

UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA
Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics
Fundamental domain : MATHEMATICS
Speciality : MATHEMATICS
Duration of studies : 3 years

Approved with academic year
2008-2009

Didactics of mathematics

Instructor: Lector.dr. Christina-Theresia Dan

Cod: -

Cycle I: LICENCE

Second Year , Semester IV, Cours 28 hours, Seminar 28 hours

Nr. of credits: 5

Domain: Mathematics

Type : optional

Category : specialized discipline

Objectives:

To understand and to use the specific terminology in different contexts correctly; to know: the structure of the pre-university education system, how to realize and to utilize the school documents (textbooks, analytical programmes, annual planning, learning unit plans), to identify properly the educational objectives for an efficient planning of the didactic activity, the learning and teaching methods, the teaching aids; to have a knowledge of defining, in a correct way, the mathematical concepts; to know some techniques of examination and of objective evaluation of the students; to train the students for the teaching practice period.

Necessary background: The courses of: pedagogy, psychology, algebra, geometry, mathematical analysis given in the previous year of study.

Evaluation form : Exam (E)

Contents:

- C₁ : *Didactics*. The concept. The principles of didactics.
- C₂ : *The object of the didactics of mathematics*. The tasks of the mathematics didactics. Instructional strategies. Methodology. Teaching aids. Operational objectives. Teachers' training.
- C₃ : *The theory and the methodology of the curriculum*. Educational plans. Curriculum at school decision. Curricula results.
- C₄ : *The projection of the instructive activities*. Stages of projection. Analytical programmes. Projection of the didactic step. Programmes for optional activities.
- C₅ : *Organizing forms of instruction*. Lesson types. Projection. The evaluation of the lesson efficiency.
- C₆ : *The evaluation in the process of education*. The roles of appraisal. Methodes of evaluation. Evaluation and forms of examination. Marking.
- C₇ : *Didactic communication*.
- C₈ : *Defining mathematical concepts*.
- C₉ : *Elements of mathematical logics*. Propositional calculus. Predicates. Logic quantifiers. Direct and converse theorems. Deductive and inductive reasoning.
- C₁₀ : *Proof by contradiction (Reductio ad absurdum)*. *Mathematical induction*. *Applications*.

C₁₁ – C₁₄ : *Solving problems*. Dirichlet's box. Inclusion-exclusion principle. Geometrical locus. Compass and straightedge construction.

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