

Partner University:	Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd
Erasmus code:	D SCHWAG 01

Subejct	Code	Semester	Subject Area	Content	Home subject	Code	Semester
<b>Exploring the World: Play, Culture and Family in Early Childhood Education</b>							
Children's Play		spring	KIDE	Play provides an important mechanism for children's learning. This course focuses on children's play, on play development and its expression (movement, role play, construction and games), on theories and methods of play guidance and on play rooms, material and toys.	<b>Elective element</b>		
Children, Childhood and Families in the cultural context		spring	KIDE	The change of our society has led to a change of family life and family structure. Children are faced with different and complex situations in their every-day life. This seminar includes the subjects childhood studies, social change of childhood and family, different forms of families, cultures of families and children as well as children in specific situations.			
Observation and Placement: Discovering Children's Ways of Learning & practical Training Period		spring	KIDE	The way we view children and the way we study them influences the observations we make. This course will give an introduction to observation as a dynamic approach conducted within continuously changing daily situations. It includes 10 days of practical training in which students learn to adapt the contents of the seminar to practical settings in an Early Childhood situation.	<b>Individual agreement!</b>		
Exploring the Environment		spring	KIDE	Field trips convey the importance of nature for educational processes. <b>1) Wilderness</b> (Southern Germany): In this module, students go on different field trips in the local environment (including such places as the Weleda Medicinal plant garden). We do Outdoor education and experimental learning like building a raft, canoeing and other nature adventure skills. <b>2) Marine Biology</b> (Baltic Sea or Mediterranean): During that seven-day field trip students explore theoretical and practical lessons unimaginable details of life in the oceans, becoming more and more important, especially with regard to global warming. <b>One of these two field trips will be offered. The trips will be organized by the University; however, students will have to cover the expenses for travelling and subsistence.</b>	Methodology of Environmental Studies	KIDE24NA10A03	IV
Self-Experience & Counselling: <i>Know yourself, know your pupils!</i>		spring	KIDE	Self-experience creates awareness and invites to try new paths in communication and in interaction. We work with theoretical input, exercises and with self-reflection. Furthermore, this course provides you with a better idea of how to talk to parents, colleagues and young people and how to build a relationship for professional school counseling and family counseling.	<b>Elective element</b>		
Education, culture and society		spring	KIDE	Educational system can only be understood within their cultural contexts. This module includes: a weekly German language course (different levels available); German history, culture and society (including cultural excursions) and the International Comenius Week.	Values in Society: Professional Ethics	KIDE24NA08A03	IV