**Education Studies - Undergraduate Live Chat - Find out more about the study opportunities available**

Our Education Studies Department will be available to answer your questions on studying opportunities available.

Hello and welcome to the Live Chat for BA Education Studies. We'll be starting with a short Open Day style presentation. We will pause halfway through the presentation for you to ask any questions and then we can answer any further questions about studying Education at Warwick, at the end. Chatting with you today is Mark, our Course Leader.

Please remember that this is a public chat, so please do not share personal or confidential information. If you have anything that is confidential that you wish to ask, please contact us by email at educationstudies@warwick.ac.uk

If we're unable to answer your question during the session, we'll attempt to contact you directly by email. Please contact us by email at educationstudies@warwick.ac.uk if you don't hear from us.

We're going to play the first short presentation now, introducing you to the course.

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**UOW CES Virtual Open Day presentation section 1**

**https://youtu.be/4KZdAIYjJ8c**

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Hello, and welcome to the Education Studies virtual open day and live chat. I'm Mark, the departmental director of undergraduate studies, and we have put together a few slides to introduce you to the programme. These first few tell you about the aims of the course and then go on to outline the specific modules you will study, focusing on your first year.

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Education Studies at Warwick encourages you to explore the purposes of education, its impact on the world and ability to affect change

Ours is…

- A degree course that champions the role and value of Education in changing lives and improving society for everyone, everywhere.
- It is dedicated to exploring education cultures in formal and informal contexts across the life span – so not just younger children.
- The course takes an inter-disciplinary and flexible approach, encouraging creativity, rigour and transformation.
- And its a space for diverse learners from diverse backgrounds with diverse interests – we have students who are local, national and international and who have studied for a range of different qualifications before coming to university – and this makes our programme all the richer.
And picking up on some of those ideas, this quotation describes the purpose of education being to ‘prepare people to live well in a world worth living in’.

This gets at the dual purpose of education – it is both individual and collective, but what’s important is the relationship between the two.

So of course we study this dual purpose of education, but we also live that in our teaching. We aim to prepare you to live well (to be successful and develop yourself ready for your future) but we also want you to become aware of your capacity to make change, to make the world a better place – one that is worth living in for everybody.

So, where do we start with these aims? Well, in your first year you’ll study 8 core modules.

‘Academic Identity and Skills’ is our transition module – whatever and wherever you have studied before joining us, this module introduces you to the academic skills you need to become a successful, reflective and independent Higher Education learner. This module is the starting point for the support we give you throughout the degree so you do the best you possibly can at university.

We then apply psychological thinking in ‘Theories of Learning’, we introduce the philosophy of education, and you will also study a module focused on understanding childhood in its social contexts, so that looks at children and education through a sociological lens.

In the module ‘Education Today’ we cover contemporary issues and policy debates, whilst ‘Creativity, Culture and Learning’ explores the role and place of creativity in education. ‘Foundations for Learning’ examines the important influences in life that affect each of our learning journeys, and ‘International Education’ compares the different ways school systems are organised and how education is conceived around the world.

Then in the second and third year you will extend your understanding of the topics introduced in year 1. In the second year you will take our work-based placement module, where you will get the chance to spend time in a relevant work setting and then be supported in developing a reflective approach to your own skills and career ambitions. Other core modules in year 2 focus on the policies and politics of education, and issues of globalisation in relation to education. In the second and third year you have some choice of the modules you want to study from within our department – for example, our current optional modules cover children’s literature, gender, race and ethnicity, arts and creative practice, special educational needs, social justice and sustainability. You’ll also have the chance to select modules to study from outside our department, for example from the Sociology, History or Psychology departments.

We often think of the different combinations of modules that students choose as pathways, and we can informally group these as modules looking at psychology and learning, or society and policy issues, or culture and creativity. The pathways that students take tend to be based on where they see the degree taking them in the future.

So that presentation quickly introduced you to our course, and we talked about our modules too. Any questions about what you’ve just watched and read?

Welcome again everyone and hi to Maeshah who has just joined us

Hi :)

Hi Anne, great to have you with us

Im really happy to join you today

sorry that i was late.
I really like the course that Warwick has to offer

I was hoping to join today and find out a little more about what life is like at Warwick

Great! We've just shown the first half of our presentation, and the text above is a transcript if you would like to read that

Thank you. I'm just reading it now

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Perfect, we can answer those questions a little later - we may answer lots of them with the presentation and videos we have to show

OK, if everyone is ready we're going to play the second part of the presentation. This is about the skills students develop from the course and careers they might pursue after they graduate.

UOW CES Virtual Open Day presentation section 2

https://youtu.be/ym9ikoea_uU

We really focus on supporting students to develop transferable skills – these areas listed are built into all of our modules in various different ways – for example through our placement module and through the different types of assessment we use on the course, from exams, essays and reports through to portfolios and presentations.

We like to think that the graduates of our programme are all of these things – for example, curious, creative, reflective, collaborative, problem solvers and critical thinkers. This is enabled by the variety of stimulating and academically rigorous modules we offer, the way we teach (in small groups, encouraging discussion and debate), the ways we assess student work, and the high level of pastoral support we provide each student. Every student has a personal tutor with whom they have regular meetings to discuss both academic progress and also how they are getting on more generally.
This all means that our Education Studies degree is an excellent foundation for a career in education, but it can also lead to areas such as social work, international development, charity and advocacy practice, Family Support and Outreach, or further academic study. At its heart, the degree is a wide-ranging social science course and so all manner of graduate jobs also open up to you after your time as a Warwick student.

This all adds up to a really positive student experience - we're really pleased to have very satisfied students who really rate our teaching and the support they receive on the course.

I hope that was useful! Do you have any questions about the course?

We're now going to show a video of two current second year students talking about the Education Studies course and their experience of Warwick so far.

Live chat 1

https://youtu.be/MYCEToC6xU

Great to hear our students talking so positively about their time at Warwick!

So we've shown some information about the course, and you've heard from some of our current students. Is there anything else you want to know or to comment on?

The live chat will be open and we'll be here for another 15 minutes to answer any questions you might have.

If you would like us to play the presentations and video again, just let us know!

Our course brochure has lots more information about the course - you can download the brochure here: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ces/prospective/edstudies/2023/ - uow_ces_up_brochure_2020_21_online.pdf
Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will come to another live chat before you take up your place at Warwick - you can find our chat schedule at [https://warwick.ac.uk/study/livechat/wow](https://warwick.ac.uk/study/livechat/wow). If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us at educationstudies@warwick.ac.uk

**Warwick Online Week**

We host regular chats all year round, and you can find the upcoming chat schedule here.