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MACEDONIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
AND HUMANITIES**



**ERASMUS COURSE GUIDE**  
**OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**



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## 1. THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MACEDONIA

The University of Western Macedonia (UOWM - Panepistimio Dytikis Makedonias) was established in 2003 by the Presidential Decree 92/2003 (P. 83/11-4-2003) and began its operation in the same year. According to Law 4610/2019, Government Gazette 70/A/07.05.2019, the academic structure of the University has been formed as follows:

The *School of Engineering* (Kozani) consists of the Departments:

- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Mineral Resources Engineering
- Product and Systems Design Engineering

The *School of Economic Sciences* (Kozani) consists of the Departments:

- Management Science and Technology
- Regional and Cross-Border Development Studies
- International and European Economic Studies
- Accounting and Finance
- Economics
- Business Administration
- Statistics and Insurance Science

The *School of Fine Arts* (Florina) consists of the Department:

- Fine and Applied Arts

The *School of Agriculture* (Florina) consists of the Department:

- Agriculture

The *School of Social Sciences and Humanities* (Florina) consists of the Departments:

- Primary Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Communication and Digital Media
- Psychology

The *School of Science* (Kastoria) consists of the Departments:

- Mathematics
- Informatics

The *School of Health Sciences* (Ptolemaida) consists of the Departments:

- Occupational Therapy
- Midwifery

The webpage of the University of Western Macedonia is: <https://www.uowm.gr/en/>

## 2. INFORMATION OF THE INSTITUTION

### 2.1 Name and address

Full legal name of Institution	University of Western Macedonia
ERASMUS Code of Institution	G KOZANI 02
WWW Internet Address	<a href="http://www.uowm.gr">www.uowm.gr</a>
WWW internet Address for International Students	<a href="https://erasmus.uowm.gr/en/">https://erasmus.uowm.gr/en/</a>
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## 3. FLORINA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

The *School of Social Sciences and Humanities* of the University of Western Macedonia derives from the renaming of the School of Pedagogy according to Law 4610 (7-5-2019) and consists

of the Pedagogical Departments of Primary Education and Early Childhood Education and the Department of Psychology based in Florina, as well as the Department of Communication and Digital Media based in Kastoria. The Department of Primary Education was founded by the Presidential Decree 544/1989 and began to operate as a branch of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki from the academic year 1990-91. The Department of Early Childhood Education and the Pedagogical School of Florina were founded at the same time by the Presidential Decree 99/1993.

The University of Western Macedonia (UOWM) ([www.uowm.gr](http://www.uowm.gr)) was founded by the Presidential Decree 92/2003 (Φ.83/11-4-2003) and began its operation in 2003. The first Departments of the UOWM consisted of the four Departments of the Aristotle University based in Western Macedonia, among which there were the two Departments of the Pedagogical School of Florina. Since 1-1-2004 the staff was also transferred (members of the TRS, STS, STLS and Administrative Staff).

The Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities is the Professor of the Department of Early Childhood Education, Dr. Penelope Papadopoulou.

#### **4. DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (FLORINA)**

##### **4.1 Establishment and mission**

According to article 2 of P.D. 544/1989, article 5 of P.D. 99/1993 and within the context of the University's mission (**article 1 of Law 1268/1982**) the mission of the Department of Early Childhood Education is to:

- cultivate and promote Education Sciences through academic and applied teaching and research,
- provide graduates with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge for their scientific and professional careers and development,
- contribute to the raising of the level of education and to the coverage of needs in matters of Pedagogy,
- contribute to the confrontation and solution of pedagogical problems in general,
- help to address the need for continuing education and continuing training,
- award a degree, which gives holders the opportunity to be appointed as teachers in kindergartens.

#### **5. A GLANCE TO ECTS**

The European Community promotes study abroad as means of improving the quality of

academic co-operation bringing benefits to students and higher education institutions. Studying abroad can be a particularly valuable experience. It is not only the best way to learn about other countries, ideas, languages and cultures; increasingly, it is an important part of professional and academic career development.

Students envisaging a study abroad will be looking for: study programmes which are relevant to their final degree of full academic recognition, which ensures that they will not lose time in completing their degree by studying abroad.

