

## UNIVERSITY OF BIAŁYSTOK

# **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

# **ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022**

Course: Working with culturally diverse group. Workshops	ECTS Points: 4
Course Code:	
Language: English	
Course description: The course will concern acquiring knowledge about the processes taking place in culturally diverse environments. During workshops, students will be able to develop their competences related to working with culturally diverse groups. Course participants will learn about the methods and forms of working with a culturally diverse group in an active way. The classes will create opportunity to share experiences related to functioning in a culturally diverse environment, participation in intercultural initiatives and presenting own ideas for intercultural educational activities.	
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	Number of hours: 30
Semester: winter	Lecture: -
	Classes: 30
Courses to be completed before enrolment to the course:	
the student should have general knowledge of pedagogy and sociology	
Substantive content:	

- 1. The meaning of the terms: culture, multicultural society, culturally diverse group, intercultural competence (2h).
- 2. The cultural diversity in the context of designing work with culturally diverse group (including the specificity of the north-eastern part of Poland and countries of the course participants) (4h).
- 3. Different cultures learning process on the basis of Edward T. Hall's Cultural Iceberg Model (2h).
- 4. Software of the mind (?) The dimensions of national cultures by Geert Hofstede (2h).
- 5. Packing a backpack with intercultural tools. The process of acquiring intercultural competences (2h).
- 6. Stranger and Other in the class. Attitudes towards Otherness and the role of the teacher in the educational process (2h).

- 7. Examples of governmental solutions which support students with migrant backgrounds (including refugees) in European countries (field of formal education) (4h).
- 8. The process and rules of designing work with a culturally diverse group (2h).
- 9. The examples of projects and programmes directed to culturally diverse groups (including educational innovations) (4h).
- 10. The examples of schools working with culturally diverse groups (4h).
- 11. Potential, challenges and difficulties related to work with a culturally diverse group. (2h).

## **Aim of the course:**

The main purpose of this course is to develop students' competences from the field of work methodology with culturally diverse group.

During the classes students will be able to learn (in an active way) about:

- processes taking place in cultural diverse settings;
- the challenges in the field of designing educational process in culturally diverse group;
- the process and rules of designing educational work with culturally diverse group;
- the methods characteristic for the intercultural education (used in the group of school children and teenagers);
- the examples of the projects and programmes directed to culturally diverse groups (including educational innovations).

### **Teaching methods:**

- workshops;
- discussion;
- presentation;
- study visits (at educational institutions);
- practical.

#### Literature:

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#### Forms and conditions of credit:

- 1. Active participation in the classes.
- 2. Preparing presentation about intercultural, authorial initiative (draft) addressed to culturally diverse group.