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Natural Science and
Social Science
Degree in Early
Childhood Education



UNIVERSIDAD
NEBRIJA

TEACHING GUIDE

Subject : Natural Science and Social Science Learning

Qualification: Degree in Early Childhood Education

Character: Mandatory

Language: Spanish/ English

Modality: In-person/Remote

Credits: 4

Course: 3rd

Semester: 6th

Teachers / Teaching Staff: Mr. Alejandro Galán Marin

1. COMPETENCES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

1.1. Competencies

Basic skills

CB1 Students are able to possess and understand the knowledge in an area of study that is based on general secondary education, and is usually found at a level that, while supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the forefront of their field of study.

CB2 Ability to apply knowledge professionally to work or vocation, demonstrate argumentation skills, and resolve problems within the field of study.

CB3 Students should have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (normally within their area of study) to make judgments that include a reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature.

CB4 Students can transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

CB5 Students have developed the learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

General skills

CG1 Understand and relate the general and specialized knowledge of the profession, considering both its epistemological singularity and the specificity of its teaching.

CG3 Understand the complexity of educational processes in general and teaching-learning processes in particular.

CG5 Knowledge of the profession.

CG6 Ability to analyze and synthesize.

CG7 Oral and written communication in the mother tongue and in a second language.

CG8 Ability to manage information and use advanced technological means.

CG15 Ability, initiative and motivation to learn, research and work independently.

CG16 Promote creativity or the ability to generate new ideas, as well as the entrepreneurial spirit.

CG18 Ability to design and manage projects.

Specific skills

CEC1 Know the objectives, curricular contents and evaluation criteria of Early Childhood Education.

CEC2 Ability to promote and facilitate learning in early childhood from a comprehensive and integrative perspective that encompasses the cognitive, emotional, psychomotor, and volitional dimensions.

CEC5 Know the educational implications of information and communication technologies and, in particular, of television in early childhood.

CEC9 Ability to reflect on classroom practices to innovate and improve teaching; to acquire habits and skills for autonomous and cooperative learning; and to foster these in students.

CEM32 Know the scientific, mathematical and technological foundations of the curriculum for this stage, as well as the theories on the acquisition and development of the corresponding learning.

CEM33 Know teaching strategies to develop numerical representations and spatial, geometric and logical development notions.

CEM34 Understand mathematics as sociocultural knowledge.

CEM35 Know the scientific methodology and promote scientific thinking and experimentation.

CEM36 Acquire knowledge about the evolution of thought, customs, beliefs and social and political movements throughout history.

CEM37 Know the most outstanding moments in the history of science and technology and their significance.

CEM38 Develop teaching proposals related to the interaction between science, technology, society and sustainable development.

CEM39 Promote interest and respect for the natural, social and cultural environment through appropriate educational projects.

CEM40 Promote introductory experiences in information and communication technologies.

1.2. Learning outcomes

- Know the context of social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics in the context of the area of knowledge of the early childhood education environment.
- Know the basic processes in the learning area of children aged 0-6 years in relation to the relevant natural, social, and mathematical content.
- Understand and know how to apply the desirable methodological guidelines for teaching this area of knowledge.
- Create activity sequence designs that give rise to teaching proposals that can be experimented with in the classroom.
- Know the logical-mathematical abilities of children aged 0-6 years.
- Know the foundations and purpose of mathematics in early childhood education.
- Know the development of the social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics curriculum for early childhood education, with the ability to select and contribute activities.

2. CONTENTS

2.1. Prerequisites

None.

2.2. Description of content

- Description of the natural, social, and cultural environments. Experimentation of the environment in the 0-6 years old stage.
- Science, Social Science, and Mathematics in the Early Childhood Education Curriculum
- Teaching strategies to promote scientific thought and experimentation. Teaching strategies for the development of numerical, geometrical, and logical representations.

