

Course information

Title	Project-Based Learning (PBL) in Museums and Cultural Heritage Sites
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Course URL	https://www.teacheracademy.eu/course/pbl-and-cultural-heritage/
N. of participants	Min. 4 - Max. 14
Course length	One week (6 days, Monday - Saturday)
Language	English. Other languages may be available upon request
Locations and starting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Florence</u> - Third Monday of the month <p>On request, we can organize this course directly at your school. Discover all the dates at teacheracademy.eu/courses-dates/</p>
Free time activities offered	All courses include at least one city guided tour and one full-day Cultural Activity.
Type of certification awarded	Certificate of Attendance, including a description of the course contents (80% of attendance required); other Certificates may be available upon request
Price	Starting from 480€ * * Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the Erasmus+ KA1 funds and several other programs.

Course contents

Description

Nowadays, **museums are designed for learning**. They contain a wide range of information from traditional factual knowledge to commentary on the value systems that shape societies across the world. **Artifacts and digital resources** from such institutions can be of immense value to both teachers and students, as they can enrich school curriculums, classroom activities and indeed external trips.

How can content from museums and cultural heritage sites be used in an **effective, meaningful, and collaborative way**? Through Project-Based Learning (PBL), of course!

This course will demonstrate how the activities conducted in museums, and at cultural heritage sites, can add an extra layer of challenge and intrigue to traditional PBL courses as the inclusion of **real-life materials and excursions** encourages students to interact with information in an engaged and emotive manner whilst the shared lived experiences from external trips stimulate teamwork.

If you are unfamiliar with PBL, it is a **student-centered methodology** that allows learners to gain, and develop, knowledge through the creation of a project. Each program begins with a driving question provided by the teacher (e.g. How would you design an open-air museum whilst aiming for inclusivity?). The teacher then guides their students throughout the **process of solving the problem** which ultimately leads to the creation of a final piece of work.

This course's active approach to learning seeks to enhance the external cultural visit by including it as a crucial step in the PBL process. Furthermore, the convergence of tasks conducted in the classroom and during the visit encourages the use of **visual-thinking skills**, team cohesion and peer-to-peer interaction.

The course will provide teachers with practical tools for extrapolating data and information from **museums and cultural heritage sites**, as well as their corresponding online platforms, to integrate practical and tangible examples and add more value to their final project presentation.

In summary, by the end of this course, participants are able to develop creative and **highly collaborative learning programs** by incorporating museum and city excursions with PBL activities in the classroom.

Teachers will feel ready to create courses for their students based on this teaching model that generates long-term knowledge retention with the added benefit of the emotional impact that a cultural visit contributes to PBL strategy.

Learning outcomes

- Build and implement PBL strategies in the classroom;
- Understand PBL's wide variety of uses for projects regarding museums and cultural heritage sites (including their digital archives);
- How to motivate students through teamwork, creative learning, and inquiry-based-learning;
- How to guide students in the interpretation of cultural heritage sites in order to strengthen their visual and critical thinking skills;
- How to organize engaging and immersive cultural visits through PBL.

Tentative schedule*

Day 1 – Introduction to the course

- Introduction to the course, the school, and the external activities for the week;
- Icebreaker activities;
- Presentations of participants' schools;
- Introduction to Project-Based Learning, Task-Based Learning and Inquiry-Based Learning;
- Introduction to the EU Policy for cultural heritage to understand better how and why PBL works well with cultural projects.

Day 2 - Learning in a museum with PBL

- The structure of Project-Based-Learning: Design, Implement, and Assess;
- Project Based Learning and museums: useful strategies to enrich school programs and cultural visits;
- Teamwork activity;
- Design your PBL plan and visit the Bargello Museum.

Day 3 - Implementing PBL in the classroom through Museums Digital Tools, Archives, and Social Networks

- Useful digital tools for Arts & Cultures Learning in the classroom;
- Discovering museums' digital archives (Open Content) and trends on their social networks;
- Discussion about innovation, inclusion, and accessibility in museums and visit to the Opera del Duomo Museum.

Day 4 - Look around the city to enrich your PBL plan

- Collect data through an immersive city tour exploring Florence's cultural heritage (symbols, interesting places and curiosities...)
- Time for reflection and team brainstorming in preparation for the final PBL plans.

Day 5 - Evaluation of the final project

- Final group presentations and discussion on teamwork activities;
- Visit the Boboli Garden or the Palazzo Vecchio.

Day 6 - Course closure & cultural activities

- Course evaluation: round up of acquired competences, feedback, and discussion;
- Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance;
- Excursion and other external cultural activities.

*The 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.

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