

**Module:** English in Early Childhood

**Number of credits:** 11 credits

**Subjects:**

- 1) Theory and Practice of Bilingual Education
- 2) Early English in Childhood Education 1.
- 3) Early English in Childhood Education 2.
- 4) Classroom Language

<b>Name of subject:</b> Early English in Childhood Education 1.	<b>Credits:</b> 3
<b>Subject Classification:</b> Compulsory	
<b>Division of course content in theory and practice:</b> 40% theory and 60% practice	
<b>Types and number of lessons:</b> 20 seminars per semester <i>Language:</i> English <b>Other methods used during the course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• digital course material provided through electronic learning system</li><li>• authentic English audio and the use of international literature</li><li>• course outline available electronically</li><li>• sharing the good practices of international partner institutions through online interface</li><li>• use of online internet resources</li></ul>	
<b>Method of assessment:</b> term mark <b>Other means of learning evaluation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• continuous, active participation during lessons</li><li>• oral assessment by the teacher of the linguistic material acquired by students</li><li>• preparation of ppt presentations for use in classroom</li><li>• completion of preschool activity plans</li><li>• putting together a digital portfolio containing songs, rhymes, tales, games etc.</li><li>• writing an observation sheet assessing preschool activities</li><li>• micro-teaching</li></ul>	
<b>Place of subject in the curriculum:</b> first semester	
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none	

**Course description:**

The aim of the course is to provide students with the essential theoretical and practical language skills and competencies needed for them to teach the various English language preschool activities. Students will acquire the language teaching approach which is based on the distinction between language acquisition and language learning, and learn language teaching methodology, transfer and development in preschool education.

- During the course students will acquire the specific, technical language associated with different areas of early foreign language acquisition such as for example, English songs, rhymes, nursery tales, games, art and craft activities.
- They will learn the technical vocabulary associated with circle time activities, free play and care activities (meals, getting dressed, washing hands etc.)

- Students will learn about language teaching methods applied in the early foreign language development.
- Participants in this course become familiar with different English-Hungarian bilingual kindergarten educational programmes and they will be prepared for observation and practice in bilingual kindergarten groups.

Effective use of digital technology: A significant topic is digital literacy, i.e. the effective use information and communication technologies. Our objective is to have access to information as well as to understand and use it in a critical, competent, precise and creative way.

#### **Required and recommended literature:**

- Nikolov, Marianne. (2009). The Age Factor and Early Language Learning. Series: Studies on Language Acquisition, Vol. 40. De Gruyter Mouton. Berlin. eBook. (EBSCO) ISBN: 9783110218275. 9783110218282.
- Janice Bland. (2016). Teaching English to Young Learners. Critical Issues in Language Teaching with 3-12 Year Olds. Bloomsbury Academic. London. ISBN: 9781472588586
- Nikolov, Marianne.( 2009.) Early Learning of Modern Foreign Languages : Processes and Outcomes. Series: Second Language Acquisition. Multilingual Matters. Bristol, UK . eBook. (EBSCO) 9781847691460. 9781847691453. 9781847691477. 9781847699879.
- Lütge, Christiane – Bland, Janice.(2013). Children's Literature in Second Language Education. Bloomsbury Academic. London . eBook. (EBSCO) ISBN: 9781441183521. 9781472576279. 9781441129789. 9781441182760.
- Ghosn, Irma-Kaarina – Charlotte, NC . (2013). Storybridge to Second Language Literacy : The Theory, Research, and Practice of Teaching English with Children's Literature. Information Age Publishing. eBook. (EBSCO). Kapsolódó ISBN: 9781623962777. 9781623962791.
- Reilly Vanessa and Ward Sheila M., Very Young Learners, Oxford University Press, OUP, 1997, ISBN: 978-019-437209-1
- Beall, P.- Nipp, H S.: The Best of Wee Sing. Penguin Young Readers, New York, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-8431-2184-1

#### **Required competencies and competency elements that this subject contributes to and helps to develop**

##### **a) Knowledge**

- Students possess the expert knowledge and teaching methodology, which help to develop the health and personality of children aged 3-7 in a harmonious and complex way.
- Can apply the different planning schemes used in preschool education; know the theory and methodology of planning, and the connections specialities of the different levels of planning.
- Are familiar with and able to apply the rules of digital communication and information management competently.

##### **b) Capabilities**

- Adapt their pedagogical, psychological, sociological and methodological expertise as well as a holistic approach to preschool education with consideration to the characteristics of the child and the child's age group.
- Understand the characteristics of the age group, they should be able to identify and

select the appropriate educational goals, tasks and content. Students should furthermore be able to manage, analyse, and evaluate the differentiated pedagogical process.

- Build and develop a bias-free respectful and trustworthy relationship with children institutions (such as families, nurseries, childcare services, and other public educational institutions). Communicate professionally and clearly in professional situations and assist and offer help relating to the problems of children.
- Possess knowledge of effective electronic information search, information processing, information research, information transmission; and can use electronic resources.

**c) Attitude**

- Show commitment to developing strategies, methods and activities promoting the organization and expansion of the experience and knowledge of children aged 3-7, and to creating an environment promoting the success of English language communication in educational activities while inspiring, confirming the development of the child's personality.
- Their personality should be free from prejudice, and characterised by tolerance, social sensitivity, and helping attitude. They have an inclusive and multicultural approach, seek to preserve the cultural identity and support children's integration into their community.
- Accept the idea of child-centred inclusive preschool education and the view that pedagogical strategies used in preschool education should be tailored to the child's personality.
- Have an open-minded, innovative, and authentic attitude to welcome and transmit digital and technological development and innovation in their special field

**d) Autonomy and Responsibility**

- Take responsibility for children aged 3-7, for the whole group of children, for their activities within the institution, for the decision made during the planning of the educational process and for all the consequences.
- As a reflective preschool teacher and autonomous personality, they are conscious leaders of their own professional development.
- Can plan and develop their digital literacy independently

**Responsible for course:** Bethlenfalvyné dr. Streitmann Ágnes college professor, PhD

**Other teacher involved in course:** Bill McBrayer English language teacher