# **COURSE OUTLINE**

# (1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF EDUCATION			
ACADEMIC UNIT	DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION			
LEVEL OF STUDIES	UNDERGRADUATE			
COURSE CODE	DEE605	<b>ΕΞΑΜΗΝΟ ΣΠΟΥΔΩΝ</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> (Spring)		6 <sup>th</sup> (Spring)
COURSE TITLE	Experiential Methods in Environmental and Sustainability Education II			
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES  if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g.  lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits			WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS
Meetings for active reading of texts and experiential workshops			3	5
Add rows if necessary. The organisation of teaching and the teaching methods used are described in detail at (d).				
COURSE TYPE general background, special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development	Special backs	ground– Skills de	evelopment	
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	None			
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:	Greek			
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	No			
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://ecourse.uoi.gr/course/view.php?id=2126			

### (2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### **Learning outcomes**

The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.

Consult Appendix A

- Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area
- Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B
- Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes

It is expected that upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the importance of experiential learning in general, and in the context of Environmental and Sustainability Education.
- Apply the experiential approach in their teaching, incorporating principles and attitudes of Non Directivité Intervenante (NDI) in facilitating groups.
- Appropriately select, adapt or design and apply experiential learning approaches and methods they have worked with in the course.
- Redefine their personal theory of education and learning and their role as teachers, incorporating key characteristics (values, competences) of sustainability, such as systems and critical thinking, respect for diversity and empathy, ecological and social solidarity, etc.
- Recognise the changes in their personal development and maturation as persons with empathy and greater acceptance of the Other.
- Cultivate expression and communication.

#### **General Competences**

Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim?

Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology

Adapting to new situations
Decision-making
Working independently

Working independently Team work

Working in an international environment Working in an interdisciplinary environment

Production of new research ideas

Project planning and management Respect for difference and multiculturalism Respect for the natural environment

Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and

sensitivity to gender issues Criticism and self-criticism

Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

Others...

Familiarisation with the methods of experiential education

Adapting to new situations

**Decision-making** 

Working independently

Team work

Working in an interdisciplinary environment

Project planning and management

Respect for difference and multiculturalism

Respect for the natural environment

Criticism and self-criticism

Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

## (3) SYLLABUS

In this course, students become familiar with experiential education and the concept of experience, in the context of Environmental and Sustainability Education (ESE), by participating in workshops implemented in the form of Encounter Groups, which are facilitated with Non-Directive Intervention (NDI).

At the core of the course are experiential workshops in which a series of learning approaches and methods are implemented that are linked to experiential and holistic learning and favour the development of ecological literacy and sustainability characteristics, values and competences, such as systems and critical thinking, respect for diversity and empathy, ecological and social solidarity, etc. Particular emphasis is also placed on recognising, experiencing and expressing emotions. Such

approaches and methods include but are not limited to drama games, role-playing, free roaming in nature, the sensory approach to nature, guided visualisation, opening up the senses, musical/sound improvisation, myth, narration, psychodrama, automatic writing, rituals., etc. Students also engage in processes of sharing, exploring the 'Self' and the 'Other' through experiential methods, and exploring deep questions, such as what changes need to be made in education, in our lives, and in our societies. The focus is on reflective processes on experiences within the group concerning issues of democracy, sustainability and education, the group itself and its dynamics.

Students also participate in weekly group active reading meetings in which they actively study and reflect on the course educational material.

Ultimately, professional and personal growth is sought, but also understanding (and experiencing) the phenomenon of communication and the development of relevant skills, with empowerment based on Carl Rogers' principles of empathy, unconditional positive regard and congruence (authenticity).

## (4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

#### DELIVERY

Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.

# USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education, communication with students

#### **TEACHING METHODS**

The manner and methods of teaching are described in detail.

Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art workshop, interactive teaching, educational visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity, etc.

The student's study hours for each learning activity are given as well as the hours of nondirected study according to the principles of the ECTS Experiential learning activities, active reading, discussions, relfection.

Use of the YouTube and the E-course and Internet for supplementary educational material provision, Communication with students.

Activity	Semester workload
Weekly meetings for group	13
active reading of texts	
Three-day experiential	45
workshops	
Study and analysis of the	30
literature	
Writing of reports	37
Course total	125

# STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Description of the evaluation procedure

Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation, other

Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.

Written self-assessment reports with the students' personal impressions after each experiential three-day course.

Final self-assessment synthesis paper covering the whole semester. In it, personal observations, comments and reflections are recorded in relation to the suggested literature.

### (5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### MAIN LITERATURE (Eudoxus system):

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