

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

Monsoon Semester (July-December 2018)

Course Code: SES 202101

Title: Play, Learning and Creativity

Type of Course: Core course

Cohort for which it is compulsory: MA Education (ECCE)

Cohort for which it is elective: None

No of Credits: 4

Semester and Year Offered: 1st Semester (Monsoon Semester 2018)

Course Coordinator and Team: TBD (C)

Email of course coordinator:

Pre-requisites: None

Aim: This course aims to introduce students to the significance of play and creativity for the development and learning of young children. This course will help students distinguish play from other behaviours, based on an understanding of different historical, theoretical and cultural perspectives of play. It will provide guidance on how play can be used as a medium to help children learn and develop. It will help students understand the link between children's play and development of self regulation, cognition, creativity, language development and social competence.

Brief description of modules/ Main modules:

Unit 1 Historical, Theoretical and Cultural Perspectives on Play and Creativity

Unit 2 Play and the Development of Play

Unit 3 Functions of Play

Unit 4 The Creative Process and Products of Children

Unit 5 Individual differences in play and creativity

Assessment Details with weights:

1. Assignment 1	15% (Early September)
2. Assignment 2	20% (Early October)
3. Assignment 3	25% (Late October)
4. Term End Exam	30% (as per AUD academic calendar)
5. Class participation	10%

Readings list:

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