Phenomenon/theme based learning project

~ 10 lessons, 1-2 projects

Learning outcomes:

- You learn to recognise the possibilities to integrate different subjects while teaching the pupils a phenomenon/theme, considering several aspects offered by different subjects.
- You can practice cooperation with colleagues who teach other subjects.
- You can analyse your teaching by collecting data and considering the collected information while creating the learning project.

Preparation

- Interview the supervising teachers and find out, if and in how much they have been using integrative teaching. Ask their opinions about theme/phenomenon based teaching: What do they find hindering? What are the advantages? This information is helpful because you can find out your supervisors' opinions and also map the experiences of your practicum class with phenomenon based learning.
- Read the syllabus and find a phenomenon you can teach in different subjects. Due to the chosen theme, the focus is on one subject and the other subjects are integrated.
- Plan together with your supervising teacher(s) learning content, -activities and feedback (incl grading).

Implementation.

Conduct the project as planned.

Analysing and summarising

- Gather feedback from pupils and from supervising teacher(s)

- Compare teachers opinions expressed in interviews about dangers/obstacles in theme based learning and teaching with your project experience. How did you manage the challenges?
- What was your personal learning experience?

Make a presentation

Summary of planning, conducting and analyzing of the phenomenon based learning project is to be presented in final seminary of the school practicum.

Presentation content:

- Subjects, which were integrated
- Learning goals
- Descriptions of learning activities
- Descriptions and reasoning of created connections around the theme/phenomenon
- Were the learning goals fulfilled? How can you tell?
- Feedback to pupils and giving marks
- Mini-research (data collected about teachers opinions)
- Personal learning experience