20 ECTS programme for Erasmus or international students, from September 15th 2008 to December 19th 2008

A 3 month international course in English at the heart of the Basque Country and the Mondragon cooperative movement [Mondragon University]
1. General information
This is a 3 month 20 ECTS credit study period in Education at Mondragon University [Faculty of Humanities and Education]. The working language of the course will be English.

2. The aim of the programme
The overall theme of the programme will be child education from a minority language perspective. The methods will include lectures, group work, visits, seminars and practical sessions.
In some of the subjects, the international students will join in with the regular classes at the Faculty. The other subjects are specially designed with a focus towards those students participating in the international programme.

3. The content
The content of the course will comprise the following areas of study:

3.1 Foreign language teaching [3 ECTS]
This subject introduces students to the languages in Basque schools from preschool to age twelve. It examines the rationale behind curriculum design in a bilingual community where foreign language teaching involves a third language.

3.2 EITHER Children’s literature and foreign language teaching [3 ECTS]
The main objective of this subject is to introduce students to the world of children’s literature and to analyse its potential for foreign language learning. It looks at criteria for selecting storybooks and for using a storybook as a framework to organize the process of teaching and learning a foreign language.

OR Linguistics [3 ECTS]
This subject focuses on a variety of aspects relating to how languages are learned between birth and adolescence, ranging from multilingual informal contexts to learning languages at school. It also provides a basic background to the theories of language acquisition.

3.3 Basque culture: language, media and education [4 ECTS]
A brief survey of Basque culture centred on three of its most relevant aspects: language, media and education system, in order to understand present day Basque society.

3.4 Teaching Practice and analysis of foreign language teaching in a third language in a bilingual school environment [10 ECTS]
The objective of this course is for the student to carry out a project based on analysis of a classroom situation where foreign language teaching involves a third language (English), as the community is bilingual (Basque-Spanish). Teaching practice will take place in infant and primary schools.

4. Assessment and accreditation
Students are expected to contribute actively to the work of the course. Regular assignments leading towards a final mark for the subject will be given by each course teacher.
A final transcript of records will be issued based on each teacher’s assessment of the students performance. Grading will be by ECTS.

5. Practical information
Timetable: 15th September – 19th December
Application deadline: 15th May

Accommodation
Biteri Hall of Residence:
Located in Mondragon, 7 km from the Faculty. There are buses every 15 minutes. The monthly cost in a triple room is about 820 euro per person, and there is a deposit of 412 euro.

Shared flats with other students:
The International Office will help you to find a flat to share with other students, in a single room for you. The cost of a single room in a shared flat is around 350 euro.

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