General Education

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide students with the basic notions of General education and the main epistemological questions connected with pedagogical knowledge, to pursue the following objectives:

1. to introduce students to the epistemological problems of pedagogical knowledge and its fundamental concepts, which are the basis of educational perspectives,
2. get an in-depth knowledge of pedagogy as knowledge characterised by theory/practice circularity,
3. to highlight the main conceptual categories (objectives, methods, environments, figures) that originate different pedagogical theories and different educational practices, with special attention to school pedagogy,
4. to know some emblematic figures that have changed pedagogical thinking and educational practice at national and international level.

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

* know and understand the epistemological foundations of pedagogy,
* learn about the emblematic experience of Don Lorenzo Milani and the Barbiana school,
* describe, with appropriate lexicon, the fundamental concepts of pedagogical knowledge and educational action,
* recognise the role of the school in building the society of tomorrow,
* know the fundamental aspects of the *Global Compact on Education.*

***COURSE CONTENT***

The course will develop the following core topics in a consequential manner:

1. aspects and problems of pedagogical epistemology,
2. fundamental concepts of contemporary pedagogical knowledge;
3. the school as a laboratory for the future;
4. the global educational pact;
5. the emblematic experience of Don Milani and the Barbiana School;

***READING LIST***

– M. Amadini, L. Cadei, P. Malavasi, D. Simeone (a cura di), *Parole per educare. Vol 1 Pedagogia generale e sociale,* Vita e Pensiero, Milano, in corso di stampa.

– AA.VV., *La scuola: laboratorio di futuro, Quaderni di pedagogia della scuola vol. 1 e 2/2022, La Scuola Brescia 2022.*

– Congregazione per l’educazione Cattolica, *Patto Educativo Globale. Instrumentum Laboris, San Paolo, Milano 2020.*

– Congregazione per l’educazione Cattolica, *Patto Educativo Globale. Vademecum,* https://www.educationglobalcompact.org/resources/Risorse/vademecum-italiano.pdf.

– R. Sani, D. Simeone (a cura di), *Don Lorenzo Milani e la scuola della Parola,* EUM, Macerata, 2011, pp. 7-120; 185-298.

Recommended reading: Scuola di Barbiana, *Lettera a una professoressa*, LEF, Florence, 1967

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom lectures, group work, discussions with experts, in-depth study of some texts, use of multimedia tools. The slides and any other materials used during the course will be made available on the Blackboard platform.

Intervention of scholars and researchers for the study of some specific themes.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exam. All students may opt to divide it into two parts with an interim test that will be taken in the extraordinary session of January-February 2023. The contents of the interim test will refer to the topics covered in the first semester of the course. Students will be able to register for the interim test via the Blackboard platform.

The part of the course content already verified in the interim test will not be included in the final exam, and the mark obtained on it, if positive, will account for 50% of the final assessment.

Students who do not wish to divide the exam into two parts may take it in one session.

Assessment will be based on the following elements:

* relevance of answers given and effective presentation skills,
* appropriate use of pedagogical terminology,
* argumentation skills,
* acquisition of an organic knowledge framework,
* ability to make conceptual connections,
* ability to critically rework the contents learnt,
* ability to master concepts and categories typical of the pedagogical debate.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The course is introductory to pedagogical reflection, therefore there are no content-specific prerequisites.

In case the current Covid-19 health emergency does not allow frontal teaching, remote teaching will be carried out following procedures that will be promptly notified to students.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.