Teacher perceptions of teaching CLIL courses

After various definitions and discussions about what CLIL / ICLHE is, there is a need to take a critical stance on the actual teaching practices teachers employ in (adjunct) CLIL classrooms in a higher education setting. We aim to contribute to a better understanding of teacher perceptions of teaching CLIL courses, which can lead to a better ability in identifying staff training needs. Based on a questionnaire and small-scale interview, we give the voice to the teachers to describe their current teaching from the ICLHE point of view. Through thematic analysis we focus on the areas the interviews show as in need of development. These are identified based on how the teachers describe their own teaching. The results report similarities, but also differences, between the responses to questionnaire items and interview answers on the same topics. There is a need for a deeper understanding of the pedagogical and didactic differences between CLIL teaching and subject-specific language teaching. The results show that these teachers would benefit from training focusing on the basic didactic practices of CLIL, and especially on the cognitive dimension in CLIL teaching. The results provide information from an adjunct CLIL context to researchers and serve as guide for future teacher development.

I feel great - university students affective experiences on learning and teaching

According to Kolb [1], experience is the source of learning and development. This is a statement that serves as the starting point of this study. We argue that the role of affective experiences cannot be overlooked when evaluating university learning and teaching. In the present paper, we will study students’ affective experiences in higher education setting, specifically in engineering education in a technological university. The perceived affective experiences are empirically analysed through a mystery shopper data set, which was gathered in the case university by a group of students. The study bases theoretically on affective experiences framework, more familiar from the consumer behaviour research stream. The aim of the study is to analyse what kinds of affective experiences students recognise when studying in a technical university and further to elaborate, how these affective experiences could be used to increase student engagement and the students’ motivation to learn. The study provides an innovative approach to university learning and teaching by applying mystery shopper method and affective experience approach from more business-oriented disciplines. The contribution to education science is the increased understanding of the role of affective experience in learning.
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