

# DEGREE CURRICULUM CHILDREN'S LITERATURE IN ENGLISH FOR THE PRIMARY EDUCATION CLASSROOM

Coordination: CASADO GUAL, NURIA

Academic year 2021-22

# Subject's general information

Subject name	CHILDREN'S LITERATURE IN ENGLISH FOR THE PRIMARY EDUCATION CLASSROOM					
Code	100970					
Semester	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION					
Туроlоду	Degree		Course	Character	Modality	
	Bachelor's Degree in Primary Training		4	OPTIONAL	Attendance- based	
	Double bachelor's degree: Degree in Primary Training and Degree in Physical Activity and Sports Sciences		5	OPTIONAL	Attendance- based	
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6					
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRAULA		TEORIA		
	Number of credits	1.8		4.2		
	Number of groups			1		
Coordination	CASADO GUAL, NURIA					
Department	ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS					
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.					
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### Learning objectives

- To know the foundations of children's literature in English.

- To study and analyze children's literature through different genres: picture books, classic and modern short stories, poetry and drama.

- To use theatre techniques as integral pedagogical instrument.

- To approach children's literature in English as a didactic resource that promotes democratic values within multicultural and plurilingual contexts.

- To reinforce the knowledge and use of English language at oral and written levels.

- To use literature and theatre in English as an innovative teaching resource in the Primary-Education classroom.

### Competences

The students will develop the following competences throughout the course:

**CB2.** To apply their knowledge to their future job or vocation in a professional way and to show their competence through the elaboration and defence of arguments and problem-solving skills within their case studies.

**CG1.** To promote democratic values, with a special emphasis on tolerance, solidarity, justice, non-violence, and to disseminate and value human rights.

**CG2.** To know the intercultural reality and develop attitudes of respect, tolerance and solidarity towards different social and cultural groups.

**CG5.** To develop the capacity to analyze and reflect critically about the need to eliminate any form of direct or indirect discrimination, in particular forms of discrimination related to race, gender, sexual identity or disability.

**CG6.** To commit to one's personal and professional development, as well as that of the community. To adapt learning proposals to significant and ever-changing cultural environments.

CE3. To deal with learning situations within multicultural and plurilingual contexts efficiently.

CE14. To reflect on classroom practices in order to innovate and improve one's own teaching practice.

CE15. To acquire habits and skills related to individual and cooperative forms of learning, and to be able to promote

them.

### Subject contents

This course consists of the following modules or Units: Unit 1: Introduction to World Chidren's and YAL Literature Unit 2: Classic and Contemporary Short Stories in English Unit 3: Poetry in English: Poems, Songs and Rhymes Unit 4: Theatre in English as Integral Teaching Tool

### Methodology

This course combines the following teaching methodologies derived from the subject with which it is associated:

Debate Reading and Study Individual assignment Tutorial Seminar Team work Reflective learning Reading assignments and critical reading Worskhops Didactic proposals / oral presentations / debate Supervision of individual and cooperative work Written tests

# Development plan

The work calendar for this subject is as follows:

#### Weeks 1-3: Unit 1 - Introduction to children's literature in the world (13 - 27 September)

Weeks 1-2: Theoretical basis of children's literature.

Week 3: Picture books: main characteristics and analysis of examples

#### Weeks 4-7: Unit 2 – Classic and contemporary short stories in English (1-25 October)

Weeks 4-5: Classic short stories in English: establishing the basis of children's literature

Week 6-7: Contemporary short stories in English: toward a global world

WRITTEN TEST UNITS 1 and 2: 25 October

#### Weeks 8 - 10: Unit 3 - Poetry in English: poems, songs and rhymes (29 October - 15 November)

Week 8: Why poetry? Characteristics of children literature. Poetry in the classroom: poems to be seen, poems to be read and poems to be heard.

Week 9: Rhythm, rhyme and formal structure.

Week 10: The importance of songs in the English classroom: music as a memorization tool.

#### Weeks 11-15: Unit 4 - Theatre in English as Integral Teaching Tool

Week 1: Let's Play!: Theatre as a Pedagogical Resource

Week 2: Shakespeare and Other Classics: Dramatic Texts and Performative Strategies for the English Classroom

Week 3: Verbatim Drama in English: Theatre as Resource for CLIL Projects

Week 4: Devised Theatre in English: Theatre as a Source of Creativity

Week 5: "The World Is a Stage": Design of Projects and Final Showcase

#### **Evaluation**

The evaluation will consist of the following tasks:

- Written test (Units 1 and 2)
- Oral presentation (Units 1 and 2)
- Group work assignments (Units 3 and 4)
- Follow-up activities (Units 3 an 4)

The percentages of the evaluation will be the following:

Units 1 & 2: Oral presentation (15%) and Written exam (25%)

Unit 3: Follow up activities (10%) and group work (15%)

Unit 4: Follow up activities (20%) and group work (15%)

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