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**mtl100 Principles, theory, and practice of technology enhanced learning (TEL)**

**Required Course**

**Instructors**
- Dr. Don Olcott, Jr., Global Higher Education Consultant | Bucharest, Romania
- Dr. Paul Prinsloo, Research Professor in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) | University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

**Content**
This course will study the history and evolution of distance education and technology-enhanced learning (TEL). A selected range of social and political/economic factors, theories, learning and teaching models, technology and media innovations, institutions and systems, and major writers that have shaped the development of the field will be critically examined. A variety of technologies will be used to support the development of foundational skills and a personal learning environment that are integral to current practice. Students will also be asked to periodically reflect upon opportunities and barriers that are characteristic of higher education within their local institutional and national context.

**Learning Outcomes**
At the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Identify the unique characteristics of distance education and TEL.
- Describe the major influences in the evolution of distance education -- social, economic, cultural and political -- from its early beginnings to current IT-based practices.
- Identify the key authors and theorists in distance education and TEL and analyse their contributions to the field; including applications and adoption within the student’s educational context.
- Describe how distance education methodologies have changed over time, in particular how the roles of teacher and learner have evolved concurrently with new innovations.
- Describe various types of distance education institutions and the relevance of a systems approach to teaching and learning.
- Analyse the impact of technological changes on the nature of teaching and learning in distance education and TEL.
- Navigate and use an online learning environment, shared virtual spaces, and social media for the purpose of learning, documenting learning, and creating content.
- Master and apply research and writing skills for the purpose of critically analysing issues and topics discussed in relevant literature, synthesising findings, and communicating ideas and arguments with supporting evidence. (Note: All courses will have a research theme/focus)
- Learn collaboratively by using shared virtual spaces and networks to create content and successfully complete assigned team projects.
- Reflect on learning and articulate changes in thinking, feeling and behaviour.

**Teaching Format**
- Internet-based discussion forums, group activities, learning activities, webinars, self-study, online seminars with guest experts

**Maximum Enrollment**
maximum 22 students

**Prerequisites**
Proficiency in internet and Microsoft Office use; self-organization skills.

**Course Use**
Required course. This course is required as the first course of the MTEL program.

**Requirements for Awarding ECTS Credits**
Students must successfully complete learning activities (PASS/FAIL) throughout the course, as well as regularly participate in discussion forums and group activities. ECTS points will be awarded upon successful completion of the portfolio, which includes the results of all course learning activities (e.g., brief essay, case study, expert interviews, report, reflective learning journal, small group project, debate, bibliography/annotation).

**Credit Points and Hours**
- 6 credit points
- 180 hours (self-study: approx. 80 hours; learning activities: approx. 80 hours; participation: approx. 20 hours)

**Course Frequency**
The module will be offered once per semester.

**Grading Scale**
1.0 / 1.3 / 1.7 / 2.0 / 2.3 / 2.7 / 3.0 / 3.3 / 3.7 / 4.0 / 5.0

**Length**
15 weeks

**Dates**
September 30, 2019 – January 26, 2020

**Fees**
1 200 Euro
mtl105 Practitioner research in technology enhanced learning (TEL)

Required Course

Instructors
Prof. Dr. Olaf Zawacki-Richter
Director, Center for Lifelong Learning (C3L) | Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany

Melissa Bond
Research Associate, Center for Lifelong Learning (C3L) | Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany

Content
This course will provide an introduction to a variety of quantitative and qualitative research methods used in the social sciences as applied in online distance education and technology enhanced learning. Emphasis will be on planning and designing research and evaluation projects, choosing appropriate methods of investigation, and learning the practical aspects of quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. Major research paradigms will be explored, and an overview of the various research fields in technology enhanced learning will be provided. The Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) will be used to manage and analyze data. Skills in collecting quantitative and qualitative data and in analyzing, interpreting, and reporting the results of empirical investigations will be developed.

Learning Outcomes
At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Explain the rationale behind major research paradigms in the social sciences.
- Identify and explore major research areas in open and distance learning (ODL).
- Define a research question, carry out a literature search and state a hypothesis.
- Plan and manage educational research, including setting research priorities.
- Choose a research design that is appropriate for a defined research question.
- Collect and analyse qualitative and quantitative data.
- Analyse and interpret qualitative and quantitative data.
- Report on research findings and knowledgeably discuss the qualitative and quantitative research process.

Teaching Format
Internet-based discussion forums, learning activities, webinars, self-study

Maximum Enrollment
maximum 22 students

Prerequisites
Proficiency in internet and Microsoft Office use; self-organization skills; mtl100

Course Use
Required course. This course is required as the second course of the MTEL program.

