachers who have done the same Curriculum Studies subjects.

Table 5 shows courses offered under B Ed (Primary) (Part-time) Programme listed by semester for ease of reference:

**Table 5: Courses offering by semester**

	1st Year of Study		2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Study		3 <sup>rd</sup> Year of Study		4 <sup>th</sup> Year of Study
	Jul sem	Jan sem	Jul sem	Jan sem	Jul sem	Jan sem	Jul sem (full-time)
<b>Education Studies (Level 2)</b>							
		AED231		AED234			AED232 AED233 AED235
<b>Pedagogical Content Knowledge and/or Inclusive Education (Aligned to the selected Curriculum Studies subjects)**</b>							
English #	AKE101		AKE201		AKE301	AKE302	AKE401
Mathematics #	AKM - 1		AKM - 2		AKM - 3	AKM - 4	AKM - 5
Science #		AKS101		AKS201		AKS301	AKS401
Social Studies #		AKL101		AKL201	AKL301	AKL302	AKL401
Special Needs		AKN101		AKN201	AKN301	AKN302	AKN401
Gifted & Talent Education		AKT101		AKT201	AKT301	AKT302	AKT401
<b>Essential Courses</b>							
		AMX101	AMX201			AMX331 or AMX332	
<b>LEADS</b>							
				ALS101			

\*\* Student teachers are to offer English, Mathematics and Science. They may replace one of the subjects with Social Studies or Special Needs or Gifted & Talent Education. Prerequisites for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies PCK courses apply.

# The PCK courses for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are only offered to student teachers who have done the same Curriculum Studies subjects.

For PCK: Mathematics, student teachers are to choose 5 courses, at least two from Group A – AKM131, AKM231 & AKM331 and two from Group B – AKM132, AKM232 & AKM332

In the course descriptions that follow, only those courses which the student teachers enrolled in the B Ed (Part-time) programme have to take are reflected. For course descriptions of the courses for which they have been granted exemptions, student teachers are advised to refer to the BA/ BSc (Ed) programme handbook.

## EDUCATION STUDIES

**Education Studies (Level 2) (ES):** This core set of courses will build on the Education Studies level 1 courses and will encourage student teachers to review and critique contemporary and sociological theories of learning, the principles of curriculum development as well as new technologies in education.

### Education Studies (Level 2)

Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
AED231	Diversity, Inclusivity and Reflective Practices	Core	3	-
AED232	Introduction to Counselling Psychology	Core	2	-
AED233	Critical Reasoning Skills for Effective Teaching	Core	2	-
AED234	ICT-based Cognitive Tools for Engaged Learning	Core	2	-
AED235	Introduction to Curriculum Development and Design	Core	3	-

### **AED231 Diversity, Inclusivity and Reflective Practices**

This course situates student teachers within the realities of their classrooms and the lives of their pupils in contemporary Singaporean society where diversity is increasingly recognized as the norm. The emphasis in the course is on student teachers learning the knowledge and skills to build classroom communities that are inclusive of and responsive to pupils of diverse needs and abilities. Student teachers will have the opportunity to become reflective practitioners in understanding and engaging with their own experiences in working with their pupils for the purpose of regenerating themselves and their classroom communities.

## **AED232 Introduction to Counselling Psychology**

This course is intended to provide a general introduction to the field of counselling psychology. An overview of the philosophy, history, as well as basic theories and principles of counselling processes and counselling skills will be presented. The role and function of student teachers as counsellors and school counsellors in the educational settings will be discussed. The characteristics of good counsellors, conditions for an effective counselling relationship and techniques of interviewing associated especially with problems of educational, vocational, and personal counselling will be integrated into the course content. Emphasis will also be placed on multicultural counselling, career counselling, and research in counselling. The course is also designed to explore contemporary, legal, ethical and professional issues that influence the counselling profession, including confidentiality, assessment and working with students from diverse background.

## **AED233 Critical Reasoning Skills for Effective Teaching**

The course will equip student teachers with a broad range of critical reasoning skills to develop the thinking and analytical abilities of their pupils in schools. Critical reasoning is based in part on mastery of basic rules of elementary logic, as well as practical reasoning skills. These skills are used for the analysis and evaluation of situations and arguments, as well as the formulation and articulation of good arguments and judgments. By learning how to formulate and articulate good arguments, student teachers will acquire an appreciation of how these critical thinking skills can be used to facilitate multi- and inter-disciplinary learning in their teaching.

