

Master of Arts in Content and Language Integrated Learning

General information on the institution organizing the Master course

Higher Education Institution Name (in the original language)	Paedagogische Hochschule Niederoestereich
Higher Education Institution Name in English or French (in the case the original name is not in one of the two languages)	University of Education in Lower Austria
Faculty/Department affiliation of the Master course	Department 3: BIKO - Nationale/Internationale Bildungskooperation, Bildungsforschung
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Website of the Master course	http://www.ph-noe.ac.at/clil0.html
Discipline of the Master course	Interdisciplinary

Summary description and curriculum of the Master course by year, including possible specialisations

The MA CLIL is a four semester course. It consists of 17 modules and earns 120 EC

The first two semesters of the MA CLIL provide the participants with the methodological foundation of using a foreign language across the curriculum in connection with the most recent models of foreign language acquisition.

Using texts from various subject areas the participants' active and passive language skills in the target language are fostered. Participants establish a direct connection between teaching a foreign language and their subject matter teaching experience and provide evidence of their work in a portfolio and e-portfolio.

Knowing and experimenting concepts of transfer enable participants to teach a foreign language across the curriculum. Getting to know and applying qualitative research methods support the practical application of models, its observation and evaluation. Experiencing modern media as a learning tool and skills in using multimedia and IT in teaching practice improve the participants' language skills, their methodological competence in using modern media in foreign language education as well as their ability in establishing international professional contacts.

In the last two semesters the methodological skills for delivering CLIL are furthered and supplemented by theoretical and practical elements on curriculum design. Theories of bilingual education and multilingualism, sociological, psychological and linguistic components are taught theoretically and applied practically in material design and a research based MA dissertation.

Two modules are delivered in the country of the target language in order to support both, language skills and intercultural awareness. The participants should reach a language level of C1 (part 1) and C2 (part 2) in the target language.

Working language: English.

Methodological input, portfolio work, curriculum design, and language courses can also be delivered in languages other than English in tailor made courses.

Number of years for which this Master course has been taught at the Institution 1

Quality assessment of the course

The course is evaluated by the internal system of evaluation which includes a participant survey. The development of the course was supervised externally.

Structure of the Master course

Number of study months of the full-degree programme 48

Month in which the Master course starts October

Month in which the Master course ends June

Total number of course hours 800

Is there any short-term mobility planned?

Yes

Destination(s) and purpose(s) of the mobility:

For MA in CLIL - English: NILE - Norwich (UK), delivery of 2 modules (2 weeks tuition in the UK, rest by distance study) with a focus on language and intercultural development

Methods of assessment of students' performance

Evaluation is based on participants' assignments and participation in the modules. Each module is evaluated separately. After the first two semesters a portfolio demonstrating the participants' ability to design CLIL materials and to research and reflect on its implementation (5,000 words excluding materials) has to be submitted. After the fourth semester the participants submit an MA dissertation of 15,000 words. A final exam finishes their MA studies.

Number of credits (corresponding to ECTS) earned upon completion of the Master course 120

Main working language of the course English

Second working language of the course, if present

Any other working language of the course, if present Planned: Turkish

Presence of a Master's Thesis

Yes

Admission and selection

University degree(s) BA or similar qualification

Language knowledge and levels required English: B2

Summary description of the selection procedure (including the average ratio of applications to admissions)

Foreign language teachers or trainers who have already implemented CLIL or who are planning to implement CLIL are considered first. Applicants who do not hold academic or teaching degrees are considered if they have sufficient professional experience in implementing a foreign language as a working language.

Applicants : admissions ratio = 100 : 90

Composition of student body and faculty and Reception services offered to foreign students by the institution

Percentage of students from EU member states 90 %

Percentage of third-country students (if applicable, share of ENPI - European Neighbouring Policy Instrument - students) 8 %

Overall average number of students admitted to the master course 20

Teaching staff (by country, if relevant)

3 Austria

1 Ireland

3 England (Norwich- NILE Module)

Description of the reception services offered to foreign students by the institution

Responses to general enquiries by telephone, email and in person
Organisation of transport from Vienna Airport or main train stations to institution/student accommodation
Booking of rooms
IT and library support

Language courses offered to students?

Yes

Are the costs of these language courses included in the tuition fees?

No

Fees associated to the programme

Annual Tuition Fees between 2000 and 5000 euro
(if the course fees are not in Euro, the approximate equivalent in euro is shown)

Services included in the tuition fees

Tuition, course materials (photocopies), IT and library support, exam fees