2.3. Training activities

In-person mode:

TRAINING ACTIVITY	HOURS	PERCENTAGE OF PRESENCE
AF1. Synchronous theoretical classes	14.6	100%
AF3. Practical classes. Seminars and workshops	11.6	100%

AF4. Tutorials	9.2	100%
AF5. Working in small groups	4.8	100%
AF6. Individual study and independent work	56.4	0%
AF7. Assessment activities	3.4	100%
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS	100	

Distance learning mode:

TRAINING ACTIVITY	HOURS	PERCENTAGE OF PRESENCE
AF2. Asynchronous theoretical classes.	9.4	0%
AF3. Practical classes. Seminars and workshops	6.6	0%
AF 4. Tutorials	8	0%
AF6. Individual study and independent work	74.6	0%
AF7. Assessment activities	1.4	100%
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS	250	

2.4. Teaching methodologies

The teaching staff may choose between one or more of the following methodologies detailed in the verified degree report:

Code	Teaching methodologies	Description
MD1	Expository method. Master lecture	Structured presentation of the topic by the teacher to facilitate information to students, transmit knowledge and activate cognitive processes. Active student participation is encouraged through debate, discussion of cases, questions and presentations.
MD2	Individual study	Autonomous and reflective work of the student, to deepen the acquisition of the associated skills (preparation of classes and exams; use of information sources; completion of assignments, presentations; use of ICT; participation in discussion forums, etc.).
MD3	Collaborative learning	Develop active and significant learning in a cooperative way.
MD4	Troubleshooting	Active methodology that allows to exercise, rehearse and put into practice previous knowledge.

MD5	Case studies	Analysis of a real or simulated case to learn about it, interpret it, solve it, generate hypotheses, contrast data, reflect, complete knowledge, etc.
MD6	Project-oriented learning	Carry out a project to solve a problem and apply acquired skills and knowledge.
MD7	Tutoring (individual and/or group)	Methodology based on the teacher as a guide for student learning. Face-to-face or through the use of technological tools such as forums, mail or videoconferences.
MD8	Apprenticeship contract	Develop autonomous learning.
MD9	Self-evaluation	Assessment of one's own knowledge, skills and acquisition of competencies.
MD10	Heteroevaluation	Teacher's evaluation of the student

3. EVALUATION SYSTEM

3.1. Grading system

The final grading system will be expressed numerically, in accordance with the provisions of art. 5 of Royal Decree 1125/2003, of 5 September (BOE, 18 September), which establishes the European Credit System and the Grading System for official university degrees and their validity throughout the national territory.

- 0 - 4.9 Fail (SS)
- 5.0 - 6.9 Pass (AP)
- 7.0 - 8.9 Excellent (NT)
- 9.0 - 10 Outstanding (SB)

The distinction of "**Matrícula de Honor**" (**Honors**) may be awarded to students who achieve a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of Honors awarded may not exceed 5% of the students enrolled in a given course during the academic year. If fewer than 20 students are enrolled, only one Honors distinction may be granted.

3.2. Evaluation criteria

Ordinary call

Modality: In person

Evaluation systems	Percentage
Partial evaluation	20%
Activities	20%
Participation	10%
Final exam	50%

Modality: Distance learning

Evaluation systems	Percentage
Activities	30%
Participation	10%
Final exam	60%

Extraordinary call

Modality: In person

Evaluation systems	Percentage
Activities	40%
Final exam	60%

Modality: Distance learning

Evaluation systems	Percentage
Activities	40%
Final exam	60%

3.3. Restrictions

Minimum qualification

To average the above weightings, it is necessary to obtain at least a grade of 5 in the final test.

Attendance

The student who, without justification, fails to attend more than 25% of the classes may be deprived of the right to take the exam in the ordinary call.

Writing standards

Special attention will be paid to the presentation and content of written assignments, practical exercises and projects, as well as to exams, considering grammar and spelling. Failure to comply with the minimum acceptable standards may result in points being deducted from said assignment.

3.4. Warning about plagiarism

Universidad Antonio de Nebrija will not tolerate plagiarism or any form of academic dishonesty under any circumstances. Plagiarism includes the reproduction of text from external sources (internet, books, articles, classmates' papers, etc.) without proper citation of the original source. The use of quotations must be appropriate and not excessive. Plagiarism constitutes a serious offense. If such practices are detected, they will be classified as Serious Misconduct, and the corresponding sanctions established in the Student Regulations may be applied.

4. LITERATURE

Basic bibliography

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Parra, J. M. (2009). *Un modelo didáctico para la enseñanza de las Ciencias Sociales*. Grupo Editorial Universitario.

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5. TEACHING STAFF DATA

You can consult the teachers' email and the academic and professional profile of the teaching team at: <https://www.nebrija.com/carreras-universitarias/grado-educacion-infantil/#masInfo#container3>