**Bachelor of Arts in Primary Teacher Education**

**Field:** Pedagogical and andragogical sciences

**Level of study programme:** Undergraduate academic studies, first degree higher education

**Duration:** Eight semesters – four years

**Study programme pre-requisites:** Four-year secondary education, health ability, entrance examination. Preliminary testing of speech, musical and physical abilities (eliminatory).

Written entrance examination in mother tongue and literature, and general knowledge.

**Mode of study programme delivery:** Non-distance learning

**Study programme objectives:** Those completing this study programme acquire the professional title of a Bachelor of Arts in Primary Teacher Education. The study programme consists of compulsory and optional courses. Each course is assigned a specific number of lectures, tutorials and the estimation of student’s performance in the classes, which is expressed by ECTS credits. Apart from obligatory and optional courses, students also have compulsory practical classes in each study year. A specific number of ECTS credits is assigned to each course; the credits being acquired by passing an examination in the specified course. The study programme requires a final thesis that carries 15 ECTS credits.

Those completing this study program acquire professional knowledge and skills in the field of didactics and teaching methodology in primary teaching education, as well as in the field of the pedagogical, psychological, sociological and other social and natural sciences relevant to proper and contemporary practice of the teaching profession. A Bachelor of Arts in Primary Teacher Education has acquired organization and communication skills, good command of foreign languages, technological culture, and methodological procedures and knowledge in the field of new information technologies.

**Courses**

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| 1. General Pedagogy |
| 2. Serbian Language 1 |
| 3. Philosophy of Education |
| 4. History |
| 5. Developmental Psychology |
| 6. Natural Sciences 1 |
| 7. Information Science in Education |
| 8. Health Education |
| 9. Serbian Language 2 |
| 10. Mathematics 1 |
| 11. Sociology |
| 12. School and Family Pedagogy |
| 13. English Language 1 |
| 14. Pedagogical Practice |
| 15. Subjects of elective block 1 |
| 16. Mathematics 2 |
| 17. Elementary Literary Theory |
| 18. Natural Sciences 2 |
| 19. English Language 2 |
| 20. Elementary Visual Arts Education |
| 21. Elementary Physical Education |
| 22. Elementary Music Education |
| 23. Subjects of elective block 2 |
| 24. Elementary Inclusive Education |
| 25. Natural Sciences 3 |
| 26. Didactics |
| 27. Didactical practice |
| 28. Subjects of elective block 3 |
| 29. Subjects of elective block 4 |
| 30. Teaching Methodology of Mathematics 1 |
| 31. Teaching Methodology of Serbian Language and Literature 1 |
| 32. Teaching Methodology of Music 1 |
| 33. Children’s Literature |
| 34. Pedagogical Psychology |
| 35. Civic Education |
| 36. Teaching Methodology of Natural Sciences |
| 37. Teaching Methodology of Social Sciences |
| 38. Teaching Methodology of Mathematics 2 |
| 39. Teaching Methodology of Serbian Language and Literature 2 |
| 40. Teaching Methodology Practice |
| 41. Subjects of elective block 5 |
| 42. Subjects of elective block 6 |
| 43. Teaching Methodology of Physical Education |
| 44. Teaching Methodology of Arts |
| 45. Introduction into Statistics |
| 46. Management in Education |
| 47. Subjects of elective block 7 |
| 48. Subjects of elective block 8 |
| 49. Teaching Methodology of Social and Natural Sciences |
| 50. Teaching Methodology of Arts 2 |
| 51. Teaching Methodology of Music 2 |
| 52. Teaching Methodology of Physical Education 2 |
| 53. Pupils with Special Education Needs |
| 54. Research Methodology in Education |
| 55. Individual Practice |
| 56. Subjects of elective block 9 |

Those completing the undergraduate academic studies acquire the title of a **Bachelor of Arts in** **Primary Teacher Education**.

A Bachelor of Arts in Primary Teacher Education is qualified for implementation of knowledge in educational, cultural and scientific institutions, and is skilled in research work in the aforesaid fields.

Job opportunities are prescribed by a special book of bylaws on necessary types of professional jobs in primary schools, and types and degrees of qualifications.

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***Description:***

The study programme of the undergraduate academic studies for educating teachers has been designed to follow latest developments in education. The goal of this programme is to educate and train professionals with general and professional knowledge whose job requires critical responsibility towards their trainees – pupils in initiating their development and self-development, which includes competence in both modern teaching methodology and education.

The following issues were considered as principal in designing the study programme:

* developing the study programme according to the Bologna declaration in order to comply with the study programs within the European education area;
* requirements concerning the present and the future teacher;
* requirements of the modern elementary school and teachers;
* requirements in education and specific needs of children in junior classes.

The study programme lasts four years (8 semesters) and is performed in Serbian language. All the courses last one semester.

***Results:***

The outcome of the learning process is to acquire contemporary academic knowledge that would be employed in training students, future teachers, to become skilled in forming scientifically-supported opinion, and to train them to acquire, critically review, interpret and implement the knowledge relevant to the successful practice of the teaching profession.

The four-year study programme corresponds to 240 ECTS credits (60 ECTS credits in each year).