The structure of the Department

The department's beginnings:
The Pedagogical Department of Preschool Education was founded in the academic year 1987-88 under the name "Pedagogical Department of Preschool Teachers". It was established under the Law 1268/1982, and the Presidential Order 320/1983, article 1, par. 2 (Government Gazette 116/7-6-1983, issue A'). Since the academic year 1995-1996 the Department was confederated jointly with the Department of Primary Education in the newly founded "School of Education" of the University of Crete (Presidential Order 2/1995, Government Gazette 1/10-1-1995, issue A'). In 2001 it was renamed to Pedagogical Department of Preschool Education "without a change in subject" (Presidential Order 318/2001, article 1, Government Gazette 217/18-9-2001, issue A').

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The Laboratory meets the research and teaching needs in the subject area of Drama, Painting, or Arts and Crafts. Special attention is paid to various dramatic forms of expression such as theatre play, dramatization, puppet theatre and shadow theatre as well as painting, plastic arts and arts&craft for preschool children.

The Laboratory meets the research and teaching needs of the subject areas of Music, Rhythm and Psychomotor Education. Special attention is paid to the Music and Rhythmic Education as well as the Movement Education of children in their early years.

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Student who wish to visit foreign countries as part of an educational exchange program (Erasmus, Socrates etc) can do so at any semester. They have a choice to attend courses and/or teaching placements/practice. Students who sit and succeed in exams and/or teaching practice abroad can apply to transfer their marks and credits and therefore be exempt from attendance and exams in courses which are deemed to be the equivalent to those offered by the Preschool Department of the University of Crete. A student who successfully completes “teaching practice” in the context of an educational exchange program can be credited the respective number of ECTS credits (1 ECTS per 25-30 worked hours) which will be shown on his/her Diploma Supplement (DS).

Students who wish to participate in exchange programs should make arrangements before leaving (a) with the Department’s representative in the University’s PR unit and (b) with the teaching practice supervisor for frequent feedback and assessment in their absence.

Goals of the Department

The objectives of the Department of Preschool Education are to:
- Develop and promote the Sciences of Education by means of exemplary teaching, training and research
- Provide graduates with the opportunity to develop skills necessary for an academic and/or professional career
- Contribute to the improvement of education in general and meet the increasing demands of the educational services
- Contribute to debates and solutions regarding current educational issues.

Entry Procedures

- Those determined by the Ministry of Education.
- Graduates of other Departments are enlisted according to their overall grade.
- Recognition of courses for graduates of other departments (transfer of marks and credits) is carried out after a recommendation issued by the Committee of Course Recognitions and permission by the General Assembly of the Department.

Degree Awarded – Professional Prospects

The Department of Preschool Education of the University of Crete awards a degree which gives its holder the opportunity to work as a preschool teacher. The graduates are also qualified to professionally engage in various social institutions such as:
- State and private kindergartens
- Schools and Institutions for people with special needs
- Nurseries, Day-Care Centres and Crèches
- Children’s hospitals
- Hotels (babysitting and children’s entertainment)
- Children’s Museums and Museums with educational activities for children
- Publishing companies, as contributors to the writing/editing of educational texts and children’s books
- Radio and T.V. productions for children
- Orphanages (e.g. “Children’s Villages S.O.S.”)
- Music and art workshops
- Services, organisations and other kinds of educational institutions
- Institutes of Professional Training (IEK)
- Centres of educational management and consultancy
- Research centres of Education Sciences.

Post-Graduate Studies

The graduates of the Department of Preschool Education meet the requirements for postgraduate studies.

Regulations and Syllabus

Courses in the Department of Preschool Education are classified into four (4) categories: Lectures, Seminars, Teaching Practice and the B.Ed Dissertation Seminar. In Lectures and Seminars registration of students from other Departments is also permitted. Priority is given to students of the Department of Preschool Education.

Teaching hours

Lectures and Seminars are taught for three (3) hours per week. It is at the tutor’s discretion to exceed the three teaching hours during Teaching Practice and this is due to the special nature of the teaching subject.

1a. Lectures

Lectures are courses in which a subject is analyzed theoretically and/or practically and then presented to a large group of students. Lectures include Compulsory and Optional or Free Choice Courses.
at the seventh (F) semester of their study students attend a special seminar three hours a week in which up to twelve students are accepted. Attendance is compulsory. Students are assigned to a particular dissertation seminar according to their preference. In case there is a surplus of student interest for a specific dissertation seminar, students are selected by draw in which the students’ year of study and a list of preferences are taken into account.

The list of Dissertation Seminars (SPE) offered by the Pedagogical Department of Preschool Education are put up at the beginning of each academic year (winter semester) on the department’s notice board (which is located outside the Administration Office), and on the e-class platform of the School of Education (http://eclass.educ.uoc.gr/eclass/).

Completed dissertations should be submitted on an CD/DVD to the department’s Administration Office, The student’s and supervisor’s full name together with the dissertation title should be clearly marked on the disc. Two extra hard copies should also be submitted for the examiners.

There is a library of undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations named ‘Georgios Krasanakis Library’, which has been available for consultation since the academic year 2006-2007. The lending service is facilitated by Ms Elissavet Chlapana, who belongs to the research support staff (ETEP) of the Department (tel. no. 28310-77696).

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

Each course offers credits depending on the workload necessary for its successful completion (article 2, paragraph 1, Ministerial Decision F5/89656/Β3, F.E.K. 1466/13-8-2007). The total workload per semester is about thirty (30) credits. Students have to accumulate a total of two hundred and forty (240) credits in order to be awarded a BA degree. The minimum number of semesters which are compulsory for the completion of the undergraduate studies is eight (8).
The credits assigned to different courses are shown below:

Category A:
1. Compulsory courses 4 ECTS (Except from courses in Category B)
2. Optional courses 4 ECTS (Except from courses in Category B)
3. Seminars 7 ECTS
4. BEd Dissertation 14 ECTS
5. Level I Teaching Practice (4th Semester) 7 ECTS
6. Level II Teaching Practice (3rd Year) 8 ECTS
7. Level II Teaching Practice (4th Year) 9 ECTS

Category B:
Each of the Foreign Language courses (KSGL 100-103), the courses “Physical Education for Preschool Children” (FAN 100-103), the courses on Art (FA 100-104), and the courses “Music and Rhythmic Education for Preschool Children” (MOU 100-103) are awarded 3 ECTS.

Category C:
The BEd Dissertation receives credits both in the winter and spring semester of the 4th year of study in different proportions, such as 10 + 1, 9 + 2, 8 + 3, 7 + 4, or 6 + 5 etc ECTS.

An example of a 4-years study program appears in the following table.

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