

Learning a Foreign Language (English) in Primary Education through ICT

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500798 Primary Education	OT	4	0

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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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

Other comments on languages

El requisit d'entrada a aquesta assignatura (com part de la menció) és un nivell C1 en llengua anglesa.

Prerequisites

To take this course students must demonstrate a C1 level in English. This is a requirement for all the courses that make up the specialization (menció) in English language teaching. Students in 3rd year will have to provide evidence that they comply with this requirement by the date indicated on the Faculty of Education webpage in order to be able to take any course in the specialization in the fourth year, including this one. Students who are taking this course as an elective but not enrolled in the specialization (menció) must also document a C1 by the indicated date in order to enrol. Further consultations can be made at the academic management office of the Faculty of Education Sciences, UAB.

Important note: The proposed teaching methodology and assessment may undergo some modification depending on any attendance restrictions imposed by the health authorities.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This course is compulsory for any student enrolled in the English as a Foreign Language Minor and an optional subject for anyone studying to become a primary education teacher. It is therefore addressed to all prospective teachers interested in exploring how to integrate the use of technology in the promotion of language learning and collaborative work. The course aims to prepare primary education teachers in specific knowledge related to the teaching and learning of foreign languages mediated through technology, as well as explore how to use languages in school-wide participation in international mobility programs and to promote plurilingualism. The contents of the course include the core teaching principles as recommended in recent European documents such as the European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages (EPOSTL, 2007), the Guide for the development and implementation of curricula for plurilingual and intercultural education (CoE, 2015) and also incorporates the underlying features of digital-pedagogical competences required for virtual exchange in language education, as promoted by the EVALUATE executive report (2019). The course aims to help teachers facilitate learners' communicative competences, effectively design and implement language and content learning tasks, efficiently implement technology-mediated plurilingual, interdisciplinary project-based

language learning, develop evaluation criteria that uses competence descriptors, promote students' language and intercultural awareness and reflect on teaching practice as a valuable tool for training, all of this facilitated through the use of technology. This latter encompasses in particular social media as it will be used to communicate with learning partners in other parts of the world. English as a lingua franca (ELF) will be the language of scholarly communication by students and teachers in this course, including both written documents (syllabus, readings, etc.) and audiovisual documents (video-conferences, online communication, etc.) as well as the classroom language.

Competences

- Act with ethical responsibility and respect for fundamental rights and duties, diversity and democratic values.
- Be familiar with the languages and literature curriculum.
- Critically analyse personal work and use resources for professional development.
- Develop and evaluate contents of the curriculum by means of appropriate didactic resources and promote the corresponding skills in pupils.
- Effectively address language learning situations in multicultural and multilingual contexts.
- Express oneself orally and in writing in a foreign language.
- Foster reading and critical analysis of the texts in different scientific fields and cultural contents in the school curriculum.
- Foster reading and encourage writing.
- Incorporate information and communications technology to learn, communicate and share in educational contexts.
- Take account of social, economic and environmental impacts when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
- Take sex- or gender-based inequalities into consideration when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
- Understand the basic principles of the sciences of language and communication.
- Work in teams and with teams (in the same field or interdisciplinary).

Learning Outcomes

1. Adapt and write textbooks adjusted to the level of cognitive and communicative development of pupils in correct English and with the proper register.
2. Analyse and identify education and communication needs to design strategies for teaching and learning of the English language that are supported by the development of communication skills through ICT and technologies for learning and knowledge.
3. Analyse communication needs and control the process of learning the English language.
4. Analyse the indicators of sustainability of academic and professional activities in the areas of knowledge, integrating social, economic and environmental dimensions.
5. Analyse the sex- or gender-based inequalities and the gender biases present in one's own area of knowledge.
6. Apply the theoretical framework on effective communicative both on a written and oral level, and from a multilingual and contrastive perspective.
7. Assessing the value of Spanish language learning strategies and techniques appropriate to primary education.
8. Being capable of self-assessment and of evaluating the written and oral productions of colleagues in English in a well-argued way.
9. Communicate using language that is not sexist or discriminatory.
10. Consider how gender stereotypes and roles impinge on the exercise of the profession.
11. Critically analyse and discuss theoretical texts from different fields of linguistics.
12. Critically understand and analyse, from a formal register of the English language, professional and academic discourse in English.
13. Demonstrate intercultural attitudes to benefit efficient work in diverse teams.
14. Demonstrate sufficient receptive competence in foreign languages to understand oral presentations and read professional documents (teaching materials, popular articles, etc.). with the help of tools to support comprehension.

