



Aalto University

A! PEDTA INTRO (5 credits)

*Course session 1:
I as a university teacher*

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Welcome to the course

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Timetable for the day

9.00-11.30 Morning session

- Introductions (course and participants)
- Being a teacher at Aalto University

11.30-12.30 Lunch

12.30-16 Afternoon session

- Discussion on the advance assignment
- Formation of personal goals
- Forming peer-groups



World map

We will create a map in the classroom

Where were you born?

Tell the others:

- What is your name?
- Where were you born?
- What is your school and department
- What are your expectations for the course?
- Teach others **any** of the following words in your native language
(teaching/learning/studying/teacher/student)

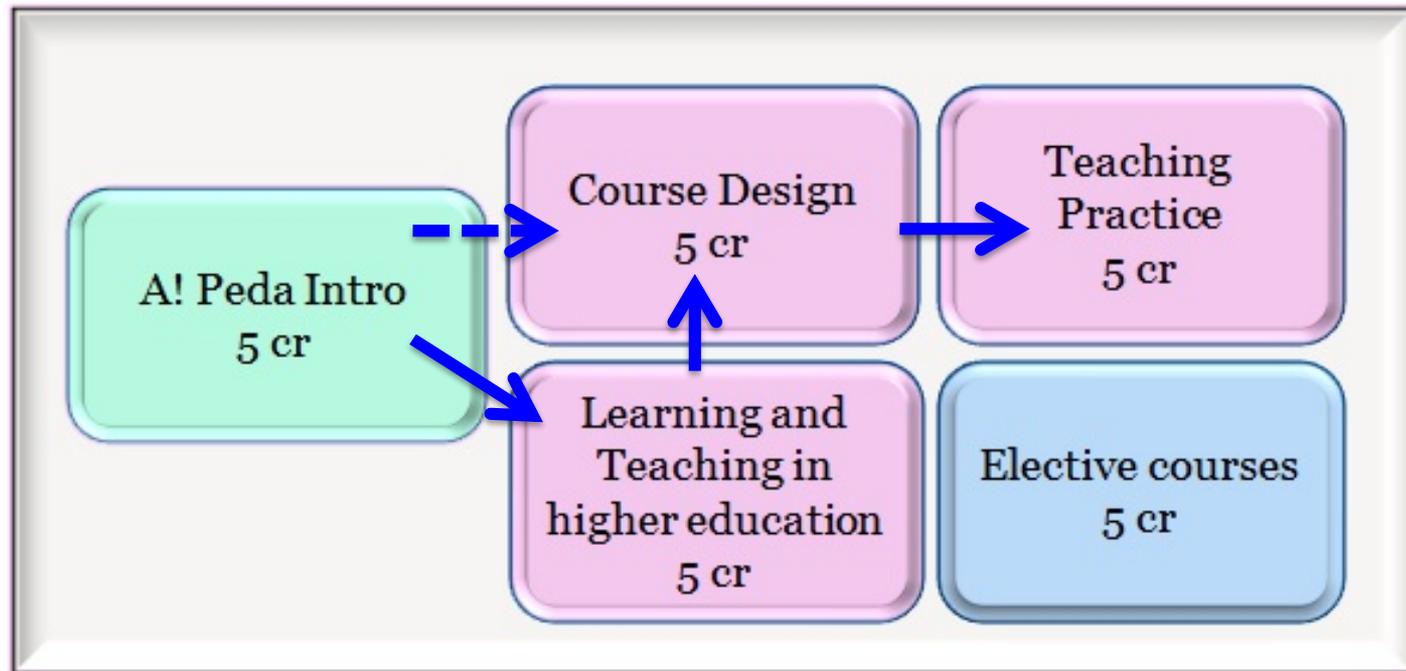


What is A! Peda Intro course?



