Media Play and Learning in Early Childhood Education
An International course at University College UCC
Aim of the international course
On completion, the student will have obtained knowledge about digital media in a social and cultural context emphasizing in particular children’s media play and learning.

Furthermore, the student will have improved his/her competences in applying digital media in early childhood education focusing on children’s active participation.

Throughout the course the student will have attended experiential, experimental, aesthetical and theoretical learning approaches to digital media in early childhood education.

Organisation and target group
This course is designed to offer a fulltime study programme for students of early childhood, primary school teacher education who are interested in using digital media in new ways of relating to children’s play and learning. Students from other relevant academic areas are also welcome.

Students must have fulfilled at least one year of their undergraduate degree studies at their home institution to be admitted to the course.

The course is completed with 20 or 30 ECTS. It runs from beginning of February and consists of two parts: Part One consisting of 12 weeks and part Two of an optional 6 weeks extra. It is possible to follow the last part of part Two as a distance learning unit, in June.

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International Course Content:

**Subjects**
The subjects of the course comprise a wide range of academic and practical subjects. Through the course the student will obtain understanding of and action competences within the didactical possibilities in children’s media play and learning.

The specific themes:
- Using digital media in education
- Mediatization of Childhood
- Media production with theoretical reflection
- The aesthetic learning processes and media play
- Digital media in professional practice
- Citizenship, democracy and digital media in a social and cultural context.

**Study methods**
In this course, you will be presented to a variety of study methods. The lectures will be a mix between students’ own experiments with digital media and presentations from experts in the field, text reading, self-directed work in groups and paper writing supported by tutorials. The experiments with the digital media (Media play) will take place together with fellow students as well as children in kindergartens or primary schools.

In short the study methods comprise:
- Individual study work
- Lectures
- Active and practical study group work
- Creative workshops
- Supervision in groups
- Peer- and group-feedback
- Expressive productions through media
- Media presentations.

**Assessment**
Part one, equaling the first 20 ECTS:
- A media presentation, graded ‘passed/not passed’.
- A group assignment about mediatization, graded ‘passed/not passed’.
- A multimedia production, graded ‘passed/not passed’.
- A group assignment about media didactic: graded ‘passed/not passed’.
- A group reflection report on didactic activities in a Danish kindergarten or primary school, graded ‘passed/not passed’.
- An individual reflection report containing theoretical as well as experiential learning perspectives from the learnings through the course in general and through the study of citizenship, democracy and digital media in particular. Graded with the ECTS grading scale.

Part two, (optional) equaling 10 ECTS:
- A paper graded with the ECTS grading scale. As an underlying theme, this paper must consist of a personal view on and discussion about the possibilities of transferring the accomplished didactical methods of media play and learning to own professional area and interest.

**Re-assessment**
In case of failing the assignments or in case of absence at the time of the presentations, the student is entitled to make a renewed attempt. The re-assessment will be arranged in the same manner as the regular assessment.
University College UCC

UCC offers bachelor degrees in Social Education, Teacher Education, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Relaxation and Psychomotor Therapy, Textile and Handicraft Design, and Danish Sign Language Interpretation. For more than 10 years, UCC has participated in international and national development projects on children’s use of digital media. Also UCC has held further education courses for educators within the area of children’s media play and learning.

For more information check out our website www.ucc.dk/international

Application
Deadline for application:
- Students who need a visa: October 1st
- Students who do not need a visa: November 1st

You can find more information at UCCs website https://ucc.dk/international

Visa
Most students outside EU will need a visa to study in Denmark and Norway. See this link for further information and remember to send your application as early as possible.

um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/residence-and-or-work-permits/

Erasmus+
For students arriving from countries within the EU, there will be an Erasmus supplement. Contact your local international office.

Accommodation
You can apply for accommodation at UCC accommodation. Once your application for the course has been accepted, you will receive an accommodation application form.