University of Regensburg (UR)

Courses in English for international students
Study fields: Education / Pedagogy / Teacher Training
The University of Regensburg’s International Office is happy to announce a brand new program for international students in the field of Education. The courses will be offered by the Institute of Education on a regular basis from summer semester 2019 on. All classes are taught in English and will take place either in the summer or in the winter term.

Course offer

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<th>Course Title (Type)</th>
<th>Credits</th>
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<td>Social processes in the classroom <em>(seminar)</em></td>
<td>4 ECTS</td>
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<td>Literacy, reading and writing in early stages of primary education <em>(seminar)</em></td>
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<td>Controversies in Education and Child Development <em>(seminar)</em></td>
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<td>Diversity in Educational Settings <em>(seminar)</em></td>
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<td>Taking a peek into the classroom - A look at the German school system <em>(practical course at schools + basic seminar at UR)</em></td>
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Due to the fact that the program is in its final planning, not all the details are finalized yet. Slight changes may occur.
Course descriptions

Social Processes in the Classroom
TBA (no course description available yet)

Literacy, Reading and Writing in Early Stages of Primary Education
The course provides information on how literacy skills unfold for children across the first year of schooling. This understanding of literacy development follows the current research concerning the critical role of early literacy experiences. The course also focusses on analyzing teaching and learning materials for reading and writing lessons in primary education. Assessment: oral presentation + portfolio

Controversies in Education and Child Development
Controversial topics in education will be presented and discussed on a broad basis, with respect to their evidential, theoretical and philosophical/ethical status. Topics include contemporary challenges and advances facing educationalists, such as: standards in education, developmentally appropriate schooling and pre-schooling, school readiness, computer assisted learning, and the purposes of education.

Diversity in Educational Settings
People are shaped by visible and invisible similarities and differences, some of which can be influenced while others are set. Diversity is an approach with origins in the business sector that acknowledges and values the given multi-layered diversity in a team or any other group. It facilitates positive intergroup interaction and aims to reduce prejudice and discrimination. „Diversity is not about the others – it is about you“ - Instead of talking about the other, awareness and self-reflection are raised towards labeling and stereotyping as well as normalcy constructions. In the seminary chances and challenges, responsibilities and insecurities connected to the diversity of gender, age, abilities, sexual orientations, religions, languages, social, cultural and ethnical backgrounds in educational settings or other contexts participants prepare to be working in are to be discussed. Ideas and methods will be gathered to be applied in a self-reflective, competent and target-oriented way in the own professional practice. Assessment: presentation, paper, exam

Taking a Peek into the Classroom - A Look at the German School System
Practical course: Every week we will visit a school (different types of schools, different levels) and observe lessons of different subjects (+ information about the profile/focus of the schools); discussion with teachers/principal.

Basic Seminar at University:
Reflection of our experiences and observations in the schools; presentations focusing on school systems in Europe and important issues of teaching.

Assessment: portfolio + presentation

Evaluation and Effectiveness of Educational Organization
Main focus: Important aspects about Evaluation.
This course provides theoretical understanding and methodological basics of conducting educational evaluations. Different approaches will be discussed, important ingredients for good
evaluation will be presented, important evaluation criteria will be identified, and an evaluation design will be developed. To pass the course, you have to attend the sessions, participate actively, and pass the exam.

2h/week

**Basics of Instructional Design**
For advanced students only!
In this master course various models of Instructional Design, such as problem based learning and self-directed learning, will be discussed. In addition, theories on how Instruction can be designed will also be discussed. Important aspects are the conditions and determinants for ‘good’ training. Therefore, attention will be paid also to two different perspectives: the needs and characteristics of the participants of the training have, and the needs and characteristics of the trainers/teachers. In highly interactive sessions we will work together on the understanding of the theories, and use of theories for solving actual problems in the practice of education and training.

2h/week

**Complementary Course to Bachelor Thesis**
Seminar for students who will conceptualize or write the bachelor thesis.

1h/week

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Further information:

**Language Requirements:** Students wishing to take courses from the English-taught course program must have English knowledge at level B2 (according to CEFR) or better.

**Course Catalogue:** Information on all courses can be accessed via the course catalogue: https://lsf.uni-regensburg.de

Please see our orientation guide for incoming students for further information on housing, insurance, orientation programs, etc.: https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students

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