#### *Planning the programme of studying abroad*

Students who wish to study abroad contact their home departmental co-ordinator and study the information packages/course catalogues of other institutions to choose their destination and plan their programme of study abroad. This helps the students to select courses which are appropriate in their content and academic level, for recognition by the home institution as part of the student's final degree. With the use of the ECTS credits, study programmes are better organised in terms of students' workload.

#### *Ensuring full academic recognition*

An ECTS study programme must be approved by both home and host institutions before the student leaves for the study period abroad. If the programme of study described in the learning agreement is successfully completed by the student, it is fully recognised by the home institution. This means that the volume of study abroad, measured in terms of numbers of ECTS credits achieved, will replace an equivalent volume of study and assessment which would otherwise have been undertaken at the home institution.

#### *How are ECTS credits transferred?*

Institutions prepare and exchange transcripts of records for each student participating in Erasmus with implementation of ECTS. A copy of the transcript is given to the incoming student and its original is sent to the home institution after the period of study abroad.

#### *Further studies abroad*

As indicated, an ECTS student might wish to stay at the host institution -perhaps to get a degree or to move to a third institution. This is possible provided that the institutions involved agree and that the student accepts the conditions to be fulfilled to get a diploma or to transfer registration. By providing a history of the students' academic achievements, the transcript of records is a particularly useful means of helping institutions to make these decisions further opening up Europe to student mobility. Higher education institutions are encouraged to introduce ECTS within the framework of their institutional contract with the Commission.

#### To conclude:

ECTS provides transparency through the following means:

- a) the information package/course catalogue which supplies written information to students and staff on institution, departments/faculties, the organisation and structure of the study programme.
- b) ECTS credits which are numerical values allocated to course units to describe the student work load required to complete them.

- c) the learning agreement covering the programme of study to be taken and the ECTS credits to be awarded for their satisfactory completion, committing both home and host institutions, as well as student and
- d) the transcript of records which shows students' learning achievements in a way which is comprehensive, commonly understood and easily transferable from one institution to another.

## **6. ERASMUS COURSES LIST 2022-2023**

Further information about the contents of each course can be found in the analytic English



Students' Guide of the department.

**Note that:** Instructors should be contacted for guidance considering the syllabus, the teaching process and the assessment of the courses offered.

## 6.1. List of courses offered to ERASMUS students for the academic year 2021 – 2022

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Course code and title	Type of course <sup>1</sup>	Instructor	ECTS
0210C. History of Education	C	Georgios Tzartzas	4
0733C. Modern Pedagogy & Education Sciences	C	Vassiliki Pliogou	4
1601C. Concepts of Natural Sciences and their representations (I)	C	Angelos Sofianidis	4
1809C. Music Pedagogy	C	Temporary Teaching Staff	4

### 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

Course code and title	Type of course	Instructor	ECTS
0701C. Pre-school Pedagogy	C	Christina Sidiropoulou	4
0302C. Philosophy of Education	C	Georgios Tzartzas	4
1701C. Art Workshops	C	Nikolaos Tamoutselis	4
0716O. Education policy and gender	O	Evaggelia Kalerante	4

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<sup>1</sup> C stand for Compulsory Courses and O stand for Optional Courses. This distinction does not imply for ERASMUS+ students.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> semester

<b>Course code and title</b>	<b>Type of course</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
0401C. Cognitive Psychology	C	Georgia Stephanou	4
1014O. Creative Writing and Language	O	Triantafyllos Kotopoulos	4
0209O. Humanistic Knowledge in Postmodernity	O	Georgios	4
0729O. Childhood and Children's Rights: Pedagogical Approaches	O	Vassiliki Pliogou (in the current year the course will not be taught)	4
0730O. School space: The classroom in natural environment, the nature world in school	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1306O. Development of Digital Material and Teaching Scenarios with ICT – Digital Storytelling	O	Tharrenos Bratitsis	4
1309O. Thinking through the content of teaching	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1612O. The experiment in the teaching of Natural Sciences	O	Angelos Sofianidis	4
1312O. Principles of Informatics	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1606O. Teaching Biology Concepts – Laboratories and Workshops	O	Penelope Papadopoulou	4

