

COURSE INFORMATION	
EUPeace Alliance University	University of Calabria (UNICAL) Università della Calabria
Course Title	Didactics of Chemistry for Natural Science Teachers (Upper Secondary) Didattica della Chimica per Docenti di Scienze Naturali A050
Department and/or Faculty	Department of Biology, Ecology and Earth Sciences (DiBEST)
Course Code	https://www.unical.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/formazione-insegnanti/60cfu/
Course Type ☐ Curricular ☒ Non-curricular	Course Modality ☒ Online ☒ Synchronous ☐ Asynchronous ☐ Both (A/S)ynchronous
	☐ In-person ☐ Lecture ☐ Laboratory
Date	Second semester (March-June)
Language(s) of Instruction	Italian
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TARGET AUDIENCE	
Suitable as Pre-Service Teacher Training Course ☐ Pre-primary ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary Lower ☒ Secondary Upper ☐ Tertiary	
Suitable as In-Service Professional Development Course ☐ Pre-primary ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary Lower ☒ Secondary Upper ☐ Tertiary	
Suitable for non-student body ☐ Administrative staff ☐ Other	
TYPE – WORKLOAD – RECOGNITION	
Number of hours	12h
☒ ECTS Credits	2CFU
☐ Certificate	
COURSE DESCRIPTION (EN/L1 [if taught in L1])	
Content English version: • Fighting chemophobia through the construction of better learning environments in school; • False “Chemistry Myths” and biased risk perceptions; • Natural vs Chemical, how to deal with fake-news; • Teaching Tips to enhance students’ appreciation of and interest in Chemistry; • Main tools, methodologies and strategies to make teaching chemistry more enjoyable and manageable; • The 5E approach (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate); • Overview and critical analysis of the chemistry curriculum within the National Italian National Curriculum for upper secondary schools; • Didactic choices for building fundamental chemistry concepts such as atomic structure, chemical bonding, thermodynamics, kinetics. • How to design and implement interdisciplinary and transversal courses for upper secondary chemistry education (The fantastic world of metals; Chemistry of the atmosphere; Drug development: Inspiring success stories; Light and health)	
Italian Version • Contrastare la “chemiofobia” attraverso la costruzione di migliori ambienti di apprendimento; • Falsi miti sulla chimica e percezioni di rischio distorte; • Naturale vs Chimico, come proteggerci dalle fake-news; • Suggerimenti Didattici per aumentare l’interesse verso la chimica;	

- Principali tools, softwares e strategie per favorire l'insegnamento della chimica;
- L'approccio 5E (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate);
- Rassegna critica dei contenuti di Chimica presenti nelle linee guida ministeriali relative all'insegnamento delle Scienze Naturali nella scuola secondaria superiore;
- Scelte didattiche per affrontare al meglio alcuni dei concetti basilari della chimica;
- Percorsi interdisciplinari da proporre a scuola (Il fantastico mondo dei metalli; La chimica dell'atmosfera; La scoperta di alcuni farmaci: storie di successo; Luce e salute)

Competences & Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Understand how to design and implement learning environments that, by providing a structured approach to teaching chemistry, explicitly address the all-too-common negative biases and feelings that society has towards chemistry.
- Know how to effectively blend theoretical knowledge with conscious didactic choices, proper teaching methodologies, technology Integration, hands-on experimentation, problem-solving exercises, active learning strategies and real-world analysis and applications.
- Understand how to apply the 5E approach so to optimize teaching-tools, software, methodologies and strategies so to make teaching chemistry more enjoyable.
- Be able to critically analyse the current chemistry contents included in national upper secondary curricula and elaborate proper didactic choices to develop fundamental and often abstract chemistry concepts which students generally find difficult to grasp, such as atomic structure, chemical bonding, thermodynamic and kinetics.
- Course participants will be able to develop less conventional and more interdisciplinary contents which show students how "being chemistry literate" underlies everyday events and decisions, such as light and health, and food and health, how climate policies affect the air we breathe, etc.

Alla fine del corso, gli studenti saranno in grado di:

- Proporre la costruzione di un ambiente di apprendimento che, per mezzo di un approccio didattico strutturato, consenta di contrastare la crescente percezione negativa della Chimica nella società (chemiofobia);
- Saper combinare efficacemente solide basi teoriche a scelte didattiche consapevoli, metodologie di insegnamento adeguate, integrazione tecnologica, sperimentazione pratica, esercizi di problem solving, strategie di apprendimento attivo e analisi e del mondo reale e applicazioni.
- Saper applicare l'approccio 5E, giuste metodologie e strategie che includano anche l'uso di specifici tools e softwares per favorire l'apprendimento e renderlo più fruibile;
- Essere in grado di analizzare con spirito critico i contenuti di chimica inclusi nelle attuali linee guida ministeriali relative all'insegnamento delle Scienze Naturali nella scuola secondaria superiore, al fine di praticare scelte didattiche ponderate ed efficaci per garantire l'apprendimento di nuclei fondamentali della chimica, talvolta ostici per gli studenti, come la struttura atomica, il legame chimico, la termodinamica e la cinetica.
- Gli studenti saranno in grado di sviluppare percorsi interdisciplinari meno convenzionali e più attuali

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