



**The University of Bath, UK
and the Education Development Institute-Qatar Foundation, Qatar**

Virtual Study Centre

beginning 1 September 2021

Education in an International Context

The University of Bath, UK, offers an opportunity to participate in the University's MA Education or Postgraduate Certificate in International Education (PGCiE) programmes. The MA Education programme comprises five units and a dissertation, while the PGCiE is awarded for successful completion of two specified MA units, followed by an Educational Enquiry unit (please check <http://go.bath.ac.uk/pgcie> for detailed PGCiE requirements with respect to unit choice). Units will be taught to mixed groups of those working towards the MA Education and those working towards the PGCiE. Each taught unit is followed by individual research and the submission of a 5,000 word written assignment; the PGCiE Educational Enquiry unit is based on independent study leading to completion of a 3,000 word written assignment.

From 1 September 2021 the Education in an International Context unit will be offered online to a group of teachers/educators based in Qatar. The unit, which is relevant to teachers of all age ranges (and to those registered on either the MA Education or the PGCiE programme), explores the concept of international education through a consideration of value systems and ideologies, international schools, international curricula, issues relating to students and teachers, and models for international education. It will draw on the experience of participants from both national and international contexts.

Participating students will be given access to a set of materials available via Moodle, the VLE used for this programme, through which they will work at their own pace. Support provided by the University of Bath tutor who will act as supervisor for all students participating in this Virtual Study Centre unit will include a number of live online seminars. The unit will begin with a first live online seminar on:

1 September 2021, between 1600 and 1800 Qatar time

Please note that, while the unit is principally intended for those based in Qatar, others may also enrol if they are registered on the MA Education or PGCiE programme, and if they are able to participate in the live seminars.

Participants who are working towards the MA Education (but *not* those working towards the PGCiE) may if they wish use the Masters level credits gained by successful completion of this unit towards the **International Baccalaureate Educator Certificates:**

www.bath.ac.uk/education/postgraduate/international-baccalaureate/

www.ibo.org/en/professional-development/professional-certificates/ib-educator-certificates/

The fee for this 12 credit unit will be £1,325 payable in pounds sterling in advance. You may pay using a variety of methods, including pounds sterling cheque, debit/credit card, or bank transfer. Please note that payment will only be required once you receive an invoice, which will provide details of how payment may be made via these different options.

Queries related to the MA Education or PGCiE may be addressed to: studycentres-ma@bath.ac.uk

Queries related to the Education Development Institute may be addressed to edi_uni_progs@qf.org.qa

Important Reminder:

Please note that if a viable group size has not been reached once the deadline for applications has passed (21 July 2021) the unit may be postponed. Please do not make any arrangements until you receive confirmation that the unit is definitely going ahead.

Why study an MA/PGCiE unit at a University of Bath Study Centre?

The Department of Education at the University of Bath offers students a number of ways of working towards the qualifications of MA Education and PGCiE. Normally this would include the possibility of studying by distance learning (individual study online), attending our popular Summer School (July, in Bath – although as a result of Covid-19 this will not be happening in 2021) and/or participating in one of our successful Study Centres around the world. Prior to Covid-19 the Study Centre mode was based on units taught by a visiting University of Bath tutor; currently virtual Study Centres enable local and international educators to share their experiences and learn together online, working with other teachers and educators in an intensive learning environment with the guidance and support of an experienced University of Bath tutor.

Application Process:

New students: You need to have been accepted as a student either on the MA Education programme, or the PGCiE programme, before your application to study a unit at the Qatar Foundation virtual Study Centre will be processed.

Details of entry requirements (including English language expectations) may be found at:

MA Education: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/study/pg/programmes/ma-in-educ/>

PGCiE: <http://go.bath.ac.uk/pgcie>

Please submit your application for either programme on-line as soon as possible, but by **7 July 2021** at the latest, as follows:

MA Education: www.bath.ac.uk/study/pg/applications.pl#education

Choose: MA Education Study Centres (Qatar) (distance-learning part-time) starting 1 September 2021

PGCiE: www.bath.ac.uk/study/pg/applications.pl#education

Choose: PG Certificate in International Education Study Centres (Qatar) (distance-learning part-time) starting 1 September 2021

At the same time, please submit a unit enrolment form (as for current students – see below) by email. If your application is successful you will receive an offer letter. Once you have accepted the offer, your enrolment for the unit will be processed.

Current students: The Study Centre unit enrolment form is available at:

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/education/postgraduate/ways-of-studying/study-centres/>

All students (current students and new students):

Please email your completed Study Centre unit enrolment form to the MA/PGCiE Office at the University of Bath, on studycentres-ma@bath.ac.uk for new students by no later than **7 July 2021** and for current students by no later than **21 July 2021**.



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