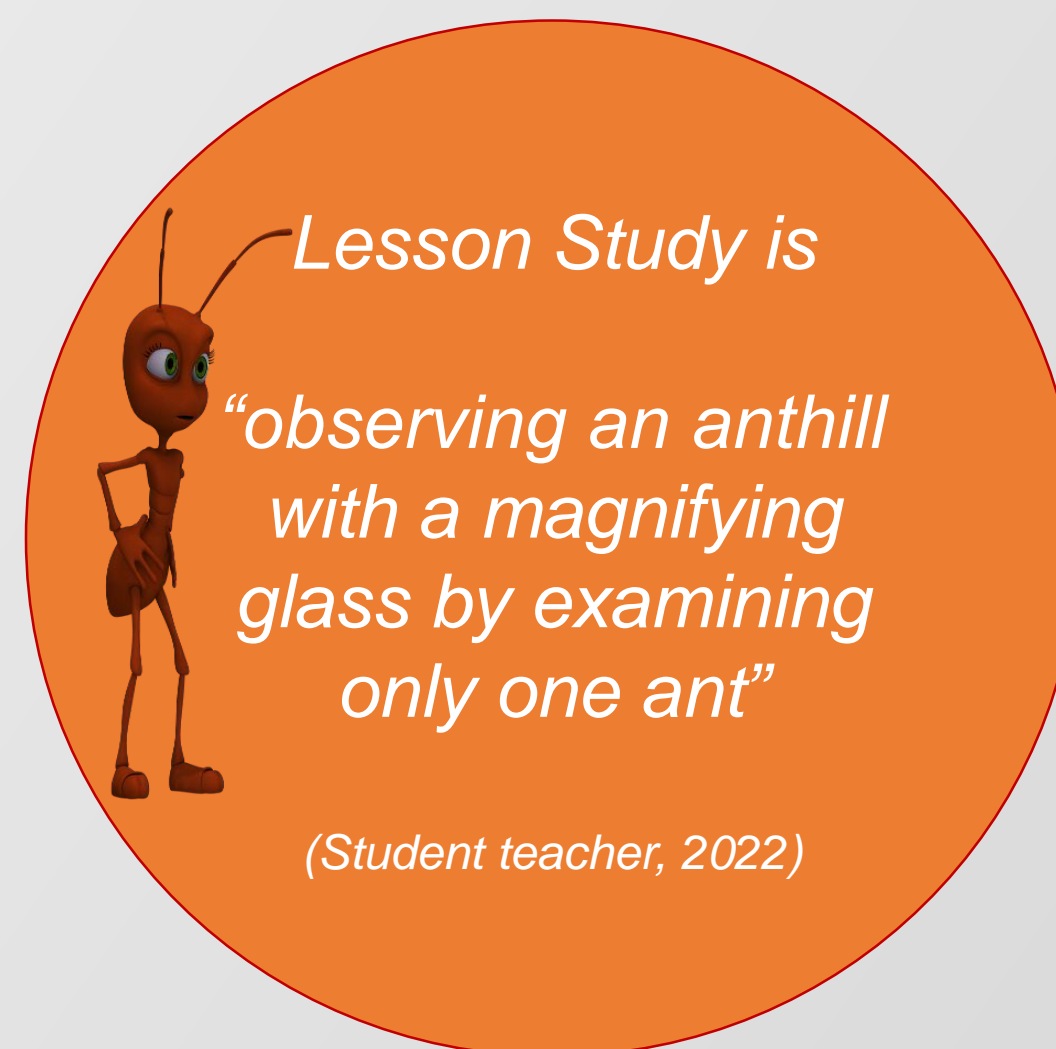


# The concept of Lesson Study

## in initial and continuing education at the University College of Teacher Education in Carinthia/Austria

In the Master's degree programme in secondary general education, a subject-related practicum (Pedagogical Practical Studies 4) of 8 ECTS credits per teaching subject must be completed. The two school-based specialist placements are accompanied by specialist didactic courses (2 ECTS credits). In addition to the subject-related placements, an extracurricular placement (4 ECTS credits) with a reflection seminar (2 ECTS credits) is also planned.



"Lesson Study - a medicine for teachers  
Simply better teaching!"

