



CLIL Courses
Planning & Design
Masters in Bilingual
Education
2025-2026



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TEACHING GUIDE

Subject: CLIL Courses Planning and Design

Degree: Master en enseñanza bilingüe

Academic Year: 2025-2026

Itinerary: Obligatory

Language: English

Modality: On line

Credits: 4

Year: 1º

Semester: First

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1. COMPETENCIES and LEARNING OUTCOMES

1.1. Competencies

The student will progressively acquire the following competences:

3.1. Basic competences

CB1: Know how to apply the acquired knowledge and the problem-solving skills to new or less familiar contexts in multidisciplinary settings related to his/her area of study.

CB3: Know how to communicate conclusions as well as knowledge, and give reasons to support them to a general and specialized public in a clear manner without ambiguity.

CB4: Know how to continue learning autonomously or in a self-directed manner.

3.2. General competences

CG2: Know about the specific problems, linguistic or cultural, involved in foreign language learning in bilingual education settings.

CG6: Know how to communicate with colleagues from the academic world and with society in general about his/her knowledge field.

CG7: Acquire basic theoretical knowledge to support an informed teaching practice.

3.3. Specific competences

CE1: Design integrated curricula with linguistic contents within his/her study field to develop bilingual programmes English/Spanish.

CE2: Create and adapt didactic materials for English/Spanish bilingual education by adjusting the linguistic level, taking into account the different learning rhythms and adapting authentic material for didactic purposes.

CE6: Incorporate new strategies, teaching materials and ICT to the activities in the English/Spanish bilingual class.

CE8: Be able to use English and Spanish specialized terminology within the area of second language acquisition.

CE9: Be able to value, select and use adequate literary texts to develop his/her linguistic competence

and bring closer the foreign language socio-cultural context (English/Spanish).

CE10: Be able to communicate fluently at a C1 level according to the MCERL.

CE13: Know and apply the advantages of the communicative and the task-based learning approach to interact linguistically in English and in Spanish.

CE14: Know about the teaching/learning methodology based on the integration of language and

content (CLIL), as well as know how to design and develop didactic activities based on such methodology.

1.2. Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this subject the student will have achieved the following learning outcomes:

- Reflect about the implications of bilingual education.
- Know the different bilingual education models and their adequacy to the diverse educational contexts.
- Delve into the integrated curriculum model (CLIL).
- Know how to plan and design a bilingual integrated curriculum.
- Develop strategies, tools and techniques for a CLIL context.

2. CONTENTS

2.1. Previous requirements

Demonstrate sufficient performance at level B2 in English

2.2. Description of contents

Bilingual programs have progressively become a reality in Spanish public schools in the last decades. Although the different autonomous communities have adapted their programs to their own peculiarities, all the bilingual programs are based on the CLIL methodology, which considers that second (and even third) foreign languages are best learnt and most naturally acquired when used as a vehicle for learning other curricular contents.

Therefore, this course aims at giving answer to this great social demand by providing future bilingual teachers with the necessary background knowledge and teaching skills to perform their duties in the newly-created Primary and Secondary bilingual schools.

This course deals with the linguistic theories behind bilingual education as well as with the different bilingual educational models implemented in Spain. It also deals with the implications that a bilingual syllabus has on the organization of the teachers' work and on classroom management. Finally, it covers the practical use of the CLIL approach in the design of integrated curricula, in the development of the students' skills and competences, and students' performance in tasks and activities

2.3. Detailed content

Subject introduction.

Presentation and explanations about the Course Guide.

