



**The University of Bath, UK
and Singapore International Schools Professional
Development Network**

Virtual Study Centre

beginning 1 September 2021

Research Methods in Education

The University of Bath, UK, offers an opportunity to participate in the University's MA Education programme. The MA programme comprises five units and a dissertation. Each taught unit is followed by individual research and the submission of a 5,000 word written assignment.

From 1 September 2021 the Research Methods in Education unit will be offered online to a group of teachers/educators based in Singapore. The unit, which is relevant to teachers of all age ranges, has a number of aims, including the following:

- to examine critically the specific nature of research and enquiry in education.
- to examine the theories and forms of explanation used in educational research, and the types of knowledge generated in educational research.
- to address the major ways of designing and conducting research studies to address a range of issues and problems in education; and
- to consider the relationship between research, policy and practice in education.

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: 1700 – 1900 Singapore time

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

For those working towards the MA Education, successful completion of this unit may also count towards the **Advanced International Baccalaureate Educator Certificate**:

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. If at least 15 Singapore-based participants enrol for this unit, it may be possible for a fee discount to be offered to those (Singapore-based) participants. 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 may be addressed to: studycentres-ma@bath.ac.uk

Queries in Singapore may be addressed to Dan Brown at daniel.brown@dulwich-singapore.edu.sg

Important Reminder:

Please note that if a viable group size has not been reached once the deadline for applications has passed (7 August 2021) the unit may not be offered. Please do not make any definite plans until you receive confirmation that the unit is definitely going ahead.

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

The Department of Education at the University of Bath offers students a number of ways of working towards the qualification of MA Education. 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 not only to study online, but also to share their experiences and learn together through engaging with other teachers and educators who are part of the same group, in an intensive learning environment. Guidance and support will be provided by an experienced University of Bath tutor, both online and through a number of interactive live group seminars.

Application Process:

New students: You need to have been accepted as a student on the MA Education programme before your application to participate in a unit via the Singapore virtual Study Centre can 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/>

Please submit your application online **as soon as possible and by 7 July 2021 at the latest:**

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

Choose: MA Education Study Centres (Singapore) (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 submit your Study Centre unit enrolment form to the MA 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 **7 August 2021**.

Information Session

For those who are considering the possibility of applying to study through the University of Bath MA Education programme, an information session will be led by Professor Mary Hayden from the University of Bath on Tuesday 11 May 2021, from 1730 Singapore time for up to an hour. Join via the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490384063?pwd=TjhoeGdMWE5jeTByQ2lJNTVHTVA5dz09>