Photo. M. Syrjäkari 2014

Structure of Aalto pedagogical training programme



<https://inside.aalto.fi/display/en/les/The+structure+and+the+courses+of+pedagogical+training>

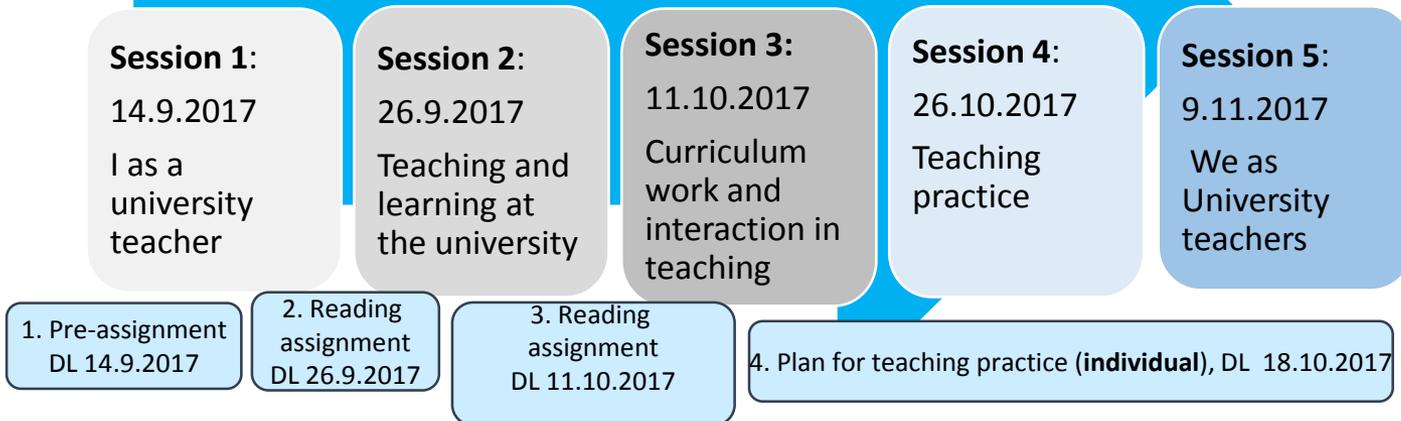
Learning outcomes for A! Peda Intro course

After the course, you

- **Will recognize** issues that may have an impact on learning experience.
- **Will recognize** the stages in teaching design.
- **Have expanded his/her network** among teachers at Aalto University and has gained experiences of working in a multidisciplinary teacher group.
- Will recognize your **strengths as a teacher**.
- Will apprehend your **role as a teacher** in the learning process of the students.

