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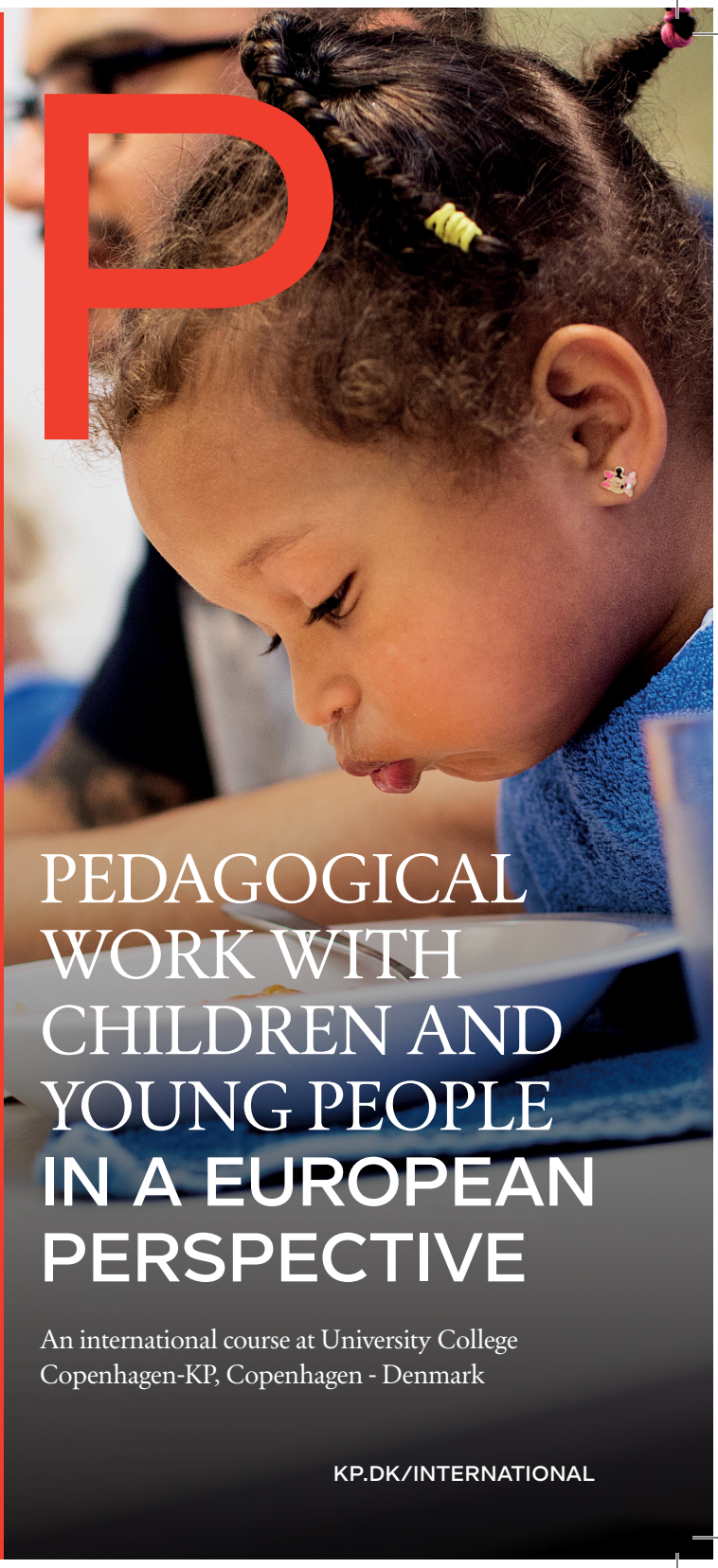

PEDAGOGICAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

An international course at University College Copenhagen-KP, Copenhagen - Denmark

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COPENHAGEN

INTERNATIONAL COURSE
20 OR 30 ECTS

University College Copenhagen-KP offers an academic course in professional work within pedagogical work with children and young people in a European perspective.

AIMS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURSE:

On completion, the student can identify and analyse challenges, problems and dilemmas in pedagogical practice with children and young people in a european perspective. The student will have an indept knowledge of theories and methods relevant to contemporary pedagogical practice with children and young people. The student will also have insights into the use of creativity in conemporary pedagogical practice with children and young people.