15. Design tasks that foster a taste for reading and the development of critical thinking in primary pupils.
16. Develop reading skills in English to be able to analyse the practical implications of carrying out theoretical proposals in the field of language teaching.
17. Establish relations between the foreign language curriculum of nursery and primary education, and between both and that of secondary school.
18. Establish relations between the nursery and primary foreign language curriculum and that of the first language.
19. Form teams that are capable of carrying out activities effectively both in person and remotely.
20. Identify the principal forms of sex- or gender-based inequality and discrimination present in society.
21. Identify the social, economic and environmental implications of academic and professional activities within one's own area of knowledge.
22. Incorporate information and communications technology to learn, communicate and share in educational contexts.
23. Incorporating appropriate CMO activities for the development of CLIL units in the context of national and international programmes (Comenius, etc.).
24. Perform tasks and criteria for training and integrated evaluation of content in French.
25. Perform tasks and criteria of high educational value to promote integrated assessment of content in English.
26. Present products (teaching units, class analyses, etc.) produced in teams with people from different degree courses and levels of expertise.
27. Produce structured teaching sequences in projects that promote both the integrated learning of the schools languages and the development of digital learning and intercultural skills.
28. Produce structured teaching sequences in projects that promote both the integrated learning of the schools languages and the development of linguistic, audiovisual and digital skills.
29. Propose projects and actions that incorporate the gender perspective.
30. Propose viable projects and actions to boost social, economic and environmental benefits.
31. Propose ways to evaluate projects and actions for improving sustainability.
32. Recognising the value of the ICTs/LCTs as a privileged communication tool between teachers and learners with diverse languages and cultures.
33. Self-assess ones own level of knowledge of English and analyse ones own communication needs and establish improvement plans.
34. Use advanced communication skills and strategies in the English language to suit the level of cognitive and communicative development of learners and interlocutors and be understood in English while efficiently using scaffolding strategies.
35. Using ICTs in the design, development and self-evaluation of self-learning activities in English.
36. Using texts from children's literature in Spanish in order to develop English language learning activities in primary education.
37. Using the English language as a common vehicle of communication in the university classroom and in the primary school classroom, as well as all academic tasks related to the subject.
38. Using virtual environments as tools for written communication that respond to a variety of functions (recreational, academic, transactional, etc.) among learners.
39. Using virtual platforms as a communication and management tool for directed and supervised activities.
40. Weigh up the impact of any long- or short-term difficulty, harm or discrimination that could be caused to certain persons or groups by the actions or projects.
41. Working efficiently as part of a team and individually, both in theoretical and practical activities, seeking resources and strategies that are appropriate for each situation.

Content

- Theories of language acquisition
- Theoretical principles of communicative approaches to language teaching: Communicative Language Teaching (CLT); Project-Based Language Learning (PBLL); Telecollaborative projects (TcLL), etc.
- Criteria for designing, implementing and assessing educational materials and teaching processes based on communicative approaches (CLT, PBLL, TcLL), through the use of ICT.
- Language Learning Project typology (PBLL) in primary and early childhood education (design of teaching activities) through the use of ICT.
- Criteria for assessment of communicative skills in foreign languages including intercultural attitudes necessary for teamwork.

- Teaching and learning practices related to teamwork (e.g. telecollaboration).
- Collaborative and telecollaborative activities.
- Strategies to promote communicative interaction with an authentic purpose (e.g. through TcLL projects).
- Activities of self/peer evaluation.
- Technologies in learning foreign languages: techniques and resources
- Criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of different technology in learning and communication.
- Articulating strategies for teaching foreign language and the use of technology to promote communication, collaboration, interaction and intercultural awareness.

Methodology

The course integrates in-class dialogic learning, telecollaboration and flipped classroom materials. Taking the underlying premise of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) that student learning should be self-directed and promote increasing learner autonomy, the approach to this course places equal emphasis on the work carried on outside of the class as the activities that take place inside the classroom. In order to facilitate this type of learning the use of telecollaboration (interacting with learners from other parts of the world) is a central nexus for the learning process, as well as engagement with the materials prepared for flipped instruction. In this way, students (future language teachers) are expected to actively engage in face-to-face (in the classroom) and self-directed online learning situations that promote epistemic development (in both content and language) in order to then reflect on how they can transfer this knowledge to similar contexts for their pupils. While this approach was already in place before the current health situation, it will be extended to include a hybrid teaching-learning approach that will involve more online and some in-class teaching, according to the conditions allowed. In the event that it is necessary, the teaching may be switched completely to online (synchronous and asynchronous). Exemptions can be consulted in the section on evaluation. Non-discriminatory use of language and inclusive practices will be ensured.

For more detailed information about this approach see: Sadler, R. & Dooly, M. (2016). [Twelve years of telecollaboration: What we have learnt](#). *ELT Journal*, 70(4), 401-413.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures, online activities, reading discussions, presentations of student work, discussion and reflection on core content issues	45	1.8	1, 2, 33, 19, 13, 14, 34, 22, 32, 41, 38, 37
Type: Supervised			
Telecollaborative work, development of projects, indepth analysis of selected content topic	30	1.2	1, 2, 19, 13, 34, 22, 32, 41, 38, 37
Type: Autonomous			
Preparation of individual and group work, analysis and presentation of documents, readings, discussions, individual reflection, development of projects, preparatory work, telecollaborative group work	75	3	1, 2, 33, 19, 13, 14, 34,

Assessment

The evaluation of the course encompasses the development of the identified basic competences for the course and therefore the evaluation includes continuous assessment of set activities along with consideration of students' participation, critical thinking and attitude throughout the course. Given the importance of participation, attendance* is mandatory: the student must attend a minimum of 80% of classes/online activities, otherwise students will be considered absent. Tardiness or leaving early (in-class or online) before class ends result in reduction of half-day participation. A minimum of 80% participation in all of the activities (preparatory, online and in-class) is required in order to pass.

