BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS) BOARD OF STUDIES

For information

BRIEF SURVEY OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCY IN BPhil (Hons) COMMENCING STUDENTS

BPhil (Hons) students were asked to complete a simple questionnaire (Apr 2012) stating language competency and prior studies (primary and high school to Year 10 and WACE/Stage 3).

This data was then ranked alongside current enrolment via Callista. Further data was gathered from progress interviews conducted by the Academic Co-ordinator.

This survey did not attempt to be comprehensive:

- no account is taken of the bonus point system that operates at admission point at UWA http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/wace/lote.
- No data is given by primary or secondary school; nor is any reference to relevant policy considered e.g. http://www.deewr.gov.au/schooling/NALSSP/Pages/default.aspx
- No data is summarised by language group although this would be relevant to a larger picture of language competence in commencing BPhil (Hons) students.

Summary data is presented below; categories are defined conservatively.

Language data in BPhil (Hons) Apr 2012

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<td>Total cohort</td>
<td>42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bilingual</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Competence in &gt; 2 languages</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>International students</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>LOTE @ home</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>LOTE @ primary school</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>1 + languages to Yr 10</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>WACE Stage 3</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>2012-13 LOTE enrolment</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>LOTE enrolment 2013&gt; ab initio, not currently enrolled in LOTE</td>
<td>25</td>
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For Noting

- Degree Rule 7 “At least one of the units in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) degree course must normally involve the study of a language other than English.” http://rules.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/rules/UGDegreeCourseRules/Part4
• The Rule specifies no timeframe for this language study by students.

• Currently 17 students are enrolled in a LOTE unit as Category A in semester 1 OR semester 2 OR intend to enrol in 2013.

• 25 students have still to indicate their enrolment preference.

• 4 students will expect to enrol in a LOTE/Category A unit *ab initio* — not being bilingual, not having a LOTE at WACE or to Year 10.

• Category A requirements indicate that a Study Abroad component would normally satisfy LOTE requirement.

• No student has indicated non-compliance with the Degree Rule 7.

References

National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program

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