Laboratory and Virtuality in Primary Education 2016/2017

Code: 102088
ECTS Credits: 6

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**Use of languages**

- Principal working language: catalan (cat)
- Some groups entirely in English: No
- Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
- Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

**Prerequisites**

Students should have already passed the two previous courses "Ensenyament i Aprenetatge del Coneixement del Medi Natural, Social i Cultural" in 2nd year and "Didàctica de les ciències experimentals" in 3rd year.

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The course "Laboratori i Virtualitat" aims that participants, at the end of the course, will be able to:

1. Know and know how to use the different existing ICT for science teaching and learning (virtual tools, digital devices, mobile technology, etc.).
2. Understand the characteristics of the experimental work in primary education and how this can be supported by various ICT.
3. Incorporate ICT in science education, integrating them across all the educational planning.
4. Identify positive and negative aspects of each teaching ICT.
5. Provide reflections on the educational changes that implies introducing ICT in school.
6. Acquire criteria for selecting, using and designing virtual environments that foster scientific skills (exploration, observation, classification, prediction, variables control, etc.).

**Skills**

- Design and regulate learning spaces in contexts of diversity that take into account gender equality, equity and respect for human rights and observe the values of public education.
- Design, plan and evaluate education and learning processes, both individually and in collaboration with other teachers and professionals at the centre.
- Develop the functions of tutoring and guidance of pupils and their families, attending to the pupils own needs. Understand that a teachers functions must be perfected and adapted in a lifelong manner to scientific, pedagogical and social changes.
- Foster reading and critical analysis of the texts in different scientific fields and cultural contents in the school curriculum.
- Generate innovative and competitive proposals in research and in professional activity.
- Know and apply information and communication technologies to classrooms.
- Know the curricular areas of Primary Education, the interdisciplinary relation between them, the evaluation criteria and the body of didactic knowledge regarding the respective procedures of education and learning.
• Reflect on classroom experiences in order to innovate and improve teaching work. Acquire skills and habits for autonomous and cooperative learning and promote it among pupils.
• Work in teams and with teams (in the same field or interdisciplinary).

Learning outcomes

1. Identifying aspects common to all the experimental sciences and examining them in depth.
2. Identifying, describing, and analysing the characteristics pertaining to management of the area of experimental sciences in the classroom, and the implementation of activities involving experimentation and the use of CLTs.
3. Identifying the difficulties in the teaching and learning of experimental sciences, and designing activities that respond to the diversity of students learning experiences.
4. Knowing how to communicate and present an argument in science lessons.
5. Planning for scientific learning situations in contexts outside of the school.
6. Produce and apply resources related to the teaching and learning of experimental sciences.
7. Promoting the use of explanatory models.
8. Relating science with its technological applications, with its social impact on the didactic situations pertaining to the school.

Content

Section 1: ICT and scientific practice in classroom. Which ICT should we use, when, how and why?

Section 2: Digital tools for enriching the experimental activities in school: mobile phones, digital sensors, digital lenses and videos.

Section 3: Digital tools for working with virtual models in the classroom: animations, simulations, video games and virtual laboratories.

Section 4: Digital tools to communicate scientifically: interactive whiteboard and Scratch language.

Methodology

The course "Laboratori i Virtualitat" combines different kind of work: laboratory experimental activities, experimental field activities and computer room activities. Is particularly important work in small groups and whole-class discussions.

Activities

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Evaluation

The evaluation of the course "Laboratori i Virtualitat" include different sections:

- Classroom participation: 10%.
- Activities about use of ICT in schools (3 along the course): 15% each one; 45% in total.
- Final reflective work: 20%
- Final exam: 20%.

Relevant information:

- According to the UAB regulation, plagiarism or copying of any work will be penalized with a 0, without any possibility to repeat the activity (both for individual or collective works).
- Class attendance is mandatory: students must attend all classes to be evaluated (it is allowed a maximum of 20% of incidents), otherwise it will be considered as not evaluable.

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