The final marks will be calculated through the use of multiple data collected throughout the course (peer, self and teacher assessment of presentations, group work, project output, etc.). Specifically, the course will be evaluated through the following instruments:

- Engagement in telecollaborative and in-class activities; completion of assigned flipped materials. These will constitute continuous assessment through peer and self-assessment and through teacher assessment, based on averaged achieved through collected rubrics and portfolio/reflection of activities.
- Final product and oral defense.
- Online exam (date to be determined)

NOTE: Due to the nature of the course (specialization in teaching of English as a Foreign Language), a separate individual mark will be given for communicative competence in the language of instruction (English). Students with a fail in language use will not pass the course. This mark will be calculated progressively through evaluation rubrics according to the required activities (written, oral, etc.).

Copying and plagiarism is intellectual theft and, therefore, constitutes a crime which shall be punished with a zero in the entire block where the plagiarism took place. In the case of copying between two students, the sanction applies to both students. In case of repeat offenders, they will have a fail for the entire course. Students should bear in mind that plagiarism is reproducing all or a large part of work from another without proper referencing. By definition "plagiarism" is the use of all or part of a text by an author as if it is his/her own work, without citing sources, whether on paper or in digital format.

Requisite to pass the course:

- Complete assigned self-directed work (individual and group): Telecollaborative activities & online preparatory activities, final portfolio and/or group project (averages collected throughout the course)
This includes individual contribution and engagement with the course: (averages collected throughout the course, online exam)
Demonstrate communicative competence in the target language (see comment above)
- Complete assigned in-class activities: Collaborative and individual work (discussions, technology showcases, peer teaching, etc.): averages collected throughout the course)

The following blocks must be passed in order to have a successful completion mark of the course. Each block is made up of several summative marks. These blocks are divided percentage-wise between individual and collective thus:

1. Individual work: portfolio and sub-products, final output, reflection, communicative competence in target language & exam: 50% (teacher, peer & self-assessment)
2. Self-directed work: engagement with flipped materials, sub-products, final output (teacher & self assessment): 25%
3. Teacher-directed learning & group work: participation in telecollaboration and in-class output and outcomes (teacher & peer assessment): 25%

In the case of failing any of the blocks*, the student can opt for a global examination of the contents that will be administered individually in an interview format in February 2021 (date to be determined in collaboration with the individual/s affected).

*Due to the component of continued telecollaborative work with an external group during the course, there is no option for recovery of this block with an exam. In the event of failing this block, the student will be required to present an individual telecollaborative language learning project design, based on the theoretical principles presented in the module. This will be due by 31 December 2021.

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Adaptations may be applied for any student who is unable to follow the course due to COVID-19:

1. The student should make his/her request alleging the reasons of impossibility of following the regular teaching plan. There is no need to present any legal certification of the situation.
2. The dean's office or school management will assess the request and, if it deemed sufficient, will communicate the decision to the teacher in order to make the necessary adaptations.

General criteria for acceptance:

- The student or a member of the student's family with whom they are in close contact (living in the same residence, etc.) has contracted Covid-19 or has any related condition therein.
- Conditions of employment or job change arising from the situation.
- ICT and connectivity and/or other technical difficulties.
- The student is care-taker for anyone vulnerable.
- The student provides services related to the situation (health ...).
- Any other situation generated within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Individual assessment (continuous assessment, exam, language competence in target language)	50%	0	0	2, 9, 13, 34, 27, 29, 32, 37, 40
Self-directed Learning (programmed activities; flipped materials, etc.)	25%	0	0	1, 2, 33, 19, 13, 14, 34, 28, 20, 22, 31, 30, 32, 41, 38, 37, 10
Teacher-directed learning & group activities (programmed activities; telecollaboration, etc.)	25%	0	0	1, 4, 11, 2, 5, 3, 6, 33, 12, 19, 17, 13, 14, 16, 24, 25, 34, 15, 27, 28, 18, 21, 23, 22, 26, 32, 8, 41, 38, 37, 35, 39, 36, 7

Bibliography

Recommended bibliography (all of the reading on this list is not specifically linked to the activities in the course, but the list is useful for autonomous work). Specific bibliography to some of the activities will be given at the beginning of the course or during the course. Due to the rapid updates of webpages, a list of links will be given at the beginning of the course.

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Software

The focus of this course the use of technology-mediated language teaching and learning therefore the approach is through an exploration of technology. This implies the use of new apps and technology throughout the course -to be determined through negotiation between students and teacher.

Established organizational tools for the course:

- VLE: Moodle
- Virtual Exchange: Zoom

Interactive course agenda: accessible through computer, tablet or cellphone

Recommended technology workshops (can be shared):

- Cellphones and/or tablets (for geocache, Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality environments)

Tools/technology that will be provided:

- VR headsets
- 360° cameras