

Course Catalogue

KPZ Teacher Education Programme (Pabo VT)

English overview by study year

KPZ University of Applied Sciences
Zwolle, the Netherlands

*All courses are taught in Dutch unless stated otherwise.
The International Minor: Outdoor Education for World Citizens is taught in English.*

Introduction

This course catalogue provides an English overview of the KPZ Pabo VT curriculum, organised by study year. It is intended as a practical reference for international readers and partner institutions.

The catalogue lists each course by title, EC credits, semester, and language of instruction. All courses are taught in Dutch, unless stated otherwise. The main English-taught component in this overview is the International Minor: Outdoor Education for World Citizens.

For more information, please contact the KPZ International Office at internationaloffice@kpz.nl

Note on language of instruction

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Year 1

Semester	Course title	EC	Language
Semester 1	Professional Development 1	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Teaching Practice 1	10	Dutch
Semester 1	Know Your Subject	5	Dutch
Semester 1	The Art of Teaching	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Know the World	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Professional Development 2	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Teaching Practice 2	10	Dutch
Semester 2	Classroom Stories	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Education in a Broader Perspective	5	Dutch
Semester 2	The Group in Focus	5	Dutch

Year 2

Semester	Course title	EC	Language
Semester 1	Professional Development 3	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Teaching Practice 3	10	Dutch
Semester 1	Purposeful Learning for Young Children	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Play and Thematic Teaching	10	Dutch
Semester 2	Professional Development 4	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Teaching Practice 4	10	Dutch
Semester 2	Thematic Teaching and Subject Integration	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Arts and Culture in the Classroom	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Classroom Challenges	5	Dutch

Year 3

Semester	Course title	EC	Language
Semester 1	Professional Development 5	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Teaching Practice 5	10	Dutch
Semester 1	Effective Mathematics Education	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Effective Language Education	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Communication and Early Identification	5	Dutch
Semester 2	International Minor: Outdoor Education for World Citizens	30	English
Semester 2	Minor: Inclusive Education	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Study Abroad (Erasmus+)	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Minor or Tailor-Made Programme	5	Dutch
Semester 2	National or International Placement	10	Dutch
Semester 2	Older Child	10	Dutch
Semester 2	Global Citizenship	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Advanced Mathematics and Language	5	Dutch

Year 4

Semester	Course title	EC	Language
Semester 1	Professional Development 7/8	5	Dutch
Semester 1	Innovation	25	Dutch
Semester 1	Specialisation: Young Child / Older Child	25	Dutch
Semester 2	Professional Development 7/8	5	Dutch
Semester 2	Graduation Project and Profiling	25	Dutch

International Minor: Outdoor Education for World Citizens

Course information

Field	Information
Code	IMOE
Type	International minor
Year of study	Year 3
Part of	KPZ Teacher Education Programme (Pabo VT)
EC	30
Semester	Semester 2
Language	English
Contact	KPZ International Office – internationaloffice@kpz.nl

Prerequisites

This minor is intended for students with an interest in education, pedagogy, global citizenship, sustainability, and learning beyond the classroom. As the programme is taught in English and includes collaborative and field-based activities, students are expected to participate actively in an international learning environment.

Course content

The International Minor: Outdoor Education for World Citizens offers students the opportunity to explore education beyond the traditional classroom. The programme focuses on outdoor, place-based, and experiential learning in Dutch and international contexts.

Students learn how meaningful education can take place in the city, in nature, at cultural locations, and in the wider community. During the semester, they work in an international group and examine how outdoor education can support child development, citizenship, sustainability, curiosity, and inquiry-based learning.

The programme combines project weeks, excursions, design assignments, personal and professional development, and teaching practice. Students are encouraged to connect theory to authentic practice and to reflect on the role of the teacher as a guide in rich, real-world learning environments.

Special attention is given to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), intercultural learning, and the development of a broad educational perspective. The minor also introduces students to the Dutch educational context and offers opportunities to gain practical experience with children in authentic settings.

Learning outcomes

- explain key principles of outdoor, place-based, and experiential education;
- analyse how outdoor education can contribute to child development, active citizenship, and sustainable thinking;
- design meaningful learning activities that connect educational goals to authentic environments;
- work collaboratively in an international and intercultural learning community;
- reflect on their own professional development in relation to teaching, learning, and global citizenship;
- apply knowledge of outdoor education in practice through projects, field activities, and teaching experiences.

Teaching and assessment

Learning activities include lectures, project weeks, field visits, excursions, collaborative assignments, reflection activities, and teaching practice. Assessment is based on participation, project work, professional reflection, and performance in the different programme components.

Programme structure

Code	Component	EC
IMOE01	Introduction and Field Trip	5
IMOE02	Design, Competence and Knowledge Part 1	5
IMOE03	Design, Competence and Knowledge Part 2	5
IMOE04	Design, Competence and Knowledge Part 3	5
IMOE05	Personal and Professional Development and Language	5
IMOE06	Teaching Practice	5

Short programme impression

This English-taught semester minor is designed for students who want to learn in and from the world around them. It brings together outdoor learning, global citizenship, sustainability, and practical teaching experience. Students explore a variety of educational settings, work on interdisciplinary projects, and gain insight into the Dutch primary education system while studying alongside peers from different countries.