Working in groups, they will design innovative lesson plans that would help to stimulate interest in critical thinking and problem solving among their pupils.

### **AED234 ICT- based Cognitive Tools for Engaged Learning**

The student teachers will be introduced to the concepts and theories of cognitive tools with their applications in international as well as local primary and secondary schools. When ICT tools are used as cognitive tools, they help to foster student teachers' higher order thinking through collaborative construction of mental representations such as concept maps, models, websites or databases. The student teachers are expected to work in pairs or groups on a project employing one or two ICT-based cognitive tools. The student teachers are expected to contribute actively to the class and group project. The course assessment includes oral presentation and write-up of the group project as well as class participation.

### **AED235 Introduction to Curriculum Development and Design**

This course provides an overview of curriculum development and design models and presents the theory and practice of curriculum planning and design. The nature of the designing process, principal forms of curriculum design in schools and educational systems, concept of instructional alignment, process of aligning learning intention with curriculum, teaching and assessment, resources to support learning will be explored and discussed.

## **PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE AND/ OR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

Pedagogical content knowledge refers to the intersection between content and pedagogy. Broadly speaking, it comprises three different bases of knowledge:

- (i) subject matter knowledge
- (ii) pedagogical knowledge and
- (iii) knowledge of context

The inclusion of the Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) courses is aimed at strengthening the subject knowledge and teaching capacities of the student teachers enrolled in the B Ed (part-time) programme.

In this area of study, student teachers can offer English, Math and Science but can opt to exchange one of these subjects with Social Studies, Special Needs, and Gifted & Talent Education.



## English Language

Year	Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
1	AKE101	Children's Literature in the Primary School Classroom	Core	3	CS - English Language
2	AKE201	Principles and Practices of Language Teaching	Core	3	
3	AKE301	The Study of Language Acquisition and Development	Core	3	
3	AKE302	Selecting Resources for the Primary English Classroom	Core	3	
4	AKE401	Current Trends in Language Education for Primary Schools	Core	3	

### **AKE101 Children's Literature in the Primary School Classroom**

During this course, student teachers will be introduced to selections of folk and contemporary literature written for children, both from the west and from the region. The course will cover genres such as picture books, poetry and rhyme, novels and non fiction, as well as e-literature. There will also be a focus on multicultural literature, and on canonical texts. Student teachers will learn how to appreciate, analyse and critique children's literature, in the areas of formal literary structures and rich literary language.

### **AKE201 Principles and Practices of Language Teaching**

This section provides an historical overview of approaches to English language and literacy teaching and gives an introduction to the theoretical justifications for the different approaches. This section introduces student teachers to historical controversies in language education and how those have shaped the teaching approaches currently used in Singapore schools. This knowledge is crucial to student teachers understanding not only of what has

been proposed in the past, but also for understanding approaches that are currently proposed and for informing their pedagogical decisions as teachers.

### **AKE301 The Study of Language Acquisition and Development**

This course examines theories and issues of language acquisition and development from both psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic perspectives. Student teachers will be introduced to important concepts in psycholinguistics about first language, second language and bilingual acquisition. They will also examine the roles that individuals and the society play in maintaining languages in multilingual contexts.

### **AKE302 Selecting Resources for the Primary English Classroom**

Student teachers will learn how to source and analyse classroom materials from a pedagogical perspective. A broad range of materials will be considered, including textbooks, children's literature, digital and visual resources, games, learning tasks and everyday texts. Student teachers will learn to evaluate and adapt these texts with a view to using them appropriately for language and literacy development in the multilingual primary classroom. There will also be a focus on the match of different pedagogical materials to the various teaching approaches and learning outcomes of language and literacy education, as well as to current trends and initiatives in Singapore primary schools.

## **AKE401 Current Trends in Language Education for Primary Schools**

This course will focus on current Ministry of Education initiatives and how they are being implemented in Singapore primary schools. It will consider current moves in language education towards curriculum integration, multiliteracies and multimodalities. Student teachers will be given the opportunity to implement innovative strategies which foster current trends in language teaching in order to enhance language learning and experience in the primary classroom. The course also aims to help student teachers evaluate current trends in terms of the language development and profile of pupils in primary schools in Singapore.

