COURSE DESCRIPTION

STATE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Course: Didactics Essentials

Faculty:		Philology								
Speciality/specialisation:			English Philology Teacher specialisation							
Unit hosting the faculty			Institute of Humanities							
Practical course profile										
Language of instruction:			English							
Course category:			major							
Academic year: 2020/2021					Semester: 3,4					
The numer of teaching hours on the full time programme:										
Total	lecture		Active forms							
		classes	projects	laboratory	workshops	seminar	practical training			
30	30	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Learning outcomes:			Knowledge:							
			Student describes the nature and tasks of didactics as a science that organizes pupils`learning proces, as well as the tasks of contemporary didactics as a pedagogical discipline with reference to the education system, its structure and function. Student has knowledge regarding school as an institution that facilitate the development of individual pupils and classes as their education							
			Student has knowledge of the principles of control and evaluation of learning outcomes- knows the internal system of evaluation in schools and types of exams conducted externally.							

Skills:

Students take advantage their knowledge of the subject matter, as well as pedagogical and psychological knowledge, to design specific didactical tasks and resolving pupils` behavioural issues.

Students have basic skills with regard to evaluating and constructing didactical curricula, as well as adjusting them to pupils capabilities.

Students can make lesson plans and evaluation criteria. They can also familiarize pupils with the means of evaluating their knowledge and skills, as well as motivating them.

Students have the ability to direct the class and implement various technoqies of working with pupils.

Students have the necessary skills with regard to diagnosis, supervision and evaluation of learning outcomes.

Social competences:

In contact with pupils, their parents and other teachers, students are empathetic, open and demonstrate pro-social attitudes and sense of responsibility.

Students are aware of the ethical dimension of pupil diagnosis and evaluation, as well as the ethical dimension and specificity of the teacher profession.

Students can choose their own path to professional self-improvement and participate in the actions of organisations promoting self-improvement for teachers.

Full description of the course

WINTER SEMESTER

- 1. Introducing the course sylabus, credit requirements and methods of evaluation. Didactics origin and development of this science in the historical aspect. Didactics and its place within pedagogical sciences.
- 2. General and specified didactics. The role and tasks of general didactics. Education and upbringing. The education system.
- 3. The education proces in a historical perspective. Previous didactics systems-Komensky, Herbart and Dewey.
- 4. Contemporary didactics systems.
- 5. Contemporary didactics theory.
- 6. The process and learning styles.
- 7. Teaching and education. Content and principles of education. Classroom as an educational background.
- 8. Taxonomy of learning objectives: general objectives and operational objectives.
- 9. Creating and evaluating curricula.

- 10. Methods of teaching and conducting classes.
- 11. Lessons as the basic form of teaching and learning. Lesson plans and their structure..
- 12. Coursebooks in the didactic proces. Teaching without a coursebook-Dogme approach. Authentic materials in foreign language didactics.
- 13. Infrastructure and educational means in didactic process. ICT in the didactic process.
- 14. Blended learning; flipped classroom.
- 15. End of term test.

SUMMER SEMESTER

- 1. Didactic strategies and the decalogue of a teacher. Empathy and professional ethics.
- 2. The pedagogy of dialogue and critical pedagogy by Paulo Freire.
- 3. Neurodidactics. Neurolinguistic programming.
- 4. Task-oriented didactics. Educational projects.
- 5. Didactic planning by teachers. Lesson plans and preparation.
- 6. Teachers` personality traits. The role and tasks of contemporary teachers.
- 7. Building the authority of a teacher and maintaining discipline during lessons.
- 8. Examining in school practice. Examining methods and designing tests
- 9. Grading systems in the education proces Internal grading systems in schools and external examinations. Supervision and evaluation of pupils` learning outcomes Continuous, semester and yearly assessment.
- 10. Didactic failures. Diagnosing and overcoming them.
- 11. Teachers as reflective educators. Relationships with fellow colleagues and pupils parents. Self-education and professional self-improvement.
- 12. Scientific research methods of teachers: observation, didactic experiments, empirical research.
- 13. Didactic extracurricular classes. Pupils` education at home. Individual work..

	14. The issues of contemporary education. Educational challenges of the school of the future.15. End of year test.							
Methods:	Lectures and multimedia presentation; interactive lecture.							
The students`s workload-	Forms of activity	The average numer of hours required to complete the activity Full time mode						
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	Number of hours with the participation of an academic teacher	30						
	Hours without the participation of an academic teacher:	20						
	1.Preparation for classes, including studying the recommended literature	10 10						
	2. Processing of the results/ preparation for the exam, tests, other							
	3. Preparation of a report, presentation, discussion							
	Total	50						
	Total number of ECTS points for the method of classes	2						
	Total number of ECTS points for the course	2						

The type and mode of obtaining credit

Form of obtaining credit:

- Passing grade (students have two attempts to pass the final test in the winter and summer semester)
- Written exam in summer exam session

Pass requirements:

Final grade is the arithmetic average of individual grades obtained over the course of the semester and at the end of a semester:

- End of semester/year test, open and cloze tasks
- Active participation in class
- Grading scheme:

Participation in classes

= 35%

Final tests results = 65%

Literature:

Compulsory reading:

Lorenzo, D. 2007. *Introducing Didactics*. Montevideo: Administración Nacional de Educación Pública.

Uljens, M. 1997. *School Didactics and Learning*. Hove, East Sussex: Psychology Press.

Zarzecki, L. 2008. *Wybrane problemy dydaktyki ogólnej*. Jelenia Góra: Kolegium Karkonoskie.

Additional reading:

Bereźnicki, F. 2011. *Zarys dydaktyki szkolnej*. Szczecin: Pedagogium. Kupisiewicz, Cz. 2000. *Dydaktyka ogólna*. Warszawa: Oficyna Wydawnicza GRAF PUNKT.

Polak, B. 2013. *Podstawy teorii ksztalcenia*. Szczecińska Szkoła Wyższa Collegium Balticum.

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