



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 33600
Name: Special educational needs
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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1304 - Degree in Preschool Education	Facultat de Formació del Professorat	2	First quarter, Second quarter
1305 - Degree in Primary School Education	Facultat de Formació del Professorat	2	Second quarter
1324 - Degree in Preschool Education (Ontinyent)	Facultat de Formació del Professorat	2	Second quarter
1339 - Grado en Maestro/a Educación Primaria	Facultat de Formació del Professorat	2	

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1304 - Degree in Preschool Education	Learning and personality development	BASIC
1305 - Degree in Primary School Education	Learning and personality development	BASIC
1324 - Degree in Preschool Education (Ontinyent)	LEARNING AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT	BASIC
1339 - Grado en Maestro/a Educación Primaria	Learning and personality development	BASIC

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The current education system establishes a model of school that is more open to diversity, supporting the inclusion of all students in the general education instead of a segregated education, in which students with special needs were educated in a separated system. In this context, the subject of *Special Educational Needs* is aimed at providing future teachers with the necessary knowledge and the set of competencies that would allow them to perform their educational task, accommodating both the diversity and the individuality of all students. The concept of attention to diversity is not restricted to the study of the



different types of disabilities, but it also covers a wide variety of difficulties in school that constitute the continuum of *specific educational support needs*. From this perspective, the subject of *Special Educational Needs* will include the study of the psychological particularities and the support needs of special students, giving the basic psychological and pedagogical foundation necessary for an appropriate educational intervention.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The subject of Special Educational Needs will be taught in the second course, once the students had acquired knowledge on the basic concepts and main milestones of the different aspects of child development, such as the motor function, perception, cognitive and linguistic abilities, emotional and social competencies, etc. These objectives are covered in the first-course subject of Psychology of Development. Besides, the subject of Special Educational Needs will also rely on the knowledge acquired from the subject ¿Educational Psychology¿.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

1305 - Degree in Primary School Education

Acquire resources to favour the educational integration of students with difficulties.

Express oneself orally and in writing correctly and appropriately in the official languages of the autonomous region.

Identify cognitive dysfunctions, learning difficulties and those related to attention.

Know and apply basic educational research methodologies and techniques and be able to design innovation projects identifying evaluation indicators.

Know how to inform other specialist professionals to work in collaboration with the school and the teacher to address any special educational needs that may arise.

Know the impact of exceptional cognitive abilities on child development and be able to design an appropriate educational response.

Know the impact of physical difficulties on child development and be able to design an appropriate educational response.

Know the main developmental milestones to detect risks in development.

Use information and communication technologies effectively as usual working tools.



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DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. From integration to inclusion and the compensation of inequalities

This section provides an initial conceptualization of the subject, introducing key terms and concepts.

Unit 1: Historical introduction and legal framework.

Unit 2: Curricular and organizational issues.

2. Learning difficulties and behavioural problems.

This section characterises learning difficulties and behavioural problems with an emphasis on the identification of the relevant indicators that will allow referring a child to specific professionals. It also provides basic knowledge on intervention programs that will help teachers work in collaboration with the different professionals involved in attention to diversity.

Unit 3: Specific learning disorder: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention



Unit 4: Behavioural regulation and problems: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention.

3. Special educational needs arising from intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder.

This section considers the implications of intellectual disability and the autism spectrum disorder on the teaching and learning process.

Unit 5: Intellectual disability: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention.

Unit 6: Autism spectrum disorder: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention.

4. Special educational needs of high-ability learners.

This section analyses the cognitive, emotional and social characteristics of high-ability learners, and introduces the main strategies for the psychoeducational intervention.

Unit 7: Special educational needs of high-ability learners. Strategies for identification and psychoeducational intervention.

5. Special educational needs arising from sensory and motor disabilities.

This section studies the influence that sensory disabilities have on students' integral development and presents basic guidelines to work in collaboration with other specialised professionals.

Unit 8: Motor disability and brain damage: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention

Unit 9: Visual disability: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention.

Unit 10: Hearing disability: Conceptualization, etiology, typology, development and educational intervention.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theoretical and practical classes	60,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES



Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	90,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Course sessions:

Students will have to attend theoretical and practical course sessions, in which the different topics of the subject of *Special Educational Needs* will be presented and discussed. A series of coursework activities will be required during these course sessions, which will be based on different teaching strategies: lectures, seminars, practical activities, teamwork, etc.

Group project:

Students will undertake a monographic project in teams to highlight the importance of collaborative learning and reinforce their individual progress. The projects will be orally presented and defended, either individually or collectively, in front of the whole group of students, in a seminar with reduced audience or in individual tutorial sessions.

Tutorial sessions:

Individual or collective tutorial sessions would serve as a way to coordinate students' coursework, to assess their individual progress, and also to evaluate the teaching activities and methodology.

Individual study and instruction:

Students will autonomously complete individual and co-operative coursework activities, which will be supervised and evaluated by the teacher.

EVALUATION

The students' evaluation will consider the following areas and compulsory requirements:

- **Examination:** A written examination will count 50%-60% of the final grade. It will include essay and/or multiple-choice questions. Passing the examination is a compulsory requirement for all students. If a student fails in the first call, the examination can be retaken in the second call.



- **Practical activities and applications:** Performing a series of practical activities and applications will count 50%- 40% of the final grade. This area is subdivided into two parts:
- A team project (50% of the grade for this section). It will consist of an in-depth study of the contents of the subject and/or the application of knowledge to real situations. In order to pass the subject in the first call, it is a requirement to hand in a report of the team project and to make an oral presentation of it. In the second call, the team project is not recoverable, so the marks obtained in the first call will be maintained. Consequently, students who do not submit the team project report or take part in the oral presentation at the first call will only be eligible for a maximum final grade of 7.5-8 (out of 10) at the second call (after deducting the percentage given by the teacher to this section).
 - Coursework activities undertaken during the course sessions (50% of the mark for this section), aimed at analysing technical materials, case studies, illustrative videos, and/or specialised readings. The correct submission of the 70% of all coursework activities is a compulsory requirement for any student. In addition, when coursework activities are graded, it is also necessary to obtain the minimum grade to pass. If a student fails to meet these requirements in the first call, s/he will be allowed to recover this part of the final grade in the second call, by completing an additional test on the competencies developed with the coursework activities.

The teachers will further specify, in the initial sessions of the course, the contribution (percentage) of each part in the final grade, according to their course programme.

In order to pass the subject of Special Educational Needs at the first call, the student must pass the exam, present and pass the classroom activities, and deliver and orally present the team project. This means that, at the first call, students will not pass the subject if they do not pass any of the three sections that make up the final mark (exam, activities and team project). Even if two sections add up to a score of more than 5 (either the exam and the classroom activities or the exam and the team project), the subject will not be passed. In the event of failing any section, the marks obtained in the sections passed may be kept for the second call. In the second call, the student must pass the exam and pass the additional assessment test on classroom activities.

Note about plagiarism: Fraudulent conduct in assessment tests and plagiarism in assessment work will be considered in accordance with the UV Assessment and Grading Regulations (ACGUV 108/2017) and the Protocol for Action against Fraudulent Practices (ACGUV 123/2020). The use of technologies (including AI) to create assessment materials without prior and express authorization from the teaching staff will prevent them from being considered as self-authored and will be treated according to current regulations and the UV Code of Coexistence and Good Practices (ACGUV 300/2023, DOGV, no. 9747/18.12.2023).

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- Note for students in English groups: Teachers may assign basic and/or complementary bibliography in English according to their initial course program.