

# CHESS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION



UNIVERSITY OF THE  
**AEGEAN**

LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

- ✓ ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE
- ✓ DISTANCE LEARNING
- ✓ STUDY TIME OPTIONS
  - 16 weeks – 20 hours per week
  - 32 weeks – 10 hours per week

**STARTING  
10 JUNE 2024**



University Training  
Course for Teachers  
and Chess Tutors

With the initiative and efforts of the European Chess Union (ECU), the European Parliament published a Declaration on 15 March 2012 on the introduction of the programme “Chess in School” for the educational systems of the European Union.

Prior to this, several European countries had introduced Chess as a curriculum option for primary schools. Following the Declaration, the EU educational programme Erasmus funded several projects in the field of Chess and Education with the active participation of the European Chess Union and its Educational Commission members. These included projects on chess and games pedagogy as well as chess and mathematics.

This training course is primarily aimed at teachers in Primary Education as well as those attending Teacher Training institutions. More generally, it is suitable for anyone interested in how chess and strategy games can contribute to education in terms of the social and intellectual development of children. One of the primary focuses of the initiative is to provide academic training courses for teachers and chess tutors to gain valuable skills applicable in the classroom.



#### DELIVERY

The course is conducted using the online Moodle platform in English. Students are expected to work independently on weekly set tasks including interactive activities, course content, a reference reading list, video presentations and live sessions.

#### Study time options for the entire course consisting of 320 hours:

**16 weeks - 20 hours per week**

10 June 2024 - 29 September 2024

**32 weeks - 10 hours per week**

10 June 2024 - 19 January 2025



Teachers play a  
vital role in  
empowering  
children  
for the  
demands of the  
21st century



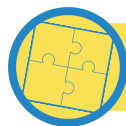
## OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the program, the graduate will:

- 1 Understand the rules, the basic tactics and strategies used in chess.
- 2 Be familiar with the history and culture of this ancient game and its international importance as a mind sport.
- 3 Have a good understanding of the benefits of chess for children in primary education and how to use chess as an educational tool.
- 4 Be confident to conduct educational activities using different teaching techniques and strategies to develop children's 21st century skills.
- 5 Recognise the broad variety of educational settings where chess can be used as an educational tool in schools.
- 6 Use effective age-appropriate methods to introduce chess for a specific target group of children.

### JOIN THE TEAM!

Collaborate with experienced chess tutors accredited by ECU



## LEARNING UNITS

- 1 **HOW TO PLAY CHESS?  
RULES, TACTICS, STRATEGIES**
- 2 **THE HISTORY OF CHESS**
- 3 **THE BENEFIT OF CHESS IN PRIMARY  
EDUCATION, INTRODUCTION TO CIE**
- 4 **THE SMART METHOD TO TEACH CHESS,  
TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES**
- 5 **CROSS-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES,  
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE CLASSROOM**
- 6 **PREPARATION FOR A SPECIFIC TARGET  
GROUP OF CHILDREN – SPECIAL PROJECT**





## ACCREDITATION

The training course provides a lifelong Academic Certificate from the University of The Aegean. The academic content constitutes 12.8 ECTS academic points. The “Chess in Primary Education” Academic Certificate and the ECTS points may be used in European and worldwide educational systems.

An Academic Certificate is an objective indicator that you have the skills and knowledge to work as a *School Chess Teacher* in schools. Schools are always looking for teachers who can lead extracurricular subjects across age ranges. If you are already a school teacher the certificate is a Continuing Professional Development for your teaching career which may be taken into account for recruitment, retention and promotion.

The ECTS points derived from this course can be combined with those derived from other academic courses to reach a target number of ECTS points to complete your educational qualifications.

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a metric of the European Higher Education Area for making comparisons between courses more transparent. It helps students to move between countries and to have their academic qualifications and study periods recognised abroad. ECTS has been adopted by most of the countries in the European Higher Education Area as the national credit system and is increasingly used elsewhere.

The ECU will continue to promote this Academic Certificate as the professional title for those undertaking a career involving chess teaching in Europe and in some other countries outside Europe which have adopted the European education model.





## REGISTRATION

To register and secure your position please complete the [online registration form](#).

### Fees

The fee for the training course leading to the Academic Certificate is 550 Euros. This can be paid in full at registration or in two instalments comprising 275 Euros at registration and 275 Euros at the halfway point of the course.

There is a discount of 10% if the full amount is paid at registration. There is also a discount of 10% if five or more participants from the same institution are registered as a group. These discounts cannot be combined.

[Payments are made electronically to the European Chess Union](#)



### Date

Registration closes on 1 June 2024. There are limits to the number of students who will be accepted into the 16- or 32-week study time program. Late registrants may be accepted at the discretion of the Course Director.



## ELIGIBILITY

Prior engagement with chess is not necessary to participate in the program. The minimum Qualifications of a Candidate: Graduates of Secondary Education or equivalent practical experience subject to authorisation.

## **AEGEAN UNIVERSITY**

The University of the Aegean (UAegean) is dedicated to conducting high level research and qualitative teaching on contemporary dynamic study subjects serving the economic and social development, the cohesion of the European area and the values of a universal culture.

The Centre of Training and Lifelong Learning (CTLL) of the University of the Aegean is responsible for all continuing education, training and all lifelong learning programmes organised by the University, on a national and international level. Academic staff, who are responsible for every project and programme, supervise and monitor the design, organisation, and development of those trainings and programmes.

The CTLL of the University of the Aegean drawing on the Institution's renowned expertise in developing and managing educational programmes via live, mixed and e-learning courses, offers a set of innovative distance-learning Training Programmes for professional training and specialisation in cutting-edge topics.

## **EUROPEAN CHESS UNION**

The European Chess Union was founded in 1985 and is based in Switzerland. It is the representative body for chess in Europe. The ECU works with National Chess Federations as well as international sporting, cultural and educational bodies and is committed to advancing the role of chess in education.

The ECU Education Commission strives to include chess in educational settings, recognising its numerous educational benefits. It offering training courses and educational materials to empower educators to effectively use chess as an educational tool. It also supports individuals, schools, organisations and National Chess Federations.



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