

INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION AND MEDIATION*

MA Intercultural Education and Mediation is designed to expand intercultural competence in various educational contexts: educational institutions for children, youth and adults, children and youth leisure institutions, non-governmental organizations, or in the sphere of adult socialization. The aim of the programme is to develop intercultural competence which can be applied by a teacher in education, administrating curricula, developing education policy of the city, district, county and Lithuania propagating intercultural issues in mass media, public discussions, preparing international projects educating pupils' and students' ability to participate in international exchange programmes. The programme first of all welcomes teachers teaching national and social identity, social interaction and communication skills, political socialization and active education of citizenship.

The study programme is based on international cooperation agreement synchronized with analogical study programmes of majority of European Union universities. The programme pursues to analyse EU regulations of intercultural cooperation based on trust, variety expansion, principles of loyalty and solidarity. It seeks to solve the issues of xenophobia, extremist nationalism, racism, anti-Semitism, sexism, and ideological closure in the institutions of children and adult education. The programme is designed as an interdisciplinary field of study which will be coordinated by Šiauliai University faculties of Education and Humanities, the departments of Education, Studies of Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Anthropology, and Psychology.

The holders of Master's degree of Education will gain specific skills and essential knowledge about identity safety and stimulation and development of identity of Lithuanians and people of other nationalities, about the loyalty of distinction, practical programmes ensuring the cooperation, communication and common work of representatives of various cultures. The programme is oriented towards educational aspects of integration to European Union in various contexts – children and adult education, education at work places, etc. The holders of Master's degree of Education are qualified to perform duties of international mediators in the sphere of culture, education institutions, education institutions of children, youth, and adult management, they can work as lecturers in higher education institutions, as teachers at comprehensive schools and gymnasiums, and other education and culture institutions where intercultural competence is required: departments of social care, social and political organizations, in creating and implementing various international projects, first of all European Union projects. The continuation of studies in PhD is possible.

Degree awarded: Master's degree of Education

Study duration: 2 years full-time

Semester	Code	Course Title	Credits	No. of Academic Hours
M 1	H360M654	Role of Languages in the Junction of Cultures	6	64
	S170M659	Introduction to Subject Studies	6	64
	S211M001	Intercultural Communication in Academic Research	6	64

	S272M241	The Education and Development of Cultural Identity	7	64
		<i>Electives</i>		
	S170M102	<i>Education of National Minorities and Integration of Migrants</i>	5	48
	S272M245	<i>Intercultural Education in Europe</i>	5	48
M 2	S170M106	Cross-cultural Psychology	6	64
	S170M274	Research on Development and Education of Cultural Identity	5	48
	S170M656	Theory and Analysis of Discourses of Interculturalism	6	64
	S170M275	Scientific Research Project	8	80
		<i>Electives</i>		
	S270M880	<i>Exclusion in Education and Society</i>	5	48
	S282M242	<i>Branches of Pedagogy and Educational Systems of XXc.</i>	5	48
M 3	S170M884	Worldviews and Belief Systems from the Multicultural Perspective	6	64
	S220M001	Methodology or Field Research	8	80
	S260M399	Intercultural Counselling	5	48
	S285M885	Religious Pedagogy and Civil Education	6	64
		<i>Electives</i>		
	S270M904	<i>Integration and Exclusion in Education: Aspect of Research</i>	5	48
	S272M247	<i>Pedagogy of Leisure Culture</i>	5	48
M 4	S270M881	Master's Thesis	30	0

* The content of the study programme may change.