



CREATIVITY & CRITICAL THINKING

Erasmus+ KA1 Training Course in Córdoba (Spain)



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Promoting creativity and critical thinking in the classroom is essential for preparing students to thrive in today's complex and rapidly changing world. Educators can foster creativity by providing opportunities for open-ended exploration, experimentation, and problem-solving.

By encouraging divergent thinking and valuing students' unique perspectives and ideas, teachers create a supportive environment where creativity can flourish.

Additionally, integrating arts, music, drama, and other creative disciplines into the curriculum can inspire students to think creatively and express themselves authentically. Similarly, promoting critical thinking involves challenging students to analyze information, evaluate evidence, and make reasoned judgments.

Teachers can facilitate critical thinking by asking thought-provoking questions, encouraging inquiry-based learning, and providing opportunities for debate and discussion.

Creativity and critical thinking, benefits

- **Enhanced Problem-Solving Skills** from multiple perspectives, devise innovative solutions, and adapt to changing circumstances effectively.
- **Improved Academic Achievement.** Creativity and critical thinking are essential for mastering complex concepts and applying knowledge across different contexts.
- **Increased Engagement.** Activities that promote creativity and critical thinking captivate students' interest and curiosity, fostering a sense of ownership and enthusiasm.
- **Enhanced Collaboration:** Creativity and critical thinking encourage collaboration and teamwork as students engage in brainstorming, problem-solving.
- **Preparation for the Future** to thrive in an increasingly complex and interconnected global society.
- **Cultivation of Innovation** inspires students to explore new ideas, challenge conventional wisdom, and pursue creative solutions to real-world problems.

Course description

Discover the world of creativity with our course for teachers. You will learn about the definition, characteristics and neuropsychological basis of creativity. Learn about the background of the study and the characteristics of creative people. Understand the influences of environment and context on the creative process.

Explore models and their application to problem solving. Bring creative projects to life using ICT and learn to generate ideas using PBL methodology. Develop your students' creative and critical thinking skills.

Discover how to apply creativity in the classroom and transform your educational context. Learn activities to bring creativity into the classroom, from checklists to imitation techniques.

Learning outcomes

- To develop the creative capacity of students through the implementation of creative procedures in classroom activities.
- Understand creativity and the creative product, as well as the development of creativity in humans.
- Assess strategies to initiate the creative process in people, taking advantage of environmental resources and ICT.
- Analyse the importance of fostering creative and critical thinking in students

Details

- One week course
- Starting from 480€ (Cultural activities included) *
- Min. 4 - max. 14 participants
- Certificate of attendance included (80% of attendance required)
- Available in Córdoba
- Also available in Spanish

* A 60 € late registration fee will be applied if you register less than 8 weeks before the course start date.

Tentative schedule

Day 1. Course introduction

- Introduction and welcome
- CHECK IN. Emotions, expectations and focus
- Definition, characteristics & neuropsychological basis of creativity
- Characteristics of creative people

Day 2. The creative process

- Models and their application as problem solving
- Models of the creative process as problem solving
- The development of creative projects.
- Project development using ICT

Day 3. Relationship of creative thinking and critical thinking

- The need to develop creativity and critical thinking in learners.
- How to develop creative and critical skills
- Using information creatively and critically

Day 4. How to apply creativity in the classroom?

- Creative approach in the classroom
- Characteristics of creative thinking
- Stages of the creative process

Day 5. Activities to bring creativity into the classroom

- Checklists
- Random Input
- Asking questions
- Imitation

This schedule describes likely activities but may differ significantly based on the requests of the participants, and the trainer delivering the specific session.

Course modifications are subject to the trainer's discretion. If you would like to discuss a specific topic, please indicate it at least 4 weeks in advance.

About the provider

Andalusia Teacher Training is a training company founded in 2018 focused in the attitudinal training and the improvement of human performance. The company works with clients with the aim of increasing their results both in personal or professional areas, developing techniques and strategies in the areas of coaching, Emotional Intelligence, soft skills and Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP).

Andalusia Teacher Training learns from the experience gained by its staff, professionals with years of background in the fields of training and the development and management of transnational projects in the frame of Erasmus + Program. Andalusia Teacher Training is currently made up of a multidisciplinary team of 8 people, with backgrounds in languages, translation and interpreting, psychology, international relations, pedagogy and communication.

In the field of international projects, the staff has a solid background in the development and implementation of funded projects in the frame of Erasmus+ and in the areas of entrepreneurship, leadership and application of coaching, Emotional Intelligence and soft skills to different fields. In the last five years we have been involved in more than 50 KA2 projects, of which more than 25 have been developed by our staff.



José Antonio Alonso: Has studies in Economics and Psychology. He is Master in Coaching and EI, Master Trainer in NLP (Spanish NLP Association), Expert in Gestalt therapy and Master in Ericksonian hypnosis.

José Carlos León: Coach with a large experience training teams, persons and organizations using EI tools. With a degree in English Philology, he has also been tutor in the Master of Coaching of the University CEU San Pablo and facilitator in the areas of EI and NLP.

Enjoy training... and Andalusia

Obviously, training is a key aspect, but the environment makes the experience complete. That's why Cordoba is the best possible setting, the only city in the world with four World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, a city steeped in history and culture, and also the ideal place to discover Andalusia.

Less than an hour away by train you can enjoy the bewitching Seville, the cosmopolitan Malaga and the haunting Granada, as well as having some of the best beaches just two hours away by car. All in the best connected city in Spain by high-speed train, 1.45 minutes from Madrid and in the centre of Spain's most charming region. Are you going to miss it?





How to get to Córdoba?

Córdoba has no airport, but there are excellent connections to our city from three international airports thanks to the AVE (High Speed Train):

- Madrid. 400 kilometres, 1.45 hours to Córdoba by train.
- Seville. 130 kilometres, 45 minutes to Córdoba by train.
- Málaga. 145 kilometres. 50 minutes to Córdoba by train.

Málaga is the best option, due to the high amount and variety of international destinations and the facilities to link your flight to the train.

Madrid International Airport Adolfo Suárez is the biggest airport in Spain and it has connections with all the important destinations in Europe. Flights use to be cheaper and both the frequency and the options are higher, so it is also a good chance.

Seville is another option, though destinations and frequencies are not the best. Check if it fits your plans.

Train. There are different companies offering connections from and to Madrid, Málaga and Sevilla to Córdoba. The sooner you book, the cheaper!!

- RENFE (www.renfe.es). In trains from and to Seville or Málaga, you will find AVE and AVANT. The service is the same, though this last one is cheaper. It happens the same from Madrid with AVE and ALVIA.
- IRYO. (<https://iryo.eu>). Cheap tickets if booked with months in advance.
- AVLO (<https://avlorenfe.com>). From June 1st 2023. Renfe low cost brand.

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