Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: English Studies

Course Unit Title: Methodology of Teaching English as a Foreign Language 1

Course Unit Code: 15EJEJ30

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Type and Level of Studies: Bachelor

Course Status (compulsory/elective): compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): winter

Language of instruction: English

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

Number of ECTS Allocated: 6

Prerequisites: /

Course Aims:

Gaining a theoretical basis for EFL learning and teaching and enabling students to conduct relevant practical classroom activities.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course EFL students will:

- 1. have gained knowledge in ELT Methodology (theory and practice),
- 2. have gained knowledge of/experience with language teaching approaches/methods,
- 3. have gained skills in teaching EFL in the classroom,
- 4. have developed an awareness of teacher and learner roles and the classroom dynamics involved,
- 5. be able to identify and discuss key issues in L2 learning and teaching.

Syllabus:

- 1. Applied linguistics and foreign language teaching methodology. A brief history of language teaching. ELT terminology. Defining approach, method and technique/approach, design, procedure. Theories of language learning (process-oriented vs. condition oriented) and language (structural, functional and interactional views).
- 2. Major ELT Methods (their approach, design and procedures): The Grammar-Translation Method, The Direct Method, The Audio-Lingual Method, The Silent Way, (De)Suggestopedia, The Total Physical Response, Community Language Learning, The Natural Approach; The Communicative Approach (Communicative methodology rationale, Competence and performance, Accuracy vs. Fluency, Communicative activities).
- 3. Behavioral and cognitive approaches to learning; Building a theory of L2 acquisition (The Innatist perspective: Universal grammar; Krashen's Monitor Model (The Input Hypothesis and L2 acquisition theory), 5 hypotheses (Acquisition-learning hypothesis, Natural order hypothesis, Monitor hypothesis, Input Hypothesis and Affective filter hypothesis). Language acquisition vs. language learning. Evidence supporting the Input Hypothesis.
- 4. Factors affecting L2 learning (Age, Aptitude, Motivation and attitude, Personality, Cognitive style, Hemisphere specialization, Learning strategies). H. Gardner's multiple intelligences. Activities categorized according to the intelligence type. Learning Styles (Field Independence, Left-and right-brain functioning, Ambiguity tolerance, Reflectivity and Impulsivity, Visual/Kinesthetic/Auditory Styles). Learning Strategies (Direct: Memory, Cognitive, and Compensation Strategies; Indirect: Metacognitive, Affective, and Social Strategies). Motivation (Different approaches to understanding motivation, Characteristics of motivated learners, Instrumental and integrative orientations, Intrinsic and extrinsic

motivation, Motivational strategies: Teacher, Climate, Task, Rapport, Self-confidence, Interest, Autonomy, Personal relevance, Goal, Culture; Finding ways of arousing learner interest in L2 classroom).

Required Reading:

Preliminary exam(s)

Seminar(s)

Brown, D. H. Principles of Language Learning and Teaching, Pearson Longman, New York, 2000

Brumfit, C. J. Communicative Methodology in Language Teaching. The Roles of Fluency and Accuracy, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1984

Ellis, R. The Study of Second Language Acquisition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1996

Harmer, J. The Practice of English Language Teaching, Addison Wesley, Longman Ltd, Harrow, 1997

Krashen, S. D. The Input Hypothesis: Issues and Implications, Longman, London, 1987

Larsen-Freeman, D. Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2000

Lightbown, P. & N. Spada. How Languages are Learned, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2006

Nunan, D. Language Teaching Methodology, Phoenix ELT, Hemel Hempstead, 1995

Richards, J.C. & T. S. Rodgers. *Approaches and Methods in Language Teaching: a description and analysis*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1986

Scrivener, J. Learning Teaching, Heinemann, Oxford, 1994

Tanner, R. & C. Green. Tasks for Teacher Education, Longman, London, 1998

Ur, P. A Course in Language Teaching - Practice and Theory, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1997

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Weekly Contact Hours:		Lectures:		Practical work:	
Teaching Methods: lectures, problem-based learning, self-study.					
Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):					
Pre-exam obligations	points		Final exam		points
Class activity and	10		written exam		40
attendance					
Observation Journal	25		oral exam		