

COURSE MODULE OUTLINE

(1) General information

SCHOOL	HUMANITIES		
PROGRAM COURSE	THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN/INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE		
LEVEL OF STUDY	POSTGRADUATE		
COURSE UNIT CODE	AGGDN	YEAR	2 nd or 3 rd
COURSE TITLE	POSTGRADUATE WRITTEN DISSERTATION		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES <i>in case credits are awarded for separate components/parts of the course, e.g. in lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If credits are awarded for the entire course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits</i>	WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS	
	840	30	
<i>Add rows if necessary. The organization of teaching and the teaching methods used are described in detail under section 4</i>			
COURSE TYPE Compulsory, Optional, Optional mandatory	COMPULSORY for Route A'		
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	AGG41		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND EXAMS:	ENGLISH		
THE COURSE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	NO		
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://www.eap.gr/en/teaching-english-as-a-foreign-international-language/topics/#agde Each module has its own space in the Learning Management System of EAP (http://courses.eap.gr), with controlled, password-protected access for students and teaching staff.		

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes

The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate (certain) level, which students will acquire upon successful completion of the course, are described in detail. It is necessary to consult:

APPENDIX A

- Description of the level of learning outcomes for each level of study, in accordance with the European Higher Education Qualifications' Framework.
- Descriptive indicators for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and

APPENDIX B

Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this module, students will be expected to be able to:

- identify different types and processes of educational action research
- demonstrate a working awareness of different quantitative and qualitative research methods
- design educational action research plans that are relevant to their purposes and needs
- administer educational action research
- analyse the research findings using the appropriate and relevant tools
- present their research findings in ways that are appropriate to their academic context.

General Competences

Taking into consideration the general competences that students/graduates must acquire (as those are described in the Diploma Supplement and are mentioned below), at which of the following does the course attendance aim?

Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information by the use of appropriate technologies,	Project planning and management
Adapting to new situations	Respect for diversity and multiculturalism
Decision-making	Environmental awareness
Individual/Independent work	Social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues
Group/Team work	Critical thinking
Working in an international environment	Development of free, creative and inductive thinking
Working in an interdisciplinary environment (Other.....citizenship, spiritual freedom, social
Introduction of innovative research	awareness, altruism etc.)

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Action research

(3) COURSE CONTENT

General description: The M.Ed. in TEFL dissertation is a written work of up to 15,000 words that focuses on a particular research issue or concern in the area of English language teaching.

(4) TEACHING METHODS--ASSESSMENT

<p>MODES OF DELIVERY <i>Face-to-face, in-class lecturing, distance teaching and distance learning etc.</i></p>	<p>Distance learning Frequent face-to-face meetings (synchronous contact sessions)</p>
<p>USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY <i>Use of ICT in teaching, Laboratory Education, Communication with students</i></p>	<p>Communication with students via email, Webex meetups and telephone sessions</p>
<p>COURSE DESIGN <i>Description of teaching techniques, practices and methods: Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, Internship, Art Workshop, Interactive teaching, Educational visits, projects, Essay writing, Artistic creativity, etc.</i></p> <p><i>The study hours for each learning activity as well as the hours of selfdirected study are given following the principles of the ECTS.</i></p>	<p>The workload includes the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bibliographic review - Conduct original research in the field - Writing MDE - Oral presentation-support (viva)
<p>STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT METHODS <i>Detailed description of the evaluation procedures:</i></p> <p><i>Language of evaluation, assessment methods, formative or summative (conclusive), multiple choice tests, short- answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral exam, presentation, laboratory work, other.....etc.</i></p> <p><i>Specifically defined evaluation criteria are stated, as well as if and where they are accessible by the students.</i></p>	<p>The dissertation is considered successful if it is evaluated with a grade of five (5), based on specific criteria.</p> <p>These criteria are derived from the HOU Study Regulations (https://www.eap.gr/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/kanonismos-spoudwn-isxys-apo-to-didaktiko-etos-2022-2023.pdf) and are posted both on the university's website (https://www.eap.gr/education/odigos-spoudwn-eap) as well as on the Digital Education Space (https://courses.eap.gr) of the Thematic Unit.</p>

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- Related scientific journals

Research Methods in Applied Linguistics

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/research-methods-in-applied-linguistics>

Language Teaching Research <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ltr>

Journal of Language Teaching and Research <http://www.academypublication.com/jltr/>

*Language Learning. A Journal of Research in
Language Studies.*

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14679922>

*International Journal of Research & Method in
Education*

<https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/cwse2>

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