Requirements for Awarding ECTS Credits
Students must successfully complete learning activities (PASS/FAIL) throughout the course, as well as regularly participate in discussion forums and group activities. ECTS points will be awarded upon successful completion of the portfolio, which includes the results of all course learning activities (e.g., brief essay, case study, expert interviews, report, reflective learning journal, small group project, debate, bibliography/annotation).

Credit Points and Hours
6 credit points
180 hours (self-study: approx. 80 hours; learning activities: approx. 80 hours; participation: approx. 20 hours)

Course Frequency
The module will be offered once per semester.

Grading Scale
1.0 / 1.3 / 1.7 / 2.0 / 2.3 / 2.7 / 3.0 / 3.3 / 3.7 / 4.0 / 5.0

Length
15 weeks

Dates
October 28, 2019 – February 23, 2020

Fees
1,200 Euro
mtl110 Learner support in technology enhanced learning (TEL)

Required Course

Instructors
Dr. Susan Bainbridge
Sessional Instructor | Athabasca University, Canada
Dr. Patricia Slagter von Tryon
Associate Professor | East Carolina University, USA

Content
This course will provide an introduction to the theories and concepts of support for learners in technology enhanced learning environments. Various types of learner support will be examined, including tutoring and teaching; advising and counseling; and library, registrar, and other administrative services. Discussion will address management issues, such as planning, organizational models, staffing and staff development, designing services to meet learner needs, serving special groups, and evaluation and applied research.

Learning Outcomes
At the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Explain the rationale for learner services in technology enhanced learning environments.
- Describe the various learner support functions.
- Critically analyze issues in the provision of learner support.
- Identify the contextual factors which determine a learner support model.
- Analyze the importance of learner characteristics for designing learner support.
- Describe the contributions that professional or staff development can make in achieving the goals of learner support within the TEL context.
- Identify the management challenges that are specific to learner support in TEL environments.
- Identify the rationale, approaches, and barriers for the use of quality assurance and evaluation for learner support services in TEL environments.
- Identify the various stakeholders and discuss motives, prejudices and biases that may be contained in the implementation of new media into learner support services.
- Evaluate the issues and challenges inherent to the adoption of new technologies and approaches in learner support.
- Critically analyze the strengths and weaknesses of learner support systems that have been designed to address a particular context.

Teaching Format
Internet-based discussion forums, group activities, learning activities, webinars, self-study

Maximum Enrollment
maximum 22 students

Prerequisites
Proficiency in internet and Microsoft Office use; self-organization skills; mtl100 and mtl105

Course Use
Required course

Requirements for Awarding ECTS Credits
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Length
15 weeks

Dates
October 28, 2019 – February 23, 2020

Fees
1 200 Euro
**mtl115 Design of technology enhanced learning (TEL) environments**

**Required Course**

**Instructors**
- Dr. Jill Freisen
  - Senior Learning Technologist | Oxford, United Kingdom
- Prof. Dr. Olaf Zawacki-Richter
  - Director, Center for Lifelong Learning (C3L) | Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany

**Content**
This course provides an overview of the use of digital media in a variety of educational settings, designed to identify properties, strengths, and weaknesses of digital media in different learning contexts. The basic psychological processes of perception, understanding, and learning with educational media will be introduced, with a focus on instructional design for technology enhanced learning environments and stand-alone learning objects. Students will identify and explore a variety of digital learning materials and apply instruments to evaluate them. Topics will include collaborative learning technologies, open educational resources, the impact of media on learning outcomes, methods of evaluation, quality assurance, and project management of TEL initiatives.

**Learning Outcomes**
At the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Define learning with multimedia and open educational resources (OER).
- Describe the development of media in the history of technology enhanced learning (TEL) as a function of interaction and independence.
- Identify the basic psychological processes involved in TEL.
- Outline the basics of sensation and perception in processing multiple media.
- Explain the rationale of design principles for TEL.
- Identify the opportunities for learning and teaching that TEL affords.
- Apply an instrument to evaluate the quality of multimedia (open) educational resources.
- Develop a proposal for a TEL project.

**Teaching Format**
Internet-based discussion forums, group activities, learning activities, webinars, self-study

**Maximum Enrollment**
maximum 22 students

**Prerequisites**
Proficiency in internet and Microsoft Office use; self-organization skills; mtl100 and mtl105

**Course Use**
Required course

**Requirements for Awarding ECTS Credits**
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**Length**
15 weeks

**Dates**
November 18, 2019 – March 15, 2020

**Fees**
1 200 Euro