**Graduate School of Life Sciences**

**Description course ‘Teaching in the International Classroom’**

This course will appeal to academic staff who are interested in the intercultural and didactic implications of teaching in the international and diverse classroom. It has the practical aim of equipping academic staff to take on the challenges of university teaching in an international context. English-medium instruction (EMI) requires a methodological shift because EMI affects not only teaching performance but also has an impact on the participation and interaction with and among students.

This course will provide hands-on practice and tailored strategies that can be implemented in your own teaching context. It is therefore important that you currently teach international students.

**Programme**

The following topics will be addressed:

* the implications of both teaching and learning in the international classroom
* the alignment of aims, teaching methods, assignments and assessment in the international classroom
* expectation management: making the implicit explicit
* how to adjust your teaching tools to the international classroom and for different teaching contexts, e.g. lectures, tutorials and research supervision
* how to stimulate interaction between home and international students in tutorials
* assessment and feedback in the international classroom

**Course aim**

After completing the course, participants should:

* have developed some of the didactic and presentation skills (including compensation techniques) that a (non-native) speaker of English needs in order to provide high-quality learning activities to students who are often not native speakers
* be able to get Dutch and international students to interact with each other
* have tools available for dealing with cultural factors that play a role in the international classroom
* be aware of the role of feedback and assessment in the international classroom, and be able to create a fair assessment.

**Target group**Foreign and Dutch teachers who teach in English. Some teaching experience and basic didactical knowledge is required to follow this course.

**Study load**

22 hours. The course consists of four sessions of three and a half hours each. Each session requires one or two hours of preparation.

**Course trainer**

Dr. Gemma Corbalan (Onderwijsadvies & Training)

**Practical information**

* The course will be given during 4 sessions (3,5 hours). Each session requires one or two hours of preparation by the participants.
* Course dates (time: 09.15-12.45 hrs.):
* - Tuesday, November 24, 2020  
  - Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
  - Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
  - Tuesday, February 9, 2021
* The course is given in English.
* The maximum number of participants is 16. The workshop will be cancelled if there are less than 8 participants. If the workshop is cancelled, this will be announced by email two weeks before the start of the workshop.
* The course can be used for your BKO-file. Participants will receive a certificate when they actively participate in at least three course meetings.
* It is free of charge.

**More information and application**

For more information about the content of the course, please contact Marjan Batist-de Vos ([secretariatBMS@umcutrecht.nl](mailto:secretariatBMS@umcutrecht.nl) ).

To apply, please send the completed registration form to [secretariatBMS@umcutrecht.nl](mailto:secretariatBMS@umcutrecht.nl). Application deadline is two weeks before the course.

**Reviews of previous participants**

*“Overall, I was highly impressed by this course and have taken away more than I expected in terms of how to cater for a diverse classroom and also general didactic skills. I highly recommend the course for anyone interesting in developing their teaching and communication skills” - RP*

*“It was a good opportunity to meet with colleagues of same mind, all with different nationalities, and share work experience.”*

*“I am now more aware of the impact of cultural differences and how to adapt my attitude, to bridge the gap.”*

*“The workshop was very interactive. All participants had to give a 10 minute ‘mini lesson”. The feedback I got from that presentation was very valuable.“ - MG*

More information and application forms is available on the [GSLS website](http://www.uu.nl/en/education/graduate-school-of-life-sciences/teachers-and-supervisors/masters/masters-teachers-and-supervisors/teaching-and-supervision-skills)

More courses are available via the COLUU. They offer a number of [courses in Dutch](http://www.uu.nl/onderwijs/centrum-voor-onderwijs-en-leren/aanbod) and also [courses in English](http://www.uu.nl/en/education/educational-development-and-training).

Teachers/supervisors of the UMC Utrecht can click on the link below, for an overview of the teacher training courses offered by UMC Utrecht:   
[www.umcutrecht.nl/en/Education-and-Training/Teacher-training](http://www.umcutrecht.nl/en/Education-and-Training/Teacher-training)