Study program: Leadership in Education

Type and level of studies: Master studies, second cycle degree program

Course unit: Education policies and leading change

Teacher in charge: Jelena Teodorovic, PhD, associate professor

Language of instruction: English

ECTS credits and course status: 6 ECTS, elective

Prerequisite: /

Semester: Summer semester (II)

Course unit objective: Introducing students to the fundaments of education policy, its formation, implementation and evaluation, and the main topics. Understanding the factors and dynamics of school level change and developing competencies for effective change leadership.

Learning outcomes of course unit: Students will be able to: recognize actors and characteristics of education policies; analyze recent developments in education policies in Serbia and worldwide; understand complexities of school level changes; effectively initiate and lead change, including finding solutions for problems and resistances incited by changes.

Content of the course: Concepts of public policy and education policy; Fundaments of public policies: values, expertise, evidence and interests; Public policy cycle (general logic, advantages and limitations) and alternative approaches; Education policy-makers in Serbia: division of responsibility, cooperation and other stakeholders (unions, professional and other organizations); Formation, implementation and evaluation of education policies in Serbia; Quality, equity and efficiency in the focus of education policies in Serbia. Educational change: causes, directions and levels of change; Stages of change: initiating, implementing and institutionalizing; Change paradigms; Personal and collective meanings of change; Micro-politics of organizational change; Change resistance; Overcoming resistance to change; Support and pressure; Principles and techniques of leading change.

Literature

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Lectures: 30 Practice: 30 Independent work: 15

Teaching methods: Lectures. Discussion and analysis of texts and topics. Group and individual work on project assignments.

Assessment of knowledge (maximum nubmer of points is 100)

Pre-final obligation	points	Final exam	points
Activity during lesson	10	Written exam	50
Homework	10	Oral exam	
Mini project assignments	30		

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	