



Learning Across the Curriculum: On Foot through Edinburgh

Course Description

Learning across the curriculum offers aspiring educators of all kinds the tools with which they can **incorporate outdoor learning into their teaching and curriculum planning**.

It does not aim to train students as outdoor specialists, but aims to provide them with some **understanding of the benefits, processes and skills related to learning in the outdoors**.

This interdisciplinary course is designed to **give students the tools with which to teach and learn across the curriculum in an outdoor context**. In terms of educational policy, the course reflects the recommendations of Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning (Education Scotland, 2010).

The course will involve **exploring the richly-storied human and ecological landscape that is Edinburgh's Water of Leith**.

Aspects of the course content are driven by students' unfolding curiosity about the **history, geography, mathematics, and science that they encounter on their journeys through Edinburgh**.

The teaching contact time is **36 hours over three weeks**. This comprises **practical sessions, lectures, and workshops**.

Instructor

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Students will be expected to 1) complete relevant readings and assignment tasks in their own study time and 2) spend a considerable amount of time learning, exploring, and teaching outdoors in both built-up areas and green-space.

This is reflected in the teaching and, in particular, the three forms of assessment – all of which are inter-linked: 1) designing and producing a 2 page **educational pamphlet** on one educational aspect on the Water of Leith(30%), 2) **outdoor teaching** session (30%), and 3) completing a **reflective essay** (1500 words) (40%).

An opportunity for formative feed-forward is provided through a tutorial where students can, with the course tutor and classmates, discuss their idea for their teaching session, pamphlet and assignment.

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