## Mathematics

Year	Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
Choose 5 courses, at least two from Group A and two from Group B					
<b>Group A</b>					
1	AKM131	New Initiatives in the Primary Maths Curriculum	Pres	3	CS - Mathematics
2	AKM231	Teaching and Learning: Curriculum Perspectives	Pres	3	
3	AKM331	Teaching and Learning: Content Topic Perspectives	Pres	3	
<b>Group B</b>					
1	AKM132	Patterns, Counting and Data Handling	Pres	3	
2	AKM232	Reasoning in Arithmetic and Geometry	Pres	3	
3	AKM332	Mathematics from a Historical Perspective	Pres	3	

### AKM131 New Initiatives in the Primary Maths Curriculum

This course aims to help student teachers critique the philosophy of current and future national curriculum initiatives (such as TSLN, NE, SEED, I&E, TLLM; calculator use; and so on) and apply this to their understanding of the primary curriculum. Student teachers are expected to relate these initiatives to individualization of the curriculum at the school level and use their understanding of curriculum structures, general teaching approaches, learning theories, and so on, to address the planning and implementation implications of such initiatives.

### AKM132 Patterns, Counting and Data Handling

Patterns: Recognizing patterns; generating patterns; expressing patterns in general terms. Counting: Square numbers, triangle numbers, the Pascal triangle, basic counting methods, permutation and combination, probability ideas. Data handling:

Randomness, data collection, graphical and numerical data representation including measure of central tendency, spread and relative standing.

### **AKM231 Teaching and Learning: Curriculum Perspectives**

Lesson planning – Compare, contrast and evaluate lesson plans for developing skills/concepts, investigation and review. Problem solving - Development of competencies including visualization, number sense, patterning and modelling and to understand their roles in problem solving. Development of habits of mind including creative thinking, critical thinking and metacognition. Assessment – traditional and alternative assessment modes. Paper-and-pencil test to include design and vetting of items, grading and analysis of responses as well as the use of table of specification and an understanding of validity, reliability, facility index and discrimination index. Alternative assessment to include observation, written assignment, performance tasks, journal writing and portfolio. Technology - Use of calculator, mathematics software (e.g., GSP), generic software (e.g., EXCEL) and websites, as well as evaluation of ICT tools.

### **AKM232 Reasoning in Arithmetic and Geometry**

An important part of training in mathematics is rigor. Proof or reasoning is part of this training in rigor. Reasoning is not proof. However it can be made more precise into a proof if necessary. This course will cover topics in numbers and geometry with emphasis on rigor in the form of reasoning.

### **AKM331 Teaching and Learning: Content Topic Perspectives**

Within the various curriculum strands of whole numbers, rational numbers, geometry, measurement, data analysis and algebra, student teachers are expected to examine the curriculum structure and understand differentiated instruction, to identify, prevent and remediate error patterns and to design enrichment in these topics.

### **AKM332 Mathematics from a Historical Perspective**

This course introduces some mathematical ideas or topics from a historical perspective and develops it to its current state. It will cover selected ideas from counting, infinity, logarithms, Pythagora's Theorem and selected topics from calculus, algebra and geometry.

## Science

Year	Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
1	AKS101	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Diversity and Cycles)	Core	4	CS - Science
2	AKS201	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Systems)	Core	3	
3	AKS301	Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Interaction and Energy)	Core	4	
4	AKS401	Current Trends, Issues and Challenges in Primary Science	Core	4	

### AKS101 Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Diversity and Cycles)

This course seeks to empower student teachers to be leaders of inquiry in the teaching and learning of “Diversity” & “Cycles”, 2 of the 5 themes in the new Primary Science (2008) Syllabus. Student teachers will be equipped with the essential understanding of what is inquiry, what are the essential features of Science as inquiry, a suitable learning cycle for use as an inquiry teaching and learning instructional model and the rationale behind the inquiry approach method. Under the theme of “Diversity, through the use of innovative inquiry-based activities on the topics of diversity of materials, living and non-living things, student teachers will gain valuable insights on how content and process skills are integrated in the learning of science through the inquiry approach. Under the theme of “Cycles”, besides providing student teachers with engaging hands-on and minds-on activities on the topics of cycles in plants, animals, matter and water, a special 2-hour on-line learning activity has been customised. This on-line learning seeks to foster the spirit of self-directed learning and the notion that the learning of science goes beyond the confines of the laboratory.