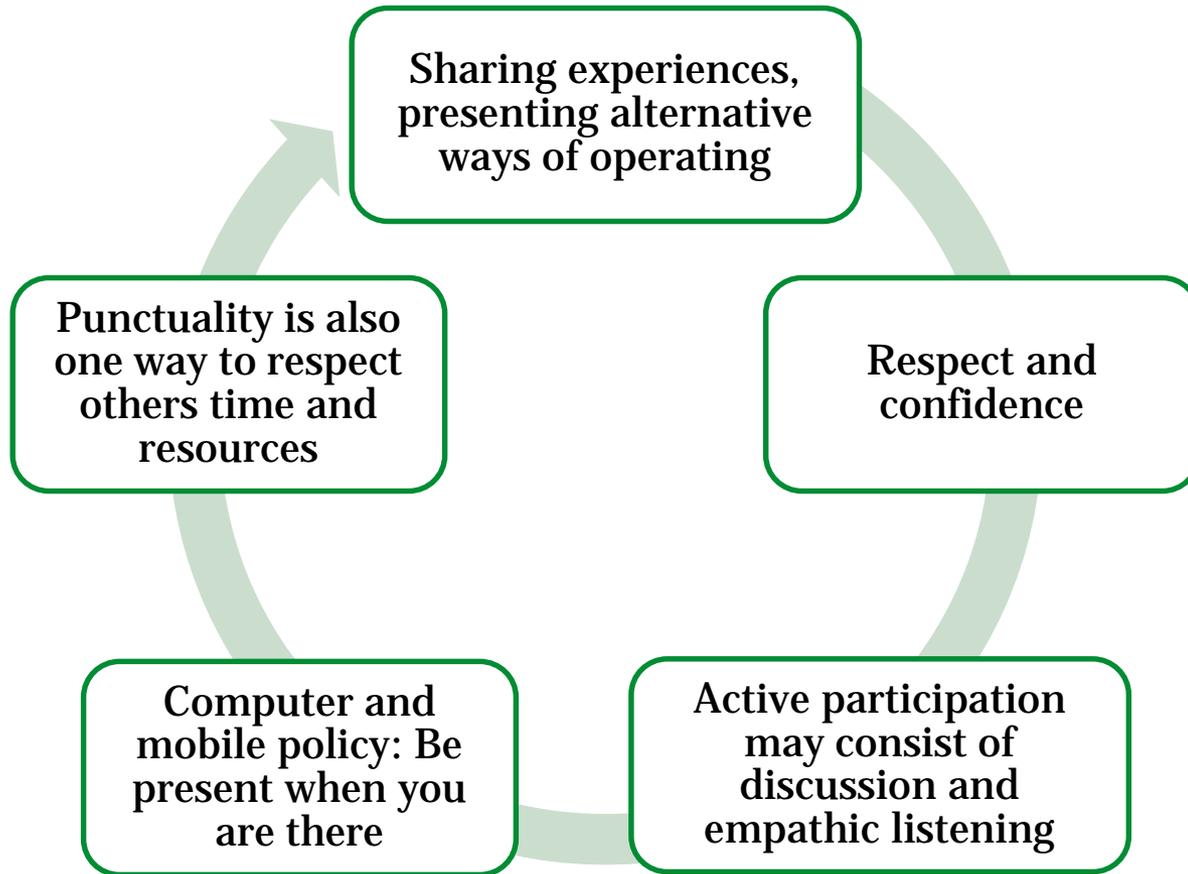
A! Peda Intro timeline/autumn 2017

Working in peer groups, DL on 9.11.2017



Guiding principles on this course

This course is a **collaborative learning process**:



Collaborative learning process requires **attendance** on contact teaching.

If you have some need for absence, please discuss it with the instructors.

How to pass the course acceptably?

- ✓ Pre-assignment, intermediate assignments completed and submitted
- ✓ Teaching practice
- ✓ Peer group work presented and displayed on MyCourses
- ✓ Attendance on contact sessions

Participant workload

A. Contact teaching sessions	29 h
B. Learning assignments (all together)	35 h
<i>a) Pre-assignment</i>	<i>5 h</i>
<i>b) Reading assignment</i> x 2	<i>10 h</i>
<i>d) Plan for teaching practise</i>	<i>12 h</i>
C. Working in peer groups (2-3 meetings+ independent work)	40 h
D. Reflection & independent work	35 h
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Total	129 h
(one credit is equivalent to 27 h workload)	(~ 5 credits)

MyCourses as a learning environment

MyCourses is used as a learning environment during the course.

<https://mycourses.aalto.fi/>

Login with Aalto User ID

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On MyCourse, you will find material for the course, assignments, space for peer groups, reading materials etc.

Break



What is a good university teacher?

Step 1:

What are the elements and capabilities that create "a good university teacher"?

Write down each element or capability on a separate sticky note (= one element/one note)

Time: ~5 min

Group work: Ideal teacher

Step 2:

Share your ideas with your group members.

Which sticky notes are related to each other?

Group the notes.

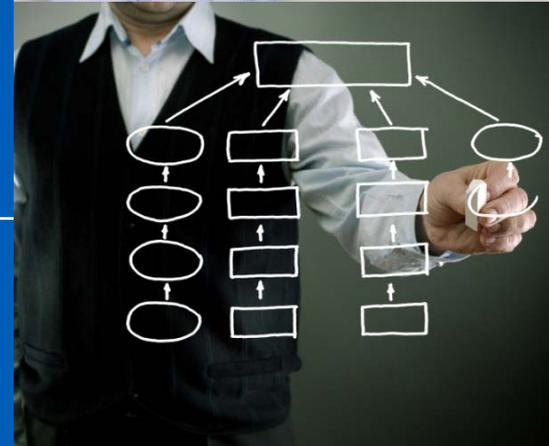
Name the themes according to the note groups.

