



**L-Università  
ta' Malta**

## **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care (Top-Up Degree)**

### **Course overview:**

This 2-year programme is intended if you are in possession of the MCAST-BTEC Higher National Diploma in Advanced Studies in Early Years and are pursuing a career in the Early Childhood contexts. You are expected to work in the informal settings of kindergartens. You will learn about appropriate pedagogy which promotes learning whilst taking into consideration young learners characteristics and needs.

The BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care equips you with the necessary knowledge, values and skills to work with children between the ages of 0-7 in order to become a professional in the area. Whether you are a prospective practitioner or a more experienced Early Childhood Educator, you will be equipped with the ability to offer a high-quality service and thus facilitate your recognition as a professional educator.

The course exposes you to various pedagogical models and perspectives in order to allow practitioners the flexibility to make informed choices and have an eclectic repertoire which best addresses the teaching and learning situations you will face in Early Years settings.

In line with the National Curriculum Framework (2012), Early Childhood and Care in Malta (2013), the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) the Key Principles of a Quality Framework for ECEC (EU Council Recommendation, 2019), it aims to develop your call to the profession by forming your attitudes and character, have a good understanding of theories of learning, development, and play; develop an ability to understand children's perspectives through their ways of communication; be able to prepare high-quality pedagogic environments, as well as curricular activities and experiences that enhance inquiry, participation and interaction; and by presenting you with the necessary professional knowledge; and provide opportunities to enhance your cultural capital.