



Teacher Education: Professionalisation through Internationalisation

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Leipzig University at a glance

- founded in 1409
- 14 faculties
- 31,081 students
- 6,431 teaching degree students (20.7%)



Why internationalisation of teacher education?

- Schools are influenced by processes and effects of globalisation
- Expectations of students are growing
- Teachers represent the key actors in equipping learners for their role as global citizens

Why internationalisation?

- Migration phenomena have a significant impact on schools
 - plurality of languages, religions, and cultural value systems

Germany: In 2023, 29 % of pupils at general education schools had a history of immigration



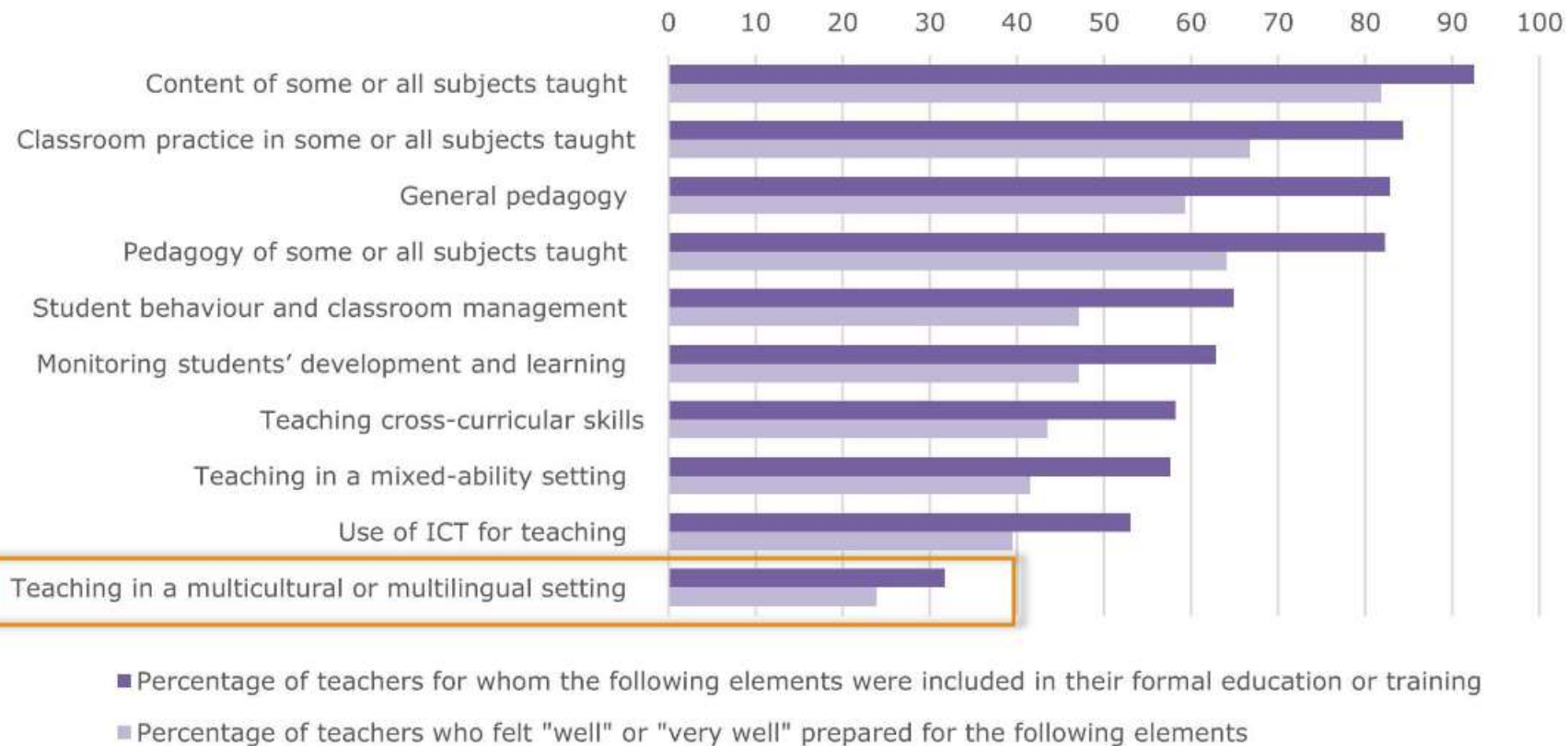
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Pedagogical professionalism is crucial for dealing with diversity in classrooms

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Figure 6 – Content of teacher education and sense of preparedness for teaching



Internationalisation opportunities

Internationalisation abroad	Internationalisation at home
Short stays	Courses taught in English/in foreign languages
Excursions to partner universities	Joint courses
Winter and summer schools at the partner university	International winter and summer schools
Internships	Guest lecturers

Perspectives from own practice

NETWORKING!





Focus on internationalisation at home

- Module „Internationalisation of School Education“
- Joint lecture „School around the world“
- Exchange Project „Spotlight on school development: Current trends and challenges in Germany and Lithuania“



Module „Internationalisation of School Education“

Objectives of the module

- Knowledge of concepts of internationalisation
- Knowledge of different forms of international and intercultural school development
- Reflection on the potential of international mobility and cooperation for one's own professional development



Module „Internationalisation of School Education“

- Lecture + seminar
- The seminar is designed and organised in close cooperation with schools
- Students develop concepts for projects on the topic of internationalisation and carry them out with pupils



Joint lecture „School around the world“

- Cooperation with Vilnius University
- Content: schools and education systems in different countries from different perspectives
- Language: English



Exchange project

- Spotlight on school development: Current trends and challenges in Germany and Lithuania
- Virtual phase + physical mobility in both directions
- Work in tandems on a topic chosen by students



Thank you for your attention!