

**Theories of Foreign Language Teaching**

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4316481 Teaching Chinese to Spanish Speakers	OB	0	1

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## Teaching groups languages

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## Prerequisites

None.

## Objectives and Contextualisation

In this module students, as pre-service teachers, will learn about the main current theories, approaches and methods for teaching and learning a foreign language. In this module student-teachers will explore tools for designing, implementing and assessing teaching tasks that allow foreign language learners to develop, in formal learning environments, their interactive competences and related skills.

## Competences

- Apply methodology for research, specific techniques and resources for researching and producing innovative results in a certain area of specialisation.
- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
- Identify and interpret the main teaching theories for second languages and apply them to Chinese for Spanish speakers.
- Relate research in language teaching and learning with teaching practice or learning processes observed in the classroom to make suggestions for improvements from both a theoretical and practical point of view.
- Work individually and in a team and be able to analyse, interpret and synthesise the information generated.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse and apply teaching approaches that seek to develop multilingual and intercultural competence.
2. Analyse curricular content thoroughly in search of ways to work on the language with learners of different levels.
3. Apply methodology for research, specific techniques and resources for researching and producing innovative results in a certain area of specialisation.
4. Choose and evaluate texts, tools and resources oral, written and multimodal as instruments for learning.
5. Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
6. Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
7. Identify and describe the main theories on foreign-language learning.
8. Know the principles underpinning the teaching and learning of a foreign language.
9. Reflect on the assessment types, guidelines and criteria for the different linguistic and communicative competences.
10. Work individually and in a team and be able to analyse, interpret and synthesise the information generated.

## Content

The contents of this course will be organised into 6 thematic blocks:

Block 1: Language learning and social interaction. Current foreign language learning theories, methods and approaches. The notion of interactive competence and didactics of plurilingualism.

Block 2: The development of communicative skills. Language learning tasks.

Block 3: Competence-based learning. Tools and strategies for evaluating and fomenting student autonomy.

Block 4: Music as a resource for teaching and learning a foreign language.

Block 5: Resources for teaching children a foreign language.

Block 6: Technological tools to support the learning of foreign languages.

## Methodology

All of the blocks in this course are based on highly participative sessions in a combination of teacher lectures and group and individual activities done in class. The lessons build on required texts so students should come to class prepared to discuss and engage with the assigned reading and other resources.

This course will be taught in Spanish.

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			
Debates	15	0.6	5, 9
Lectures	23	0.92	8, 7
individual, pair-work and group work tasks	25	1	2, 1, 4, 10
Type: Supervised			
Preparation of classroom assignments	25	1	1, 3, 10
Type: Autonomous			
Microteaching preparation	60	2.4	2, 1, 3, 4, 10
Preparation of the assignments for each thematic block and on the written text to justify the microteaching activity	42	1.68	1, 3, 5, 6, 10
Reading Course Literature	60	2.4	8, 7, 6, 10
Test Preparation	40	1.6	7, 5, 9, 10

## Assessment

Students are expected to take an active role in the lessons and carry out the tasks proposed by the teachers in each content block.

Students will also be given two tests to demonstrate full synthesis of the theoretical contents (blocks 1, 2 & 3).

Finally, in groups, students will design and implement (microteaching) a short teaching activity, which will be accompanied with a written rationale of the decisions taken.

THIS COURSE CANNOT BE PASSED WITH A SINGLE EVALUATION.

## Assessment Activities



Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Active participation in class and submission of one small task per block	40%	4	0.16	2, 3, 10
Microteaching (group work, oral and written task)	40%	4	0.16	1, 5, 6, 10
Test on contents for block 1	10%	1	0.04	8, 7, 9
Test on contents for blocks 2 & 3	10%	1	0.04	2, 8, 9, 4

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### Compulsory reading

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## Software

No technical requirements associated with this course.