

English course in two vocational upper-secondary schools in Kosovo and Macedonia – A critical approach

PhD (C.) Osman Osmani

University of Pristina “Hasan Prishtina”, Kosovo

PhD (C.) Albulena Lala-Zeqiri

Secondary teacher

Abstract

Vocational education today has become a great necessity. This is due to the fact that the labor market offers various professional opportunities. It is not enough just to know its significance theoretically. Unless accompanied by practical concretization, its passive awareness is just nonsense. Today, schools all over the world offer professional education. This is an undeniable fact. Macedonia and Kosovo offer the same education too. However, whether the latter are preparing students for the international market or not, remains a puzzle.

We conducted a comparative study in order to examine the syllabi of two vocational schools, “Arseni Jovkov” in Macedonia and “Jonuz Zejnullahu” in Kosovo, and find out which one better satisfies students needs and expectations. In addition, we interviewed three teachers from each school. It is to be noted that we adapted a critical approach throughout the study. Based on the findings, it is revealed that none of the schools offer ESP course for their students. However, while in Macedonia it is the Ministry itself through the Bureau of Education that designs the syllabus and is the determiner of the school textbooks; in Kosovo professors do have a kind of autonomy in designing their syllabi. Nevertheless, the latter although having an advantage in this regard, yet again choose General English course instead of ESP. In any case, the Ministries of both states should reflect upon ESP, and incorporate it in the school curriculum, considering the fact that professors are willing to adapt ESP course in their schools.

Keywords: ESP, GE, Macedonia, Kosovo, vocational education, students.

Full Text: [PDF](#)



This work is licensed under [Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 License](#).

Academic Journal of Business, Administration, Law and Social Sciences ISSN 2410-3918 (print)

ISSN 2410-8693 (online)

Copyright © IIPCCCL-International Institute for Private, Commercial and Competition law