

Initial Teacher Education for CLIL: A Cross-Curricular Approach

- I. Initial Teacher Education for CLIL in Spain: a case study
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Content and Langua Integrated Learning (CLIL) in Spain

- CLIL programmes have become increasingly popular in Spain (Pérez-Vidal,2002), following European multilingual policy (Scott & Beadle, 2014).
- The Education Authorities promote the creation of bilingual schools (Spanish-English, French or German) or multilingual schools (co-official language, Spanish, English, French or German) through the Plans for Promoting Multilingualism.

I. INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION
IN SPAIN: THE CASE OF THE
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (UCM)



Challenges in Foreign Language Teacher Education In spite of the increase in bilingual programmes, the need still remains to adapt initial and continuing teacher education to the current educational demands. (Coyle et al., 2010; Escobar, 2011; Madrid & Pérez Cañado, 2012; Marsh & Langé, 2000; Navés, 2006).

Preparing teachers for the Foreign Language Primary classroom

"Teachers should be educated in the following domains: proficiency in the target language; description of this language, including comparison with the mother tongue (and/or the majority language of the schoo); processes of final and second language acquisition; pedagogy for pre-primary and primary education and for language teaching at those levels" (Blondin et al, 1999, p. 41)

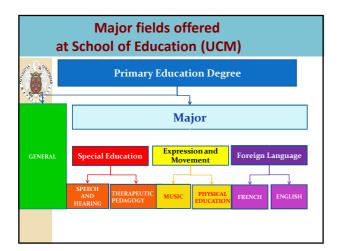


Impact of European Higher Education Reform (Bologna Declaration, 1999)

The number of hours allocated to Language and Didactics in university teacher education programmes has actually decreased more than 50%.

"... the previous amount of approximately university 80 credit hours in language and didactics (in the Primary Foreign Language Teaching Degree) has been reduced to between 18 and 36 credits, depending on the university".

(Toledo, Rubio & Hermosín, 2012, p. 222).



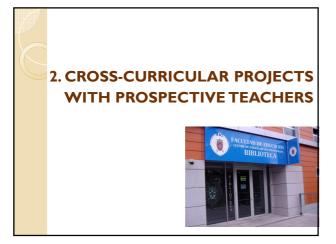
Subjects at Primary Education Degree		
Subject type	Requirement	Credits
Basic Education(B)	Obligatory	60
Obligatory (OB)	Obligatory	100
Elective (OP)	Optional	30
Teaching practice (P)	Obligatory	44
Final dissertation(TFG)	Obligatory	6
	Total credits	240

Foreign Language Major: Entry requirement: B2 in English

☐ STRAND 1: 2012-13; Years 2-4 ☐ Instruction in English by English specialists: about 20 % (Total: 6 subjects, teaching practice and dissertation)

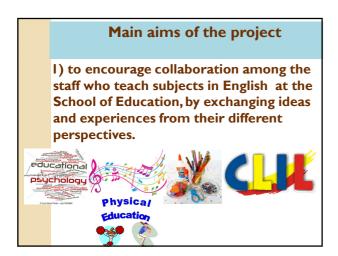
☐ STRAND 2: 2011-12; Years 1-4
Instruction in English by English and Content specialists: more than 50 % (Total: about 18 subjects, teaching practice and dissertation)

Hopefully, the recent trend toward implementing English-medium courses at Spanish Schools of Education may provide the opportunity for complementing future teacher development (Toledo et al, 2012)



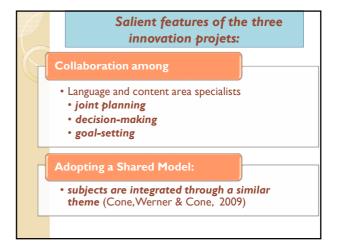
Rationale:

- Aims for Primary Education Degree students:
 - a) Knowledge Primary Curriculum
 - b) Interdisciplinary Connections (Royal Decree 3857/2007)



- 2) to familiarise student teachers with cross-curricular teaching/learning within a CLIL context.
- 3) to bridge the gap between the university and the primary classroom and become familiar with the bilingual school context through teacher experiences.





