

ERASMUS+ SEMESTER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Developing Intercultural Competences

3 ECTS

In the multicultural environment of Europe, intercultural dialogue is of cardinal importance. However, we need to attain appropriate intercultural competences (certain attitudes, knowledge and understanding, skills and actions) to enter intercultural encounters safely and successfully. This comprehensive course aims at familiarizing students with the different understandings of “culture”, facilitating effective international communication, and eventually preparing them to cooperate with colleagues from other countries or of different cultures in their future careers. During the course, we will use cooperative and drama methods. Students will be asked for active participation in different projects. The topics will include:

- layers of identity
 - understandings of culture
 - intercultural skills
 - minorities
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Storytelling and Drama

3 ECTS

During the course students get familiar with some of the most popular Hungarian folk tales, they are encouraged to share stories from their own cultures and personal lives, and they get acquainted with different storytelling techniques. They get acquainted with planning and analysis tools to discover the structure and the plot of stories. They learn about different ways of applying visual prompts and accompanying actions to make the stories more memorable. They are supposed to acquire how to use body language (gestures, facial expressions) when telling a story. Students will also be taught the three key skills to story-making: imitation, innovation and invention.

The following areas will be covered:

- folk tale traditions of different cultures
 - storytelling techniques
 - storymaking
 - using different visual reminders which help to tell a story
 - using kinaesthetic reminders to make a story more memorable
 - telling stories using your own body: How to be a good storyteller?
 - dramatizing tales
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Social integration

3 ECTS

The purpose of the course is to make students familiar with social politics, social work and social institutions offering educational and social services in Hungary. Students will also get acquainted with the obstacles of social integration of the Roma minority in Hungary and in Europe. The course aims to present the social issues of Romani people nowadays and to reveal the low levels of schooling performance in the Roma population in Europe.

The following areas will be covered:

- Family counselling
 - Family protection
 - School protection
 - Work in youth homes
 - special integration problems in Roma communities
 - project activities comprising minority issues in Hungary from a pedagogical perspective
 - comparing special pedagogical programmes for school children with disadvantaged background
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Contemporary Psychology

3 ECTS

This course aims to highlight the topical questions of psychology nowadays, some of the current psychological researches, discussions and debates.

The contemporary psychological trends are important for all student teachers. During the course we make the students familiar with the basic scientific language of psychology, read articles, fill in inventories, and discuss, share our thoughts on recent research findings.

The course will focus on:

- Researches concerning ADHD
 - New understanding of Autism (ASD)
 - Coping and resiliency
 - The effects of the Internet and the media on children,
 - X, Y and Z generations
 - Family psychology
 - Psychology of religion
 - The question of gender in psychology
 - Homosexuality and identity
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Hungarian Culture and Education

3 ECTS

The course aims at giving a comprehensive picture of Hungarian life, broadening the student's perspective and developing intercultural competences in a creative, colourful, experience-based way. Topics:

- Hungary. Past and present
 - Youth and family policy
 - Education system. Some important pedagogical, developmental methods
 - Experience Hungary: Basics of Hungarian language. Traditions, customs
 - Experience Hungary: World heritage sites. Art. Hungaricums. Cuisine
 - Hands-on experience through creative activities, arts and crafts etc.
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School Experience

3 ECTS

- Lesson observations and teaching practice at primary schools
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International Week

2 ECTS