#### 4th semester

<b>Course code and title</b>	<b>Type of course</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
0704C. Intercultural Education and Pedagogy	C	Vassiliki Pliogou	4
1305C. Informatics and ICTs in Education	C	Tharrenos Bratitsis	4
1502C. Education for the Environment and the Sustainability	C	Penelope Papadopoulou	4
1907C. Theater Education	C	Stamatios Gargalianos	4
1612O.The experiment in the teaching of Natural Sciences	O	Angelos Sofianidis	4
0207O. Historical Pedagogical Anthropology	O	Georgios Tzartzas	4
0404O. Educational Psychology & Elements of Developmental Psychology	O	Georgia Stephanou	4
1308O. Globalization: Teaching and Learning	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1310O. Artful Thinking and Accessibility	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4

## 5<sup>th</sup> semester

<b>Course code and title</b>	<b>Type of course</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
0912C. Sociolinguistics	C	Maria Georgalou	4
2209CO. Didactics of Visual Arts	C	Nikolaos Tamoutselis	5
0728O. Education and Modern Families	O	Vassiliki Pliogou	4
0731O. Curriculum and sustainable development in Early Childhood and Primary Education	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
0905O. Introduction to Sociolinguistics	O	Maria Georgalou	4
1309O. Thinking through the content of teaching	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1904O. Theater plays Organization	O	Stamatios Gargalianos	4
2222O. Collaborative and multimodal learning approaches	O	Christina Sidiropoulou	4
Π18 Students' Practicum (Expanded)	O	Efthalia Konstantinidou	4

## 6th semester

Course code and title	Type of course	Instructor	ECTS
0402C. Introduction to Social Psychology	C	Efthalia Konstantinidou (in the current year the course will not be taught)	4
0606C. Psychology of People with Special Educational Needs	C	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
2202CO. Teaching methodology in social and political education-HRE designs	C	Vassiliki Pliogou	5
2216CO. Didactics of Informatics and ICT	C	Tharrenos Bratitsis	5
2218CO. Designing Learning Activities for Teaching Early Mathematical Concepts	C	Temporary Teaching Staff	5
0403O. Psychology of Motivation	O	Georgia Stephanou	4
0732O. Sustainable development and active citizenship in education	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
0919O. Digital Literacies in Early Childhood	O	Maria Georgalou	4
1308O. Globalization: Teaching and Learning	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1310O. Artful Thinking and Accessibility	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1908O. Theater Game	O	Stamatios Gargalianos	4
1613E – Concepts of Natural Sciences (II) and related instructional approaches	O	Angelos Sofianidis	4
0516O. Lifelong Learning and Society: Institutions, Systems and Policies	O	Evaggelia Kalerante	4
Π18 Students' Practicum (Expanded)	O	Efthalia Konstantinidou	4

**7<sup>th</sup> semester**

<b>Course code and title</b>	<b>Type of course</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
1313C. Robotics and STEAM training	C	Temporary Teaching Staff (in the current year the course will not be taught)	4
0405O. Applications of Cognitive Psychology in Education	O	Georgia Stephanou	4
0408O. The study of discourse in Social Psychology	O	Efthalia Konstantinidou	4
0410O. The study of organization in Social Psychology	O	Efthalia Konstantinidou	4
0920O. Discourse Analysis	O	Maria Georgalou	4
1307O. Advanced teaching techniques through technology	O	Tharrenos Bratitsis	4
1314O. Robotics and STEAM training	O	Tharrenos Bratitsis	4
1704O. Converting Art Materials	O	Nikolaos Tamoutselis	4
1905O. Dramatization	O	Stamatios Gargalianos	4

## 8<sup>th</sup> semester

Course code and title	Type of course	Instructor	ECTS
0208O. Discipline and Education	O	Georgios Tzartzas	4
0406O. The study of education in Social Psychology	O	Efthalia Konstantinidou	4
0921O. Internet Language	O	Maria Georgalou	4
1304O. Development of Educational Software	O	Temporary Teaching Staff	4
1607O. Health Education	O	Penelope Papadopoulou	4
1705O. Arts and Crafts	O	Nikolaos Tamoutselis	4

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## **7. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

### **7.1 Living in the city of Florina**

Florina is situated on the frontiers with the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Northern Macedonia. Its population is approximately 12.000 people. A visitor to Florina would by all means be rewarded for the long and at some places uphill, lonely trip, he or she took, merely by the fact that he reached the country with the greatest number of lakes: the Siamese Prespes, Vegoritits (lake of Ostrovo), Petres, Zazari and Himaditis, not to mention some small and hidden ones.

