UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA
EDU646: CURRENT ISSUES IN EDUCATION

Course Name (English)	CURRENT ISSUES IN EDUCATION `APPROVED`
Course Code	EDU646

MQF Credit	2

Course Description	This course aims to create awareness and understanding of the relationship of society, culture, politics and the education system in the development of values, knowledge, skills and behavior as required in an ideal plural society. This course will also examine current issues and ideas relating to education.

Transferable Skills	knowledge in current issues and ideas relating to education

Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Inquiry-based Learning, Case Study, Discussion, Presentation, Debates, Small Group Sessions , Self-directed Learning, Directed Self-learning , Journal/Article Critique

CLO	CLO1 Critically reflect and discuss local and global education system CLO2 Propose and present the contemporary local and global issues in education

Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations

Topics
1. Definition and overview of Issues in Education 1.1) Definition 1.2) Current issues in the local and international contexts
2. Philosophy, education and society 2.1) Philosophy and education 2.2) Education and its impact on society- social responsibility
3. Education in Malaysia 3.1) National Education Goals & Policy 3.2) National Education Philosophy 3.3) Historical Background and Perspectives 3.4) Democratization of Education 3.5) Educational empowerment - accessibility and empowering
4. Current Development 4.1) Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025 4.2) a. Objectives 4.3) b. 5 system aspirations 4.4) c. 6 key student attributes 4.5) d. 11 shifts
5. Comparative Education System (ASEAN) 5.1) Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia 5.2) a. Historical background 5.3) b. Types of schools and education system 5.4) c. Government's role
6. Social issues in education 6.1) Cyber bully among school students 6.2) The impact of social network on teachers and students
7. Academic issues 7.1) School-based assessment 7.2) PT3 implementation 7.3) KSSR vs KBSR 7.4) KSSM vs KBSM

8. Staff and Personnel Development Issues
8.1) Teacher education & licensing
8.2) Teacher Appraisal, Promotions and Career Advancement Opportunities
8.3) Staff Welfare and Benefits
8.4) Teachers' Workload

9. Student Development issues
9.1) English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) and student development
9.2) 1 Student 1 Sport
9.3) Moral and Religious content in subjects/programs
9.4) Leadership and Community programs

10. Privatization of Education issues
10.1) Private (international) schools vs public schools
10.2) IPTS vs IPTA
10.3) MyQUEST Quality control / accreditation - curriculum and evaluation

11. ICT and education issues
11.1) One Bestari - Frog VLE
11.2) The development of E-books
11.3) Blended Learning
11.4) WEBINAR and other Web-based education

12. Education and Globalization issues
12.1) The effects of International and Transnational Education on the society
12.2) The issues of Brain drain, Brain gain, Brain waste and Brain circulation

13. Bumiputera Students Issues
13.1) UiTM and MDAB program
13.2) Employability of Bumiputera graduates
13.3) MRSM: Bumiputera and Non-Bumiputera issues

14. School Management and Leadership Issues
14.1) Posting and Distribution of Teachers: optionists and non-optionists
14.2) Efficiency in School management - High Performing Schools
14.3) Leadership and Management issues

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	100.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Presentation	Presentation	30%	CLO2
	Written Report	Debate	20%	CLO2
	Written Report	Critical reflection essay	50%	CLO1

Reading List	Recommended Text	Ministry of Education 2013, *National Education Blueprint 2013-2025*, Malaysia: Ministry of Education
	Reference Book Resources	Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia 2011, *Pelan Pembangunan Pendidikan Malaysia*, Malaysia: Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia
		Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia 2006, *Rancangan Malaysia ke 9: Pelan Induk Pembangunan Pendidikan 2006-2010*, Putrajaya: BPPDP
		Rosnani, H. 2004, *Educational Dualism in Malaysia: Implications for Theory and Practice*, K.Lumpur: Oxford University Press.
		Ministry of Education 2002, *National Education Policy*, Malaysia: Ministry of Education
		Levine D.K. and Hawing Hurst, R.J. 2002, *Society and Education*, Allyn & Bacon
		Brown, R. 1997, *Knowledge, Education and Culture Change*, Harper & Row.
Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources	
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources	