

A Compendium of Educational, Social and Human Sciences (*PDF/YCESH*)

Summer term 2023/2024

Thursday, 1:15pm – 2:45pm, room P37

We would like to warmly welcome all international students of the Faculty of Education to our lecture series entitled *A Compendium of Educational, Social and Human Sciences*. The lectures will be held regularly once a week (90 min lesson per week).

An exchange student who enrolls in the course may earn **5 credits** upon successful completion of the course requirements. For enrollment purposes the abbreviation of this course is *PDF/YCESH*. The language of the lectures will be in English.

The aim of the lecture and workshop series is to introduce international students to various aspects of life and education in the Czech Republic and offer them the opportunity to compare it with their own national, cultural and educational background. The main idea is to facilitate interesting and beneficial multicultural experience for all participants.

Course requirements:

Minimum participation: 80 % of the lectures.

Submission of an essay:

- at least 800 words reflecting upon one of the topics covered by the lectures and workshops,
- write about what you found interesting/inspiring, and compare the facts you learned during the course with the reality you experienced while staying in the Czech Republic,
- follow the general rules of academic writing and draw on at least two sources (website, article, curriculum documents etc.).

The essay must be submitted via e-mail to dr. Jana Korinkova at jana.korinkova@upol.cz, by **5 May 2024** (preferably as a Microsoft Word document). If you have any questions concerning the content or form of your essay, feel free to contact dr. Kořínková any time during the course.

Planned lectures include (the schedule or content of lectures is subject to change):

22 February	Basic Aspects of the Czech Language: a Friendly Overview <i>Michal Kříž, KČJ</i> The course will be aimed at basic vocabulary and phrases that are used in the Czech language. Both theory and practical exercises will be included.
29 February	Introduction to Czech life and history <i>Alena Vavrdová, KPV</i> The objective of the lecture is to acquire a basic knowledge of the history and geography of the Czech Republic as well as an insight into life in the country.

7 March	<p>The Legacy of the Shoah in Czech Literature of the Second Half of the Twentieth Century <i>Milan Mašát, KČJ</i></p> <p>In this course, we will examine the most important Czech fiction published in the second half of the twentieth century that has the events of the Shoah at its core. We will focus on authors of Jewish nationality (Frýd, Lustig, Pick), as well as those who are not Jewish but whose fate during World War II inspired them to create fictional texts (Fuks). The course will include work with excerpts from the works of selected authors.</p>
14 March	<p>Understanding Classroom Interaction <i>Danping Peng, UPSS</i></p> <p>You will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • turn-taking patterns and their function • question types and their effects on classroom talk • the role of intonation, gesture and other subtle cues on interaction • types and functions of classroom storytelling • types of class participation and their effects
21 March	<p>Ethnic minorities in the Czech Republic - Jewish, Ruthenian and Romani people. Their culture and literature <i>Eva Maria Hrdinová, UCJ</i></p> <p>The lecture focuses on the phenomenon of cultural, national or religious diaspora in three selected nations: the Jews, the Ruthenians (Rusyns) and the Roma. Cultural specificities and connections will be taken into account. We will also take note of the works of writers from these communities, such as Tera Fabianová, Elena Lacková, and Karol Sidon. Students' own communication and writing outputs in terms of creative writing are also part of the class.</p>
28 March	<p>Prague Stories <i>Petr Anténe, UCJ</i></p> <p>The aim of the seminar is to distinguish between historical events and legends related to Prague by referring to texts originally written in Czech, English, and German.</p>
4 April	<p>Developing mathematical skills for everyday life <i>Martina Uhlířová, KMT</i></p> <p>In various situations in our daily lives, we need knowledge of mathematics. The development of mathematical literacy is one of the basic requirements of contemporary school education. Attention will be focused to defining the concept of mathematical literacy and determining its subcategories. At the meeting will be presented examples of specific activities for the development of mathematical thinking of children and adults.</p>
11 April	<p>Legislation Aspects of Educational System in the Czech Republic <i>Zdenka Nováková, UPSS</i></p> <p>This lecture focuses on the legal aspects of the educational process in the Czech education system, especially at the regional legislative basis and legislative basis for higher education, quality of education, qualification requirements for the performance of the teaching staff including career system options for teachers.</p>
18 April	<p>Creative Activities in Music Education <i>Gabriela Všeticková, Gabriela Coufalová, KHV</i></p> <p>Attention, change of the room (and building)!!! The lecture will be held in Konvikt (Univerzitní str., No. 3), room No. 2.17.</p> <p>Music games are part of the Different Hearing programme focused on the development of creativity through different music activities and composing. Participation in the workshop does not require any previous musical knowledge or experience.</p>
25 April	<p>English as a Global Language</p>

	<p><i>Josef Nevařil, UCI</i></p> <p>The aim of this seminar is to briefly look at the history of English and the current changes it has been undergoing as a result of its globalisation. Additionally, we will attempt a peek into its near future.</p>
2 May	<p>First Aid Crash Course <i>Kristina Tománková, KAZ</i></p> <p>The crash course in first aid will mainly focus on the theory and practical training of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for all age categories and on the operation of an AED (automatic external defibrillator).</p>
9 May	<p>Wrap-up <i>Jana Kořínková, UCI</i></p> <p>In the last meeting, we will close the whole semester. Through creative reflective methods, we will reflect upon what we learnt and experienced not only in the lessons, but also in a real life in the Czech Republic.</p>