Study program: Class Teacher Education; Preschool Teacher Education; Boarding School Teacher Education

Level of studies: Bachelor studies, first cycle degree program

Course unit: Intercultural education

Teacher: Jelena Starcevic, PhD, associate professor

Language of instruction: English

**ECTS:** 5 ECTS, elective

**Prerequisites:** /

**Semester:** Summer semester (IV)

## Course unit objective

Construction of knowledge, development of skills and attitudes that will enable students to contribute to the mutual respect, understanding and solidarity among ethnically, socially and culturally diverse individuals and groups; preparation of students to create an educational practice that reflects the cultural heterogeneity and to adapt teaching strategies taking into account the needs and characteristic of all students in the classroom.

# Learning outcomes of Course unit

Students will gain knowledge about different barriers pupils are faced with and ways they influence the education. They will be able to reflect upon different approaches to reducing these barriers. Students will understand how the ethic of care, respect for diversity, and principles of equality contribute to promotion of learning and development of all pupils. They will be more mindful of cultural differences and cultural identities as well as more willing to take into consideration the particularity of each family in respect to customs, language and values.

### **Course unit contents**

Concept of culture. Identity: personal and group identity. Cultural and individual differences. Attitudes towards differences: biased and positive attitudes. Prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination. The consequences of prejudice and stereotypes. Moving from ethnocentric worldview to the respect of cultural differences.

#### References

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- 2. Barna, L.M. (1994). Stumbling Blocks in Intercultural Communication. In L. A. Samovar & R. E. Porter (Eds.), *Intercultural communication: A reader* (7th ed.) (pp. 337–346). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company.
- 3. Petrović, D. S., Leutwyler, B., Zlatković, B. M., Mantel, C. & Dimitrijević, B. (2013). *Teachers' Intercultural Sensitivity: An Approach for Teacher Education*. Institute for International Cooperation in Education, Zug, Institute of Psychology, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Teacher education, Vranje, University of Niš.
- 4. Powell, R. G. & Caseau, D. (2004). *Classroom Communication and Diversity: Enhancing Instructional Practice*. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., Publishers.

Number of act	Other classes			
Lectures:	Practice:	Other forms of classes:	Independent work	
30	15	mentoring system		

#### **Teaching methods**

Interactive lectures; literature analysis and discussion; writing an article review; writing an essay about the school practice; conducting research assignment and writing research report (optional).

Examination methods (maximum 100 points)						
Exam prerequisites	No. of points:	Final exam	No. of points:			
Student's activity during lectures	10	oral examination				
Practical classes/tests	40	written examination	30			
Seminars/homework	20					
Project						
Other						

Grading system					
Grade	Number of points	Description			
10	91-100	Excellent			
9	81-90	Exceptionally good			
8	71-80	Very good			
7	61-70	Good			
6	51-60	Passing			
5	≤50	Failing			