

INTERNATIONAL ERASMUS+ SEMESTER

APOR VILMOS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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HUNGARY

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MANDATORY MODULES: 20+2 ECTS

Developing Intercultural Competences (4 ECTS)

This course aims at facilitating effective international communication, which enables students to cooperate with people from other countries or different cultures. In our multicultural Europe, intercultural dialogue, cross-cultural empathy and behavioural flexibility are of cardinal importance.

During this course, we will

- talk about the different layers of our identities,
- explore the different components of intercultural competence,
- understand the differences in our communication styles,
- learn about the various aspects of culture, and
- work on our emotional intelligence.

In the classroom, we will use pairwork, group discussion, games, drama activities, and short lectures. Besides, we will put our classwork into practice through interdisciplinary project work together with fellow teachers such as meeting Roma children, meeting Slovak-Hungarian people, visiting an art gallery, and going to a Hungarian folk dance club.

Storytelling, Storymaking (4 ECTS)

During the course students will get familiar with some of the most popular Hungarian folk and literary tales and will be encouraged to share stories from their own cultures and personal lives. They will get acquainted with planning and analysis tools to discover the structure and the plot of stories, and will 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
- dramatizing tales

Hungarian Culture and Education (4 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 through interdisciplinary projects with fellow teachers.

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. Hungaricums. Cuisine
- Hands-on experience through creative activities, arts and crafts etc.

Social Integration (4 ECTS)

The purpose of the course is to make students familiar with the inequalities in societies worldwide; possible solutions that social politics, social work and social institutions offer through the educational and social services. Students will also get acquainted with the obstacles of social integration of the Roma minority in Hungary and in Europe. The theories of social integration will be accompanied by practical fieldwork in the form of interdisciplinary projects with fellow teachers.

The following areas will be covered:

- special integration problems of disadvantaged communities in Europe
- Christian Roma missions (e.g. charity foundations maintained by the Order of Malta and the Catholic Church)
- introduction to special pedagogical programmes for school children with disadvantaged background
- Family support services (visiting a Roma Family Support Center)
- School support services (visiting a Roma Outreach Center)

Contemporary Psychology (4 ECTS)

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

The contemporary psychological trends are important for all pedagogy students. During the course we make the students familiar with the basic scientific language of psychology, we 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 resilience
- The effects of the Internet and the media on children,
- Family psychology
- Psychology of religion
- The question of gender in psychology
- Homosexuality and identity
- X, Y and Z generations

International Week (2 ECTS)

ADDITIONAL MODULES OF FREE CHOICE

English for Academic Purposes (5 ECTS)

The aim of the course is to introduce students to a variety of skills necessary for academic level communication from essay writing to presentation skills. By the end of the course they will be able to present their views and ideas with confidence both orally and in writing. The following topics will be covered:

- Academic vocabulary
- How to write an argumentative essay
- How to give a presentation
- Research skills
- How to write an academic essay

Early English Language Programmes at Bilingual and International Pre/Primary Schools (5 ECTS)

During the course students will become familiar with the essential theoretical knowledge, pedagogical applications and practical language skills needed in teaching a second language to young learners in bilingual and international pre/primary schools. They will learn about the physiological and psychological factors enabling early bilingualism and multilingualism and about the language teaching approaches based on the distinction between language acquisition and language learning. Participants in this course become familiar with different educational programmes in bilingual and international pre/primary schools, and will be able to plan and comment on the early foreign language acquisition part of the educational programme.



KATOLIKUS FŐISKOLA

Aim of the Programme

To familiarize international students with the educational and cultural life of Hungary and to deal with some pedagogical and social issues in an interactive, playful way.

Assessment

Oral presentations, written assignments, participation in projects

Language

English (B2 level)

Target group

Students of Preschool / Primary school / Social Education

ECTS

20 / 30 ECTS (see details at Courses)

Accommodation

Dormitory

single room: ca 140 EUR/month

2- or 3-bedded room: ca 90 EUR/ month (not recommended during the pandemic period)

Expenses

No tuition fee

Cost of living is ca 400-500 EUR / month (incl. accommodation, food, travel, insurance etc.)

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Duration of course

February-May 2021

Application deadline

1 November 2020