### **AKS201 Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Systems)**

With the important background understanding of the nature, conduct and rationale of scientific inquiry taught under Course 1, this course seeks to equip student teachers further with the pedagogical content knowledge to be leaders of inquiry in the teaching and learning of “Systems”, one of the 5 themes in the new Primary Science (2008) Syllabus. For this course which involves the teaching of the important concept that a system is a whole consisting of parts that work together to form a function, a repertoire of powerful inquiry-based activities will be used to equip student teachers with the knowledge, skills and attitudes of inquiry in the teaching and learning of science. Examples include the student-centred experimental kit set (AMATRIX) for electrical system, colourful and interactive models of plant and animal systems and a specially designed 4-hour on-line learning to extend learning beyond the laboratory.

### **AKS301 Inquiry Approach to Primary Science (Interaction and Energy)**

This course seeks to equip student teachers further with the pedagogical content knowledge to be leaders of inquiry in the teaching and learning of “Interaction” and “Energy”, 2 of the 5 themes in the new Primary Science (2008) Syllabus. For the topics in interaction of forces and interaction within the environment, student teachers will be given guided-inquiry activities to gain deeper understanding into the world of forces and their interactions. Of special focus will be the planning of scientific investigations to hone their process (thinking and practical skills). In addition, there is also a specially designed 2-hour on-line learning activity to foster the spirit of self-directed learning and the notion that the learning of science



goes beyond the confines of the laboratory. For the topics of energy forms, uses and conversions, a wide repertoire of powerful inquiry-based activities (including the use data loggers and a 2-hour specially designed on-line learning) will be used. Besides equipping the student teachers with important science process skills, these inquiry-based activities also seek to enthuse the student teachers to appreciate the nature and importance of energy in our daily lives.

### **AKS401 Current Trends, Issues and Challenges in Primary Science**

This course will focus in greater depth on current trends, issues and challenges in Primary Science. An attempt will be made to balance both international and local trends, issues and challenges. The emphasis in this course will be on the roles of a student teacher as an action researcher and as a life-long learner. Discussion will focus on trends, issues and challenges involving innovations in practices on curriculum, instruction and assessment. Among the issues examined will be the issue of traditional vis-à-vis authentic assessment, and misconceptions held by teachers and students. The course will also include procedures for standard assessment, such as drawing up of table of test specifications, crafting, vetting, administering, marking and analyzing of paper-pencil tests. Knowledge and skills on the use of various techniques for assessment of pupil learning (i.e. summative assessment techniques) as well as techniques of assessment for pupil learning (i.e. formative assessment techniques) will be covered. Among the assessment techniques that will be addressed are science journaling, performance assessments and portfolio assessment.

## Social Studies

Year	Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
1	AKL101	Re-visioning the Social Studies Curriculum	Core	3	CS - Social Studies
2	AKL201	Society and Change	Core	3	
3	AKL301	Culture in Society	Core	3	
	AKL302	Environment and Society	Core	3	
4	AKL401	Implementing and Evaluating the Social Studies Curriculum	Core	3	

### AKL101 Re-visioning the Social Studies Curriculum

This course explores the nature and purpose of Social Studies and examines it as both citizenship and humanities education. It will revisit the development of the Social Studies curriculum in Singapore and critically assess the impact of various education policy initiatives on Social Studies. Student teachers will also be introduced to different approaches to curriculum design.

### AKL201 Society and Change

This course will explore concepts of change and continuity through a study of Singapore's political, social and economic development. Inquiry skills, perspective taking and the use of oral histories will be emphasized.

### AKL301 Culture in Society

This course focuses on the evolution of culture, identity and community in Singapore. Issues such as nation building, creation of a national identity, and the impact of social and cultural policies will be examined through various strategies which include Socratic Discourse and Academic Controversies.

## **AKL 302 Environment and Society**

This course provides an in-depth understanding of key geographic and economic concepts and explores societal-environmental relationships using strategies such as Group Investigation and Experiential Learning. The course will also examine issues related to the management of limited resources in the context of a small island state.

## **AKL401 Implementing and Evaluating the Social Studies Curriculum**

This course prepares student teachers to be implementers, evaluators and researchers of Social Studies. It will focus on meaningful teaching and learning of Social Studies through disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches. It will also include strategies to implement a dynamic and meaningful programme at the school level.