A stroll on the banks of Sakoulevas river with the numerous ateliers and artists of Florina among Macedonian and neo-classical houses, is indicative of the life-style in Florina during both the past and the present time. The riverside area has exclusively been the historical, commercial and social centre of the town. The neo-classical and the Macedonian style buildings have formed a traditional, absolutely harmonious setting. That stroll could take the visitor to the east of the town, to the exceptionally composed Archaeological Museum, (Prehistoric, Hellenistic and Byzantine era), standing next to the railroad station.

Florina is the town of painters and sculptors. Other museums are: Museum of Modern Art, Folklore Museum, Floriniotes Painters' Art gallery and "Aristotelis" Art Gallery.

One should visit Florina in all four seasons in order to appreciate its natural beauty. Apart from Prespes lake which is a national park, created to protect rare bird species, one should also visit the near by villages Agios Germanos and Psarades for their old churches and rock paintings respectively, Agios Achillios, a very small island of extreme beauty and archaeological significance, Vigla - Pissoderi for its beauty and skiing centre, "Arktouros", the centre for the protection of bears in the region of Amynteon, Agios Panteleimon which lies in the banks of Lake Vegoritits and so many other traditional villages.

### **7.2 Cost of Living**

The amount of 400-600 euros is needed approximately for every student per month.

### **7.3 Accommodation**

Once we have received the student's application form, the student will receive a letter or fax from the International Office informing him/her of the possible housing that has been reserved for him/her (at least a month before arrival). It is necessary to indicate the arrival date on the application form since the lodging will only be available on the mentioned date. Any change in the arrival date should therefore be communicated one week in advance.

#### *A. University Dormitory*

There are two possibilities:

- a) To obtain a place at free student housing for either Fall or Spring Term. You should complete and send the accommodation form until end of May of the previous year. This is because there are limited places at the University Dormitory and home students who study full-time usually have priority in taking these free places.
- b) To obtain a place at the University Erasmus "house". This is a small house situated in



the campus, with two rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom, furnished, with bed linen. The monthly cost for this is 50 euros per month. This symbolic rent includes bills and heating.

#### *B. Hotel rooms*

Special prices are guaranteed for Erasmus+ students in the following prices:

1. Lingos hotel: single room around 30 euros, double room 50 euros (breakfast included)
2. Filippeion hotel: single around room 30 euros, double room 50 euros (breakfast included)
3. Filareti hotel: single room around 20 euros, double room 35 euros (breakfast included)
4. Hellinis hotel: single room around 25 euros, double room 35 euros (breakfast included)

The hotels provide the students with blankets and bed linen and they are the best and possibly the only solution (for the time being) for students visiting for a time period shorter than a full academic year or a semester. Students will have access to the student refectory twice daily free of charge and this will probably compensate the cost of living in a hotel.

#### *C. Shared Flats*

There are private flats, rented by the owners directly to the students. Flats rented by separate rooms are uncommon, therefore, the rent must be paid in total to the owner (approximately 250 euros per month). The electricity, water and telephone expenses are not included in the rent and will have to be paid separately to the owner. The flats are not fully furnished or not at all furnished. This might be a solution for students staying for a whole academic year or at least for six months. Our Department provides advice on privately rented property available.

#### *D. Students with dependents*

The majority of property available to accommodation services is for single people only. Students seeking accommodation for dependents, such as spouse and children, should ensure that this is mentioned in detail in the accommodation form. Do not attempt to bring dependents to Florina without first securing accommodation. Due to the limited availability of family accommodation, this process may prove time consuming and very difficult.

#### *E. Students with special needs*

Students with special needs are required to submit details of any information which may affect the type of accommodation suited to their particular needs together with the application for help in finding accommodation.

