Study Programme: Elementary Teacher

**Course Unit Title:** Interesting Mathematics

**Course Unit Code:** U-4-2-4-4

Name of Lecturer(s): Márta Takács, Zita Diana

Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate Studies (BA)

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective

Semester (winter/summer): Winter

Language of instruction: Hungarian

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face learning

Number of ECTS Allocated: 2

Prerequisites: Exam in Mathematics I and Mathematics II passed.

**Course Aims:** Teaching mathematics expanded by interesting historical facts in order to familiarize children with the practical sides of mathematics. Introducing interesting riddles and issues from the history of mathematics, basic logical principles, that lead to solutions, getting to know the practical side of mathematics and make it less abstract for children.

Learning Outcomes: Students able to select and implemet specific mathematical tasks with children in lower

classes, based on basic logical reasoning.

## Syllabus:

Theory

Interesting historical facts related to mathematics. Tasks and riddles from the Greek and Roman era, Asian attractions. Renaissance era. Paradoxes. Logical rules of thinking. A selection of interesting mathematical riddles. Teaching children how to solve a riddle. Magical squares.

Practice

Seminar paper on a paradox.

## **Required Reading:**

Compulsory:

Kosztolányi, József – Mike, János – Vincze, István (1992): Érdekes matematikai feladatok. Szeged: Mozaik Oktatási Stúdió.

Optional:

Baillif, Jean-Claude (1989): Logikai sziporkák. Budapest: Gondolat.

Isidorovič, Jakov (1979): Zanimljiva matematika, Zagreb: Nakladni zavod Hrvatske.

Matematikai érdekességek (1969): Budapest: Gondolat.

Mosonyi, Kálmán (1977): Matematikai játékok. Általános iskolai szakköri füzet sorozat, Budapest: Tankönyvkiadó.

Weekly Contact Hours: 2 (30)		Lectures:1 (15)		Practical work: 1 (15)	
<b>Teaching Methods:</b>					
Lecture, practice on a	compute	er, discussion, co	onsultation.		
Knowledge Assessme	ent (max	timum of 100 p	oints): 100		
Pre-exam obligations	points		Final exam		points
Active class participation	10		written exam		30
Practical work	10		oral exam		20
Preliminary exam(s)					
Seminar(s)	30				
The methods of known oral exam, project pre-	e	5	ffer; the table pre	sents on	ly some of the options: written exam