## Special Needs

Year	Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
1	AKN101	Introduction to Special Education	Core	3	-
2	AKN201	Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs I	Core	3	
3	AKN301	Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs II	Core	3	
	AKN302	Curriculum Adaptation	Core	3	
4	AKN401	Collaboration and Consultation in the School and Community	Core	3	

### AKN101 Introduction to Special Education

This course introduces the student teachers to the history and context of special education both in Singapore and internationally. Common types of disabilities that student teachers may encounter in schools will be discussed. Models and frameworks for analyses, as well issues in special needs support (e.g., inclusion) will also be introduced. Finally, the importance of a team approach to special needs support will be emphasised.

### AKN201 Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs I

This foundational course introduces the student teachers to a linked approach to special needs support involving assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Student teachers will be introduced some reasons underlying difficulties in learning among students will learn strategies (e.g., universal design, differentiated instruction) for developing an inclusive learning environment.

### **AKN301 Assessment, Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Interventions for Students with Special Needs II**

This course builds upon the linked approach to special needs support involving assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation introduced in the first course. Student teachers will learn to develop classroom behaviour management strategies and the school-wide management of these students.

### **AKN302 Curriculum Adaptation**

This course aims to help student teachers to plan curriculum for students with special needs by adapting, accommodating, and modifying the mainstream curriculum to the unique learning needs of the individual students. The student teachers will also be introduced to support students with special needs in the areas of adaptive physical education, creative arts, and adaptive skills of daily living.

### **AKN401 Collaboration and Consultation in the School and Community**

This course examines the various ways in which student teachers can involve people from the larger school and community context in supporting students with special needs. Student teachers will be introduced to collaboration and consultation skills for use with parents, pupils, and colleagues. They will also be introduced to strategies for effective transitional planning.

## Gifted & Talent Education

Year	Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
1	AKT101	Understanding Gifts, Talents & Exceptionalities	Core	3	-
2	AKT201	Curriculum Differentiation for Highly-able Learners	Core	3	
3	AKT301	Talent Development & Programming	Core	3	
	AKT302	Nurturing Creative and Talented Learners	Core	3	
4	AKT401	Building Research, Inquiry & Creative Capacities	Core	3	

### AKT101 Understanding Gifts, Talents & Exceptionalities

This course espouses the conceptions of giftedness and revisits the personality attributes of gifted and talented persons before it examines the confusing phenomenon of learners who exhibit exceptional intellectual ability in one or more areas while simultaneously showing significant weaknesses in others. For these pupils, giftedness coexists with a learning challenge which may be a learning disability, attention deficit disorder, autism or others. The learning challenge may depress the exceptional intellectual ability to an extent that the giftedness goes unnoticed. Diagnostic testing and observation skills for preliminary identification of this group of gifted learners will equip student teachers to initiate further professional and educational strategies for them.

### AKT201 Curriculum Differentiation for Highly-able Learners

Principles in curriculum design and instructional differentiation, cognitive acceleration and a variety of strategies appropriate for enriching and challenging

the intellectually advanced students predicated upon brain-based research on learning, learning styles, multiple intelligences and authentic assessment are highlighted. Student teachers will also be empowered to plan and conduct lessons and learning units for the highly-able learners with useful and practical hands-on resources and experiences. Curriculum methods to challenge students across content areas and to develop high potential from primary to secondary, will be discussed. Multimedia learning will accompany the design of differentiated learning for the highly-able learners who may exhibit a spectrum of academic strengths and weaknesses or be achieving excellent performance in all areas.

### **AKT301 Talent Development & Programming**

This course focuses on cultivating the awareness and intention to develop the gifts and talents, capabilities and capacities of the students by teachers and parents. Student teachers will be exposed to the various conceptions of intelligences, theories and models in gifted education. In addition, techniques to nurture the individual including cognitive coaching, individualized instruction, mentoring, pull-out programs, Olympiads and other out-of-school enrichment activities and programming efforts will be discussed. Principles in program design, implementation and evaluation will be discussed. Talent development programs worldwide will be compared and analyzed. Talent development models used in various countries will be studied. Student teachers will be given opportunities at proposing and designing new and creative programs suited to the needs of their students and the school.

