

Course description

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Course name:	Teaching English to Young Learners		
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Department/Unit /	KAA / MAPRE			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	Teaching English to Young Learners			Type of completion	Course-credit
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 3 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 1 [HRS/WEEK] Seminar 1 [HRS/WEEK]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	NO
Summer semester	0 / 0	0 / 20	0 / 0	Counted into average	NO
Winter semester	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 0	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	Czech, English			Semester taught	Winter, Summer
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	S N				
No. of hours of on-premise					
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	KAA/RVCJ				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

The aim of the course is to provide introduction to the area of very early language learning. Students will learn the characteristics of children between the age of two and eight and will gain the basics of preprimary education. Furthermore, they will gain insights into first language acquisition. The main focus will be on second language acquisition in linguistically homogeneous environment. They will learn to create favourable conditions for second language acquisition as well as didactic principles and other aspects of the process. Apart from internalising theoretical principles students will also learn to construct a syllabus and plan a lesson.

Requirements on student

1. active participation in classes (max. 2 missed classes)
2. interview based on the student's materials:
 - a) completed observation sheets (video-based observations) - all students
 - b) annotations of two publications selected from the list of basic or recommended literature (one publication dealing with general issues of pre-primary and primary education and one publication focused specifically on teaching English to pre-primary and primary learners) and a presentation of one of the publications in a seminar (up to 8 minutes) - students without an opportunity to teach pre-primary or primary school learners
 - c) a lesson plan for teaching English to pre-primary or primary learners including teaching aids, teaching the lesson and reflecting on the lesson in a written form - students who teach pre-primary or primary learners during their practicum

Content

Selected chapters from developmental psychology
 Preprimary education - selected issues
 First language acquisition
 Second language acquisition
 Bilingual education in linguistically homogeneous environment
 Conditions for very early language learning
 Roles of those involved (teacher, child, parents, other care-takers, etc.)
 Teaching techniques and strategies

Teaching aids
Long-term and short-term planning (syllabus design; lesson plan)

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

Competences acquired

On the basis of theoretical background students will be able to apply relevant didactic principles in both long-term and short-term planning, i.e. in syllabus design and in lesson planning for teaching English to children up to the age of eight.

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** doc. PaedDr. Monika Černá, Ph.D. (50%)
- **Lecturer:** doc. PaedDr. Monika Černá, Ph.D. (50%), prof. PhDr. Vladimíra Spilková, CSc. (50%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** doc. PaedDr. Monika Černá, Ph.D. (50%), prof. PhDr. Vladimíra Spilková, CSc. (50%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Říčan, Pavel. (2004). *Cesta životem*. Praha: Portál.
- **Basic:** LIGHTBOWN, P. M.; SPADA, N. *How Languages Are Learnt*. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2006. ISBN 978-0194422246.
- **Basic:** ČERNÁ, M. *Na návštěvě ve školce - angličtina s motýlky*. (DVD). 2011.
- **Basic:** KOLLÁRIKOVÁ, Z.; PUPALA, B. *Předškolní a primární pedagogika*. Praha : Portál, 2001. ISBN 80-7178-585-7.
- **Basic:** Cameron, Lynne. *Teaching Languages to Young Learners*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- **Recommended:** MAYO, M. P. G.; LECUMBERRI, M. L. G. *Age and the Acquisition of English as a Foreign Language (SLA)*. Multilingual Matters, 2003. ISBN 978-1853596384.
- **Recommended:** McKay, Penny. *Assessing Young Language Learners*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- **Recommended:** Koťátková, Soňa. *Dítě a mateřská škola*. Praha: Grada, 2014.
- **Recommended:** Helus, Zdeněk. *Dítě v osobnostním pojetí : obrat k dítěti jako výzva a úkol pro učitele i rodiče*. Praha: Portál, 2004. ISBN 80-7178-888-0.
- **Recommended:** Mourão, Sandie and Monica Lourenço. *Early years second language education: international perspectives on theories and practice*. Oxon: Routledge, 2015.
- **Recommended:** LUŠT, B.; FOLEY, C. *First Language Acquisition: The Essential Readings*. . Wiley-Blackwell, 2004. ISBN 978-0631232551.
- **Recommended:** O'GRADY, W. *How Children Learn Language*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2005. ISBN 0-521-53192-6.
- **Recommended:** Syslová, Zora, Věra Krejčová a Jana Kargerová. *Individualizace v mateřské škole*. Praha: Portál, 2015.
- **Recommended:** Hummel, Kirsten. M. *Introducing Second Language Acquisition. Perspectives and Practices*. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 2014.
- **Recommended:** Spilková, Vladimíra. a kol. *Proměny primárního vzdělávání v ČR*. Praha: Portál, 2006.
- **Recommended:** Opravilová, Eva. *Předškolní pedagogika I. : smysl a proměny dětství*. Liberec: Technická univerzita v Liberci, 2002. ISBN 80-7083-656-3.
- **Recommended:** Opravilová, Eva. *Předškolní pedagogika II. : hra (cesta k poznání předškolního dítěte)*. Liberec: Technická univerzita v Liberci, 2004. ISBN 80-7083-786-1.
- **Recommended:** VYGOTSKIJ, L.S. *Psychologie myšlení a řeči*. Praha : Portál, 2004. ISBN 80-7178-943-7 .
- **Recommended:** Černá, Monika. *Teacher's Resource Book ? Methodology for Very Early Language Learning*. Praha: Art D ? grafický ateliér Černý, s. r. o., 2009.
- **Recommended:** Franclová, Marta. *Zahájení školní docházky*. Praha: Grada, 2013.

Teaching methods

Monologic (reading, lecture, briefing)
Dialogic (discussion, interview, brainstorming)
Work with text (with textbook, with book)
Methods of individual activities

Monitoring
 Projection
 Skills training
 Stimulating activities (simulation, games, drama)

Assessment methods

Student performance assessment
 Discussion
 Student portfolio analysis
 Presentation

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2023	2024	Compulsory Courses A	B	1	LS
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