(Table 5.2) Course unit description

Study program: Chemistry

Type and level of studies: Master in chemistry

Course unit: Methods for teaching chemistry to gifted students

Teacher in charge: Prof. Dr Zorica Bugarčić

Language of instruction: English

ECTS: 5

Prerequisites: entered the first year of study program

Semester: Winter semester

Course unit objective

The aim of this course is to prepare chemistry teachers for taking care and working with gifted students; as well as to broad their theoretical knowledge in the field of education of gifted students and methods for their identification and motivation.

Learning outcomes of Course unit

After completing this course students will be able to apply the gained knowledge in the field of gifted education. In addition, students will be prepared for the practical work with gifted pupils.

Course unit contents

Theoretical classes: Definition of gifted students. Creativity in chemistry. Theories of creativity and intelligence. The criteria for assessing creativity. Identification of gifted students in chemistry. Gifted students in mixed classes. Microgrouping of pupils according to their abilities. Teaching strategies for gifted students. Learning environment: organization and classroom management. Social and economic climate. Differentiation content: Compact plans and flexible rhythm, models of curiculum differentiation. The motivation of gifted students. Psychology of success. The students' research papers in chemistry. Methods and strategies of work with gifted students in chemistry. Self-directed independent learning. Problem-based learning, seminars. The literature search.

Practical classes: Written reports, Colloquiums and seminars

Literature

Chemistry for the Gifted and Talented, Tim Jolliff, Royal Society of Chemistry, 2007.

Number of activ	Other classes			
Lectures: 2	Practice:2	Other forms of classes	Independent work:/	1

Teaching methods

Lectures, seminars, colloquiums

Examination methods (maximum 100 points)						
Exam prerequisites	No. of points:	Final exam	No. of points:			
Student's activity during lectures	5	oral examination	55			
practical classes/tests	20	written examination				
Seminars/homework	10					
Project						
Other (colloquiums)	10					

Grading system

Grade	No. of points	Description
10	91-100	Excellent
9	81-90	Exceptionally good
8	71-80	Very good
7	61-70	Good
6	51-60	Passing
5	<51	Failing