## **AKT302 Nurturing Creative and Talented Learners**

While creative and talented students may have exceptional cognitive and other abilities, they are in need of moral, emotional and social support from those around them. This course will expound on how to nurture the creative and talented students. These include motivational strategies for parents and teachers, how to help develop gifted students to build resilience, how to deal with rebellion or non-conforming attitudes and emotional tantrums, how to help gifted students who are withdrawn, how to help those who are underachieving, how to help those with potential leadership abilities, how to deal with those who exhibit perfectionism and how to empower the talented students with personal and interpersonal skills. Finally, guidance and counselling skills for the creative and talented learners will be discussed.

## **AKT401 Building Research, Inquiry & Creative Capacities**

The course equips student teachers with knowledge and skills to guide highly-able pupils to undertake independent research studies in areas of their interests. The identification of a problem or topic for research, the writing of questions related to the problem, literature review, the setting up of the study, the selection of methods and procedures, the types of analyses possible, the writing up of the findings of a study and other issues will be shared. Other practical concerns: like how to facilitate creative writing; how to avoid dampening children's enthusiasm and the creative spirit; how to allow youths to experience the creative works of others, design creative projects; and finally how to inspire highly-able children towards creative productions will be discussed.



## ESSENTIAL COURSES

**There are THREE essential courses in the B Ed programme (two Core Courses and one Prescribed Elective):**

- (1) Integrated Arts Approach which aims to introduce the key concepts in an integrated art, music and drama approach with primary school children;
- (2) Education Research Methodology which serves to prepare student teachers to conduct education research; and
- (3) There are 2 Prescribed Electives for student teachers to choose from after completing Education Research Methodology:

Either

- (a) Action Research Project which prepares the student teachers to continue to develop as reflective practitioners and to investigate issues in their teaching;

Or

- (b) Inter-disciplinary Approach which looks at how student teachers can teach a subject matter in an integrated fashion across different subjects.

Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
AMX101	Integrated Arts Approach	Core	3	-
AMX201	Education Research Methodology	Core	3	-
AMX331	Action Research Project	Prescribed	3	AMX201
AMX332	Inter-Disciplinary Approach	Prescribed	3	AMX201

## **AMX101 Integrated Arts Approach**

Integrated arts education play a major role in helping students address broad curriculum themes and achieve robust habits of mind including such characteristics as imagination, discipline, collaboration, inquiry, divergent problem solving, empathy, and making connections. The course emphasizes both content and learning skills. The focus is on enriching abilities to attain, analyze, discern, and invent knowledge. Integrated arts education acknowledges and fosters Multiple Intelligences.

## **AMX201 Education Research Methodology**

This course introduces the student teacher to the essential features of a number of research methodologies in education. A variety of research methods generally adopted by educational researchers and their qualities found in education research will be covered.

## **AMX331 Action Research Project**

Developing an action- based project that is integrated, responsive to pupils needs, and aligned with school's curriculum and assessment frameworks. The project will involve collecting, analyzing and interpreting data on teaching and learning through action-based research in the classroom. Teachers will work independently with the guidance of a facilitator.

## **AMX332 Inter-Disciplinary Approach**

An interdisciplinary approach in the classroom provides a unified constructivist view of learning as pupils develop understanding of relationships among subjects. Interdisciplinary teaching also has the potential to foster learning where pupils from diverse cultures and background engage in collaborative inquiry and decision-making. This course provides the skills and knowledge needed to support an integrated and interdisciplinary learning environment.

## LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT AND ACADEMIC DISCOURSE SKILLS

### Language Enhancement & Academic Discourse Skills

The courses in this component equip student teachers with the basic language and voice skills that they require for teaching as well as for successfully engaging in academic writing for assignments and theses.

Course Code	Title	Course Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
ALS101	Academic Discourse Skills	Core	3	-

### ALS101 Academic Discourse Skills

This course will introduce student teachers to academic reading materials and teach them how to produce academic discourse of their own with regard to researching and writing assignments in their chosen areas of academic specialisation. The course will introduce student teachers to the conventions of academic writing, including citation and documentation procedures, and provide them with a level of expertise in primary and secondary data-gathering. They will learn how to generate and develop an argument, support it with evidence, and present it in a coherent manner. In addition, they will gain some experience in other activities related to academic writing such as time-management, group collaboration, and liaising with a research supervisor.