TAGET GROUPS

We invite students from European as well as Non-European countries enrolled in national social education/ social work or teacher education, universities or similarly related educational settings. Students must have completed 2 years at BA level before entering the course and have a high level of English language abilities.

You can find more information and the application form at the website: kp.dk/international

PART ONE
20 ECTS

THE DANISH PEDAGOGICAL TRADITION

After the introduction, the focus will turn to learning about the Danish pedagogical tradition in a comparative perspective. The "comparative perspective" means that the student compares values, themes and practices related to childhood from the student's homeland with the Danish tradition. The emphasis will also be on getting to know each other and gaining some insights into each other's cultural backgrounds. As well as participating in the classroom, the student will also participate in an international study team. At the end of the module, the student will participate in a group presentation, which will focus on comparative aspects between the Danish pedagogical tradition and pedagogical traditions from the student's homeland. The lectures will deal with themes such as play, relationship-based-practice, pedagogical values, pedagogical dilemmas, citizenship, socialization, cultural formation and outdoor education. As outdoor life is an integral part of the Danish pedagogical tradition, this module consists of lectures and a practical introduction to outdoor education.

WORKSHOP ON INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

The workshop is devoted to intercultural under standing. The aim is to work intensively with intercultural meetings and reflect on how the intercultural aspect affects professional work with children and young people. Lectures will focus on the following themes: intercultural meetings, intercultural communication, intercultural under standing, prejudices, racism, ethnocentrism etc. Part of the workshop will take place at a camp outside Copenhagen, lasting 2-3 days.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

A unique chance of working one week in a Dan ish pedagogical institution with the support of English speaking professionals. The student will participate in a professional environment within and institution or facility, which works with chil dren or young people. Students will document their observations and reflections in writing.

During your stay, you are to write a portfolio that consists of different short written assignments.

PROFESSION, WELFARE AND VALUES

In this module you will study the challenges and dilemmas that professionals have to tackle in contempotary institutional settings.

This module deals with pedagogical work in a sociological perspective and focuses on social inclusion and exclusion, multiculturalism and the role of welfare professions in modern society.

Furthermore the module focuses on social living conditions across Europe and their significance for children and young people, especially those that are socially vulnerable and physically or mentally challenged.

PROFESSIONAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN A CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

In this module, you will meet a wide range of guest lecturers from our European partner universities. They will present relevant research and talk about contemporary themes relevant for professional work with children and young people. Also you will be studying professional work with children and young people through collective text readings and discussions of current issues. The work will be concluded with an individual oral examination.

PART TWO
10 ECTS

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

The workshops will focus on the pedagogical tradition of working with aesthetical and creative modes of expressions and you will get the pos sibility of working with drama and arts which culminate in a final performance/presentation.

FINAL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

The student will formulate a question based on the chosen learning goal and receive supervision.

The aim is to allow the student to work in depth with an individually chosen topic.
The assignment must also contain a 1) a practical methodological perspective and 2) a compara tive perspective. between the student's homeland and Denmark (or another country). The student may choose to return to his/her homeland and complete the examination assignment there.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COPENHAGEN-KP

University College Copenhagen-KP is situated in central Copenhagen. KP offers bachelor degrees in Early Childhood and Social Education, Teacher Education, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Relaxation and Psychomotor Therapy, Textile and Handicraft Design, and Danish Sign Language Interpretation. For more information look at our website.

ASSESSMENT

Group presentation: assessment 'passed/not passed'.
Mini-project and group presentations: assessment 'passed/not passed'.
Individual oral exam: ECTS grade scale.
Individual written assignment, ECTS grade scale.

RE ASSESSMENT

In case of failing the assignments or in case of absence at the time of the presentations, the student is entitled to make a renewed attempt. The re-assessment will be arranged in the same manner as the regular assessment.

APPLICATION

Deadline for application:
Students who need a visa: April 1st
Students who do not need a visa: May 1st

You can find more information at KP's website
https://kp.dk/international

VISA

Most students outside EU will need a visa to study in Denmark. See this link for further information and remember to send your application as early as possible:
https://um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/how-to-apply-for-a-visa

ERASMUS+

For students arriving from countries within the EU, you can apply for an Erasmus supplement. Contact your local international office.

ACCOMMODATION

You can apply for accommodation at the central KP Accommodation. Once your application for the course has been accepted, you will receive an accommodation application form.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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