STAGES IN THE PROJECT

1) Cross-curricular work:

a) Initial Teacher Education for CLIL and the three other subjects: Y. 4.

2) A two-day workshop

3) Cross-curricular work:

- a) Educational Psychology: Y. 1
- b) Music in Primary Education: Y. 2
- c) Art Education: Y. 3
- Project evaluation: different research tools including questionnaires and focus group interviews.

(PIMCD)

4 PIMCD 166/2014

"Initial Teacher Education in curricular areas that are taught through the medium of English: cross-curricular activities for Primary (Years 3 & 4)"

4 PIMCD 124/2015

"Initial Teacher Education for CLIL: Cross-curricular activities to develop Multiple Intelligences in the Primary classroom"



4 INNOVA-DOCENCIA 10/2016-2017

"Initial Teacher Education for CLIL: A crosscurricular approach with ICT support"



CROSS-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CLIL AND ICT

"ICT has a multimodal and vital role to play in CLIL, since it cater for the media and the resources that can enhance multidisciplinary learning, and provides the means that stimulate, guide and facilitate students in their effort to express themselves adequately and effectively in the target language" (Vlachos, 2009, p. 189)

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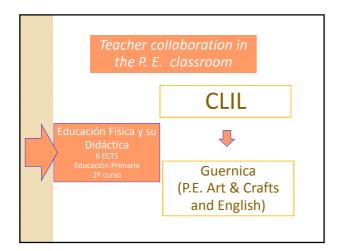
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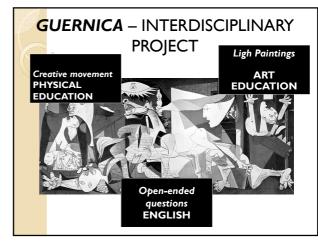
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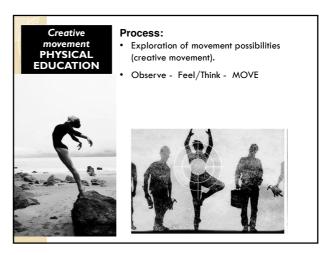
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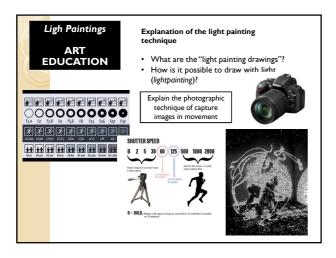
English-medium subjects and groups involved in the current project Educational Psychology Music in Primary Education Education Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 (Primary Education Degree)

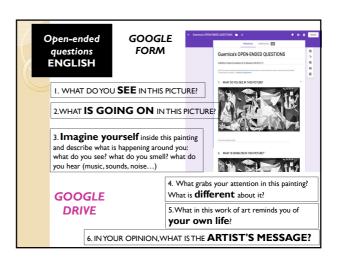


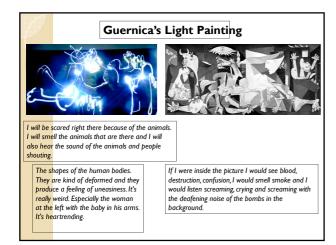


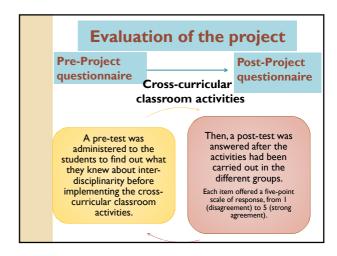


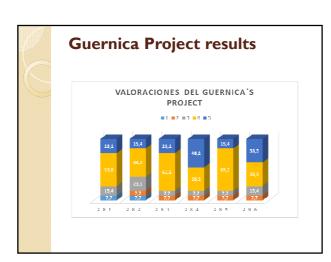












4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

- In this presentation, I have explored the nature of interdisciplinary collaboration in an Initial Teacher Education project.
- The results show that the students have a positive attitude towards interdisciplinary teaching/learning.
- They view the project as a good opportunity to familiarise themselves with the CLIL approach.
- There is a need of teacher collaboration between language and content teachers, at all educational levels and teacher educators at Schools of Education should not be an exception.

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