



# Syllabus: Teaching Literacy in English as a Foreign Language

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**Course description:** This course is intended to familiarise student teachers with principles, theories and techniques to develop children's literacy skills in the primary classroom.

**Requisites:** Students are required to have completed and passed the courses: English as a Foreign Language, Teaching EFL in Primary Education, and to have certified at least a B2 level of English. Attendance to the classes is compulsory.

## Objectives:

Develop students' knowledge and ability to use techniques and strategies in order to design, elaborate and apply literacy skills in English in the primary school classroom.

Enhance students' critical appraisal of the degree of effectiveness of different methods, resources and strategies that are available for teaching English as a Foreign Language literacy in the primary classroom.

To reflect on the planning and assessment of teaching units or sequences in which literacy skills are integrated with other essential language skills and components.

## Content:

1. Teaching literacy to Young Learners
2. Approaches and strategies for developing reading and writing
3. Resources and materials for reading and writing
4. Planning and assessment of English literacy skills in primary education

## Assessment:

50% Final Exam

50% Other activities (projects, written and oral work, developed individually and in small groups; weekly reading, study and other day-to-day tasks, attendance and participation in the sessions).

For the final grade the learning process, proficiency level in English, and active participation in the activities will be taken into account. Thereby attendance is mandatory to at least 85% of the sessions.

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