- 1. Introduction to the CLIL approach.**
From the communicative approach (CLT) to CLIL
What is CLIL?
- 2. The theoretical rationale for CLIL**
Cognitive theories
Linguistic theories
Pedagogical theories
- 3. Curriculum integration in CLIL**
Reasons to integrate the curriculum
Main features of curriculum integration
Content, culture, communication and cognition
- 4. Working with the 4 Cs and collaborative learning.**
The 4 Cs
Working with the 4 Cs: Practical activities
Collaborative learning in bilingual education contexts
- 5. Activities and tasks to develop the 4 Cs in the class**
Activities and tasks: Pre-primary and Primary education
Activities and tasks: Secondary education
- 6. Learning how to learn and assessment in CLIL**
Formative Assessment and learning how to learn
Main issues in CLIL Assessment
The role of the language in CLIL
- 7. Planning CLIL lessons and units**
Practical work on lesson planning (Coyle's template)
Tips for the final project

2.4. Assignments

Along this subject several activities, practical tasks, essays and lesson plans could be developed, such as:

Obligatory Activity 1 (AD1): Research work on how bilingual education has been implemented in your region.

Obligatory Activity 2 (AD2): Revision of the Cummins' quadrant and Bloom's Taxonomy and practical application.

Obligatory Activity 3 (AD3): Design a mind map to work on the 4Cs.

Obligatory Activity 4 (AD4): Read Clegg's article and in groups summarize it using a mind map or a graphic organizer.

Obligatory Activity 5 (AD5): Design a unit and lesson plan for a subject of your choice.

Obligatory Activity 6 (AD6): WALT and WILF objectives and contextualization for the unit in AD5.

Obligatory Activity 7 (AD7): Final Project: lesson plan design and oral presentation.

To have a right to do the final exam, the Obligatory Activities must be handed in within the deadlines established by the professor, who will announce them in advance.

3. EVALUATION SYSTEM

3.1. Grading

- 0 - 4,9 Suspenso (SS) - Failed
- 5,0 - 6,9 Aprobado (AP) - Pass
- 7,0 - 8,9 Notable (NT) – Fair Pass
- 9,0 - 10 Sobresaliente (SB) - Outstanding

3.2. Assessment

Ordinary Call

Modality: On line

Evaluation items	Percentage
Final Exam: lesson plan design and oral presentation	60%
Obligatory Activities (AD)	25%
Participation in the on line sessions	15%

Extraordinary Call

Modality: On line

Evaluation items	Percentage
Final Exam: lesson plan design and oral presentation	60%
Obligatory Activities (AD)	25%
Participation in the on line sessions	15%

3.3. Restrictions

Minimum passing grade:

It is necessary to obtain a pass (5) in the final exam (either in the regular or repeat evaluation). Any grade under 5 is considered a fail.

Attendance:

In order to make up the final average grade, the student is required to attend a 75% of the sessions specified in the syllabus (either attending the on line sessions or fulfilling the make-up tasks on the virtual campus forum). Otherwise s/he might not be allowed to sit the final exam (ordinary call).

Writing conventions

Be careful with the use of English. Make sure you revise grammar, spelling and punctuation before handing in activities /projects exams. Handwriting must be legible.

3.4. Plagiarism

You are required to develop the proposed activities yourself. Plagiarism (illegal and unauthorized copying) will be penalized with a zero grade 0. Nebrija University will treat cases of plagiarism very seriously. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to: using someone else's (Internet, books, classmates, etc.) ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will follow the procedures outlined in the *Reglamento del Alumno* (Universidad Nebrija).

4. USE OF IA

Antonio de Nebrija University will not tolerate plagiarism or copying under any circumstances. Plagiarism is considered to be the reproduction of paragraphs taken from sources other than the student's own work (the Internet, books, articles, classmates' assignments, etc.) when the original source is not cited. The use of quotations may not be indiscriminate. Plagiarism is a criminal offense.

If such practices are detected, they will be considered a **Serious Offense**, and the sanction cited in the Student Regulations may be applied.

The adoption of AI tools in teaching must be based on a transparent, responsible, ethical, and safe approach that fosters the development of digital competencies among students.

The instructor will indicate in each learning activity whether the use of Generative AI is planned, for what purpose, and the requirements for its use.

It is the student's responsibility to demonstrate transparent, ethical, and responsible behaviour in the use of Generative AI and to adapt to the application criteria established by the instructor for each activity.

The detection of any fraudulent behaviour regarding the use of Generative AI, or failure to comply with the instructor's guidelines, will result in the application of the sanctions provided for in the Student Regulations.

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