Time: ~10-15 min

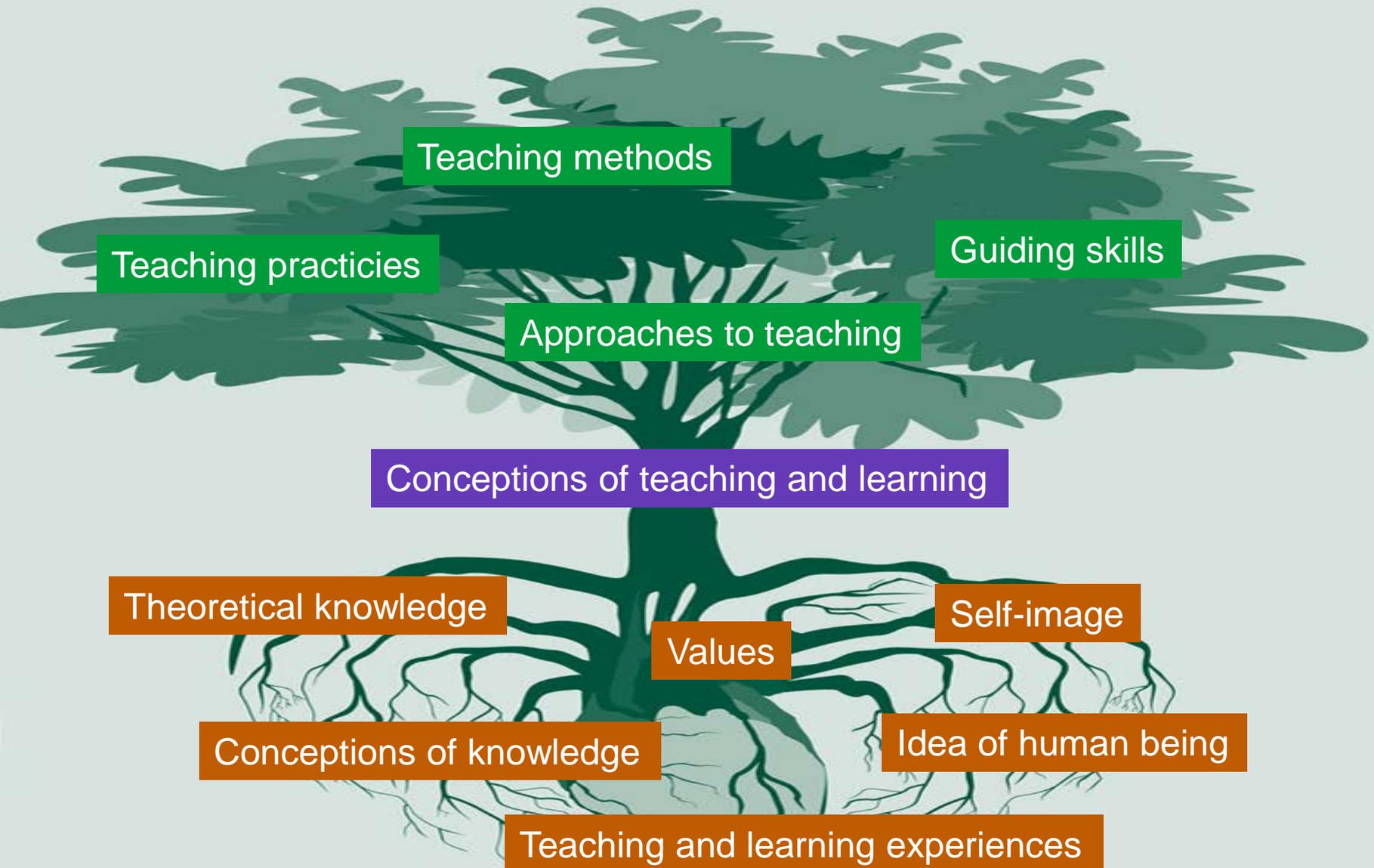
Illustrate "a good university teacher prototype"

Step 3:

- ✓ Draw and describe the university teacher that has the attributes and capabilities you have discovered
- ✓ Are there some contradictory expectations for a good teacher?
- ✓ Personalize your prototype:
Give her/him a name, age, discipline etc.
- ✓ Time: ~30 min



The learning and teaching environment



The growth environment: Culture, social background, political atmosphere...

