

EDUC90145 Comparative Education Policy

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| Credit Points: | 25 |
| Level: | 9 (Graduate/Postgraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Parkville - Taught on campus. |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: 36 hours Total Time Commitment: Not available |
| Prerequisites: | None |
| Corequisites: | None |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | None |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | None |
| Core Participation Requirements: | Attendance at all classes (tutorial/seminars/practical classes/lectures/labs) is obligatory. Failure to attend 80% of classes will normally result in failure in the subject. |
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| Subject Overview: | The aim of this subject is to investigate policies for post-compulsory education and training in selected OCED countries, their rationale, context and effectiveness. Comparative studies provide an important avenue for understanding the cultural, socio-economic and political forces which shape policies in education and training. This subject provides an overview of a number of national systems and addresses questions about these, including tensions and challenges, policy responses, system monitoring and performance assessment, conflicts in political values, and the responsiveness of systems to emerging social and economic needs. Students are encouraged to specialize in one national system or focus on a controlled comparison of several systems. Comparisons with the Australian scene and the use of international comparisons by Australian policy-makers form part of the subject. |
| Objectives: | Not available |
| Assessment: | A 5,000 word paper and a 3,000 word paper to be written up from a seminar presentation. |
| Prescribed Texts: | None |
| Recommended Texts: | Teese, R. Academic Success and Social Power, Melbourne University Press, 2000; Teese, R., Polesel, J., Undemocratic Schooling, Melbourne University Press, 2003 |
| Breadth Options: | This subject is not available as a breadth subject. |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Generic Skills: | On completion of this subject, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Review policy issues in a selection of OECD countries, with a critical emphasis on frameworks of comparison and the quality of a range of current efforts at benchmarking and "league ladders"; # Identify and understand the relevant research and policy literature in the international field; # Critically analyse key contemporary issues in education policy in Australia in the light of international experience and learnings. <p>Generic Skills:</p> <p>On completion of this subject, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Identify and access international data and research on education policy; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"># Understand the broader international policy context of their field;# Relate research findings to their own experience as practitioners. |
| Links to further information: | www.education.unimelb.edu.au |
| Related Course(s): | Master of Education Policy (International) |