Deadlines for submitting the accommodation forms are:

for Fall and Spring semester: 30<sup>th</sup> May of previous year. The accommodation forms should be addressed to:

Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator

Mrs Aikaterini Blanta

Head of Erasmus Office

University of Western Macedonia

Kila, Kila Kozani

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#### **7.4 Meals**

Erasmus students can take advantage of their status as home students, including breakfast and free meals twice daily, including weekends at the dining hall of the university. Alternatively, Florina has many cafeterias and restaurants, where students may have snacks (approximately 3 euros) or lunches/dinners, if they wish, in reasonable prices (approximately 6-10 euros).

#### **7.5 Medical Facilities**

All students who participate in any of the European Educational Programmes are provided with the European card of Health Insurance which covers (free of charge), outpatient care, in patient hospitalization and medication. An ID Health Insurance card is provided, similar to the home students, effective for the entire period of their attendance in the University.

#### **7.6 Facilities for special needs students**

Unfortunately, there is no availability for special needs students in our university so far but we are working on this direction.

#### **7.7 Student affairs office**

Responsible for students' affairs in the Department of Early Childhood Education is the Professor Stamatis Gargalianos,

tel. + 30 23850 55119, e-mail: [sgargalianos@uowm.gr](mailto:sgargalianos@uowm.gr)

#### **7.8 Study facilities**

The School of Education is situated in newly established and renovated buildings, where the former Pedagogic Academy used to be located (1984-1989). The University campus is situated three kilometers outside the city of Florina on the national road Florina-Niki-borders.

The School's facilities include:

- Two lecture theatres (A and B) for 300 and 150 persons respectively
- 21 teaching rooms
- Laboratory of Physics and Chemistry
- Laboratory of Computing
- Laboratory of Book and Library Studies (Bibliologeion)
- Laboratory for the Study of Language and Language Teaching Programmes
- Plastic Arts Laboratory
- Music Laboratory
- Gymnasium
- School Textbooks Library
- Library
- Archive of the Pedagogic Academy
- Reading room

Florina Faculty's library is situated at the faculty's buildings and operates since 1990. The library's infrastructure is continuously increasing in both Greek and international bibliography. There is free internet access to both libraries and data bases for all students. There is also an on- line subscription to international journals in progress.

## **7.9 Practical information for mobile students-Getting**

### **There**

By train or bus

Florina is Located about two hours long from Macedonia airport (Thessaloniki).

There is a bus line (78) connecting Macedonia airport with train and bus station (down town Thessaloniki) where you can get a correspondence train or bus to Florina.

The train schedule can be found on <https://tickets.trainose.gr/dromologia>

The bus schedule can be found on <http://www.ktelflorinas.gr/πληροφορίες/δρομολόγια>

By car

There are two ways to travel from Thessaloniki to Florina. The first is via the old Thessaloniki - Edessa – Bitola National Road (170 Km). From Thessaloniki centre

(‘Dimokratias Square’ or ‘Vardaris’) take the west direction (to Edessa), follow the signs to ‘Edessa’ and then to ‘Florina’. The second way is via Kozani and the new Egnatia road (200 Km). From the Port take the south/south-west direction to ‘Katerini’. After the ‘Malgara’ tools turn right following the signs to ‘Veria’ and ‘Kozani’. Just before ‘Kozani’ turn right following the signs to ‘Florina’.

Climate conditions about the weather in Florina can be obtained on [www.meteo.gr](http://www.meteo.gr)

### **7.10 Language courses**

The only current possibility for Erasmus+ students who wish to prepare themselves in the Modern Greek language is the *Modern Greek Language School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*. This School offers intensive modern Greek language courses, which take place from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> and from the beginning of February until the beginning of March. In the above mentioned monthly programmes, apart from Greek language, students are taught elements of Greek culture. There are three levels (beginners, intermediate and advanced), each lasting for four teaching hours per day, five days per week. At the end of the course, a certificate of course attendance is issued. Moreover, Erasmus students have the opportunity, if they wish, to take part in the winter and spring programmes of the Modern Greek Language School.

(For further information contact [School of Modern Greek language](#), AUTH, 54006 Thessaloniki, tel: +30 231 0 997571 and +30 231 0 997572, fax: +30 231 0 997573)

### **7.11 Sports Facilities**

Gymnasium, football team and basketball team.

### **7.12 Student associations**

The Department of Early Childhood Education has its own student union, producing periodically a student journal and organizing various cultural and social events throughout the year. Elected members of the student union participate in the General Assembly, voting for different departmental issues.