Conceptions of teaching and learning – why is it important to be aware of these?

Teacher's own conception of learning has an impact on his/her choices of teaching methods

If you want to develop your teaching, it is vital to know what to develop

- Different conceptions may lead to different teaching methods – and different methods may lead to different learning results

Different students may be used to different teaching and learning methods, so the expectations of teaching and learning may vary

Lunch 11.30-12.30

Pre-assignment

Present your pre-assignment in your group.

Look for similar and different features in your conceptions of learning.

- ✓ *How would you describe learning?*
- ✓ *What is your role as a teacher in your students' learning process?*
- ✓ *What are your strengths as a teacher?*

Ensure everyone has an equal amount of time to talk!



Photo: Maire Syrjäkari

Personal objective/theme for the course



Photo: Maija Lampinen

Take a moment to think about your own objective for the course and write it down.

Starting to form peer groups

- Go to one of the A4 sheets (in the walls) to which your own objective might be relevant/you would be most interested in
- Discuss your objectives and their connection with the theme *with others* interested in choosing the same topic
- Write down viewpoints relevant to the theme that emerges during your discussion
- You may change groups and talk to different people

Forming peer groups

- Each group should have appr. **4-5 people**
- Preferably **multidisciplinary groups**
- **Pick a name** for your peer group
- **Write down your common and personal objectives** on MyCourses (there are discussion forums for each peer group as working platforms)

Peer group working

1. The participants can work towards their personal objectives by setting **a common objective** for the group
2. Discuss and decide the actions needed to achieve this objective
 - ✓ At least two meetings during the course
 - ✓ Meetings may be f2f or virtual, between the contact days
 - ✓ Collaborative discussions and documentation in your group's own space in MyCourses

Peer group working continues

3. Make a plan for the meetings in order to further your objectives.
For instance:
 - 1st meeting: clarify objectives, divide tasks, planning of how to report the outcomes, check your timetables
 - 2nd meeting: discussion on discovered answers, new viewpoints, new ideas and integration of viewpoints as well as planning the presentation of group objectives, process and outcomes for the last face-to-face teaching session
4. Write a summary of each meeting & the final outcome on MyCourses
5. Demonstration on the last f2f session (**9.11.2017**). Demonstration can preferably activate all the others listening/following your group.

Each demonstration 30 min + 10 min discussion/feedback. Your group decides how to present it (whole group/two members/or other solution)

Your individual plan for teaching practice

- Start to consider and write a plan for your teaching practice. Submit it on MyCourses by Wed 18.10.2017.
- Teaching practices will be held on Thursday **26.10.2017 (afternoon)** in smaller groups (4-5 persons) with a facilitator
- After your own session, you will receive feedback (oral/verbatim) both from peers and facilitator
- Instructions can be found on MyCourses, see <https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=15732§ion=8>

For the next session (26.9.2017)

- ✓ Read and familiarise yourself with the materials:

Biggs, John and **Tang**, Katherine. Teaching for Quality Learning at University. 2007. (4th ed.) McGraw-Hill, pages 16-39. E-book is available: <http://lib.aalto.fi/en/>

Hunt, L. & **Chalmers**, D. (eds) 2013. University teaching in focus. A learning-centred approach. London & New York: Routledge. Pages 21-37/chapter 2. E-book is available: <http://lib.aalto.fi/en/>

- ✓ Bring the texts with you next time
- ✓ Be ready to work on the read material!
- ✓ Try to meet with your **peer group** at least once (preferably F2F meeting) before the next course session
- ✓ Start thinking about your **individual** plan for teaching practice (held on **26.10.2017**)

Feedback of the day



“Thoughts and feelings”

1. Think of something that you have learned today or something that triggered your thoughts
 2. Write one or two words describing your thoughts to sticky note
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Thank you!/Kiitos!
