

Foreign Languages in Early Childhood Education

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500797 Early Childhood Education	OT	4	0

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Use of languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

Language requirement: minimum CEFR B2

Objectives and Contextualisation

This elective subject aims at providing an introduction to teaching and learning a foreign language in pre-primary education. It is a key subject for those student teachers who plan to teach a foreign language in the future.

Skills

- Being able to encourage an initial approach to a foreign language.
- Deal effectively with language learning situations in multicultural and multilingual contexts.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the aims, curricular contents and criteria of evaluation of Infant Education
- Demonstrate knowledge of the evolution of nonverbal communication and language in early childhood, and be able to identify possible dysfunctions and ensure proper development.
- Demonstrating knowledge of the evolution of non-verbal communication and language in early childhood, knowing how to identify possible dysfunctions and ensuring their proper development.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and know how to communicate effectively both in your own tongues and in other languages.
- Know and master oral and written expression techniques.
- Know the language, reading and writing curriculum at this stage as well as theories on the acquisition and development of relevant learning.
- Promote speaking and writing skills.
- Properly express oneself orally and in writing and master the use of different expression techniques.
- Recognize and evaluate the social reality and the interrelation between factors involved as necessary anticipation of action.
- Understand oral tradition and folklore.
- Understand the learning process of reading and writing and how to teach it. Address language learning situations in multilingual contexts. Recognize and value the appropriate use of verbal and non-verbal language.

Learning outcomes

1. Acquire the relevant knowledge related to the oral language curriculum at this stage as well as theories on the acquisition and development of learning related to it.
2. Describe the evolution of language in early childhood and know how to identify possible dysfunctions.
3. Knowing how to analyse aspects of the evolution of non-verbal communication and language in early childhood, identifying possible dysfunctions and suggesting proposals for its proper development.
4. Knowing how to analyse different meta language learning situations in multilingual contexts.
5. Knowing how to use language strategies that aid and stimulate the development of childrens speaking capacities.
6. Knowing how to use tools and strategies to generate interest in order to understand and communicate in a third language.
7. Knowing how to use verbal and non-verbal expression techniques that aid communication and linguistic interaction with children.
8. Master the use of different expression techniques and express oneself adequately both orally and in writing in situations in the professional field.
9. Orally and in writing explain the objectives, curriculum content and evaluation criteria of spoken language in infant education.
10. Recognising and evaluating the social reality and the interrelationship of the factors involved, as a necessary prelude to action.
11. Understand the linguistic effects of contact with language in learning situations.
12. Use English in an effective manner in all situations in the infant classroom.
13. Using stories, poems and tones of voice characteristic of the culture of the target language and appropriate for infant education.

Content

1. Foreign language and school linguistic project in a context of plurilingualism.
2. Teaching/learning a foreign language in early childhood education.
 - 2.1 Approaching the teaching and learning of a foreign language (FL). Theoretical basis.
 - 2.2 Characteristics and development of children. Their methodological implications in the FL class.
3. Effective communication in the FL class.
- 4 Analysing what is in a FL class. Planning and assessing.
 - 4.1 Project work.
 - 4.2 Storytelling in the FL class
 - 4.3.The role of music in the FL class
 - 4.4 The role of games in the FL class
 - 4.5. Activities and resources and how to use them in the FL class
 - 4.6. Classroom management: space, time, materials and interaction.
 - 4.7. The use of ICT and the IWB
 - 4.8. Assessment in the FL class: tools.
5. The classroom, a learning space:
 - 5.1 Classroom organization.

5.2 Classroom displays.

5.3 Classroom library and reading corner.

6. Strategies for professional development as a FL teacher in infant education.

Methodology

The starting points for training activities in this subject are the observation, analysis and experimentation (individually, in pairs and/or in groups) of real class situations; infants' needs and interesting teaching proposals.

Outstanding issues in this subject are: developing personal initiative and creativity; learning to communicate with voice and body and developing cooperative work as a means to build the best teaching approach in the very young learners class.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Direct instruction	45	1.8	11, 2, 9, 13, 1, 10, 4, 6, 7
Type: Supervised			
Teacher-student conferences	30	1.2	11, 8, 9, 1, 10, 6
Type: Autonomous			
Papers and activities directly related to the contents of the subject.	75	3	11, 2, 8, 9, 13, 12, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5

Evaluation

EVALUATION

Attendance is compulsory. Absenteeism higher than 20% for whatever causes will automatically result in failing the course.

Active participation in the sessions is a requirement.

Students must use English at the level described in prerequisites in all evaluation activities.

ASSESSMENT TASKS

Tasks	Date	Assignment delivery
Planning and presentation in groups of a teaching unit.	2 May 2019	Moodle Oral presentation in class

Planning in pairs and presentation of activities to teach English in infant education	14 March 2019	Moodle
		Oral presentation in class

Self-assessment questionnaire (individual)	13 June 2019	Moodle
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Test: demonstrating critical knowledge (theoretical and applied) of the contents of the subject (Individual)	23 May 2019	Formal on- campus examination sitting
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Test (second chance)	13 June 2019	Formal on- campus examination sitting
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FINAL MARK: The final mark is the weighted average of all assessment tasks. A weighted average WILL NOT BE AWARDED under certain conditions: A) to obtain a 'pass' in the course the student must obtain a 'pass' in each one of the assessment tasks. B) If grades in individual tasks (e.g. tests) are considerably lower than marks in team tasks, the average will not be automatically awarded.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM: In accordance with UAB regulations, plagiarism or copying of any individual or group paper will be penalised with a mark of 0 for that paper, without any possibility of a re-sit. During the completion of a paper or the individual exam in class, if the teacher has reason to believe that a student is trying to copy or s/he discovers any kind of non-authorized document or device, the student involved will obtain a mark of 0, without any possibility to re-sit. A paper or test will be considered as plagiarism when a chunk of text of four words or longer authored by another person (another student, scholar, webpage, etc.) without citing the source according to academic norms. (Further information available at: http://wuster.uab.es/web_argumenta_obert/unit_20/sot_2_01.html).

CLAIMS REGARDING GRADES: Claims regarding grades awarded on different assessment tasks will be presented using the form that will be provided in a timely manner.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Planning and presentation in groups of a teaching unit.	30%	0	0	8, 9, 13, 12, 1, 6, 7, 5
Planning in pairs and presentation of activities to teach English in infant education	30%	0	0	8, 9, 13, 12, 6, 7, 5
Self-assessment questionnaire: participation, work done and competencies achieved.	15%	0	0	11, 1, 3, 4, 7, 5
Test: demonstrating critical knowledge (theoretical and applied) of the contents of the subject	25%	0	0	11, 2, 12, 1, 10, 3, 4, 7, 5

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