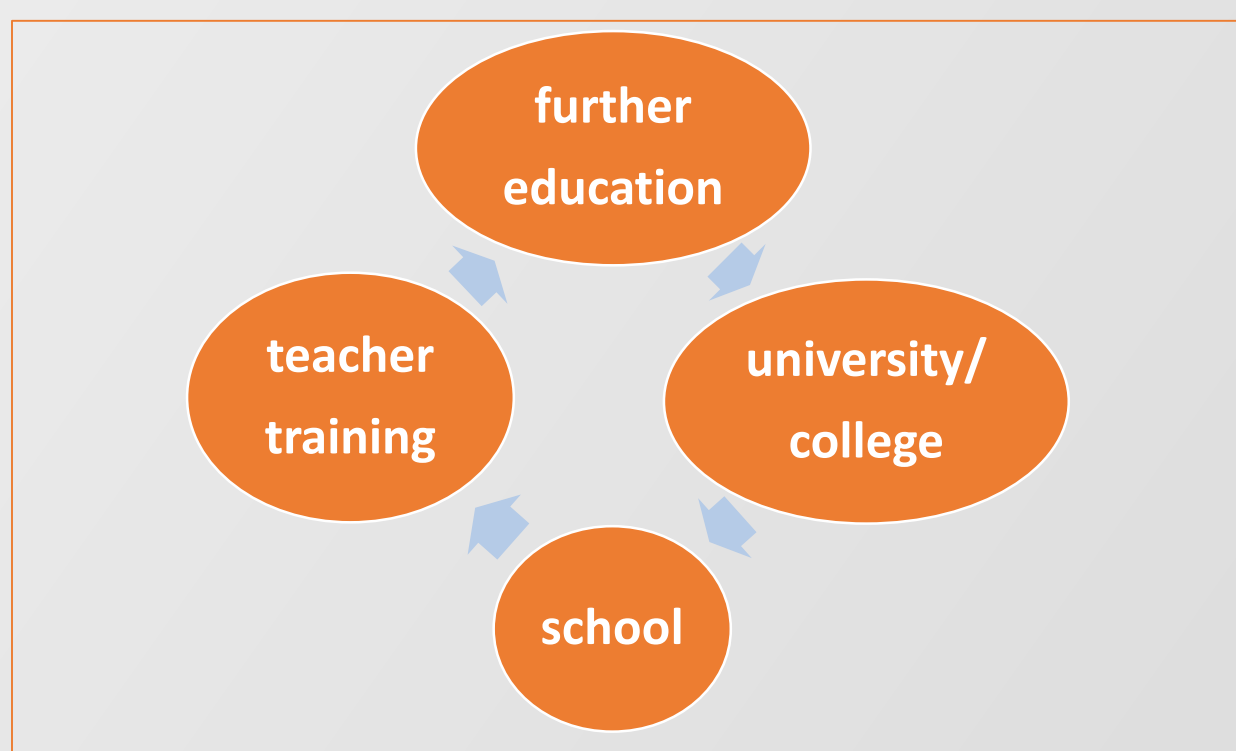
Whether you are struggling, feeling let down, suffering from burnout or simply need help with your teaching, Lesson Studies is here to help! For risks and side effects, ask your process facilitator or read the literature yourself.

Student teachers, 2022

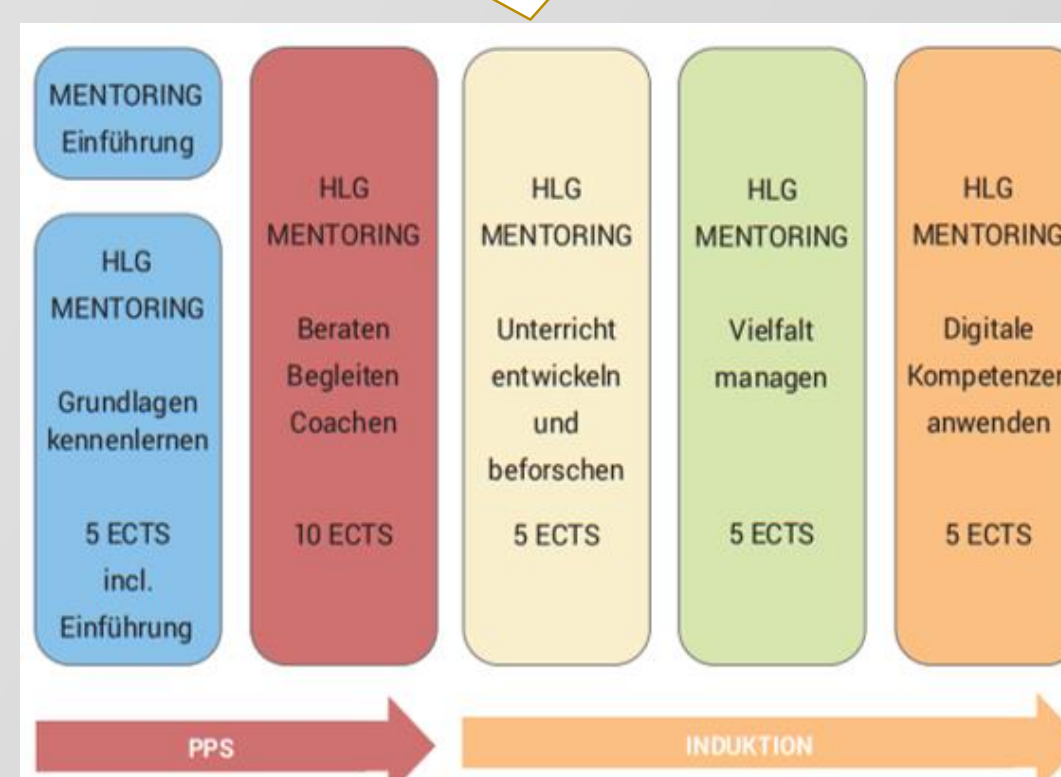
Caution: Always read the small print! The following active ingredients are contained: Flexibility, creativity, perseverance, teamwork and increased sharing."

## The concept of Lesson Study at the University College of Teacher Education in Carinthia

Bridging the gap between teacher training and further education



University courses in the context of mentoring



### PPS 4 in the Master's Programme – Lesson Study

The PPS 4 subject practice has a workload of 8 ECTS-AP per subject (=200 working hours/AS).

times at school (50 AS)

self-study (120 AS)

times at the University (30 AS)

## The accompanying research on the internship with Lesson Study

### Surveys (2020-2023)

Group of people (3 runs)	Number	Methods
Students Entrance survey	102	Questionnaires
Students Final survey	93	Questionnaires 2x padlet
Student portfolio	80	Content analysis
Mentors	30	Questionnaires, mentimeters, individual interviews
Process facilitators	4	SWOT analysis

Research question

What does the specialized internship contribute to students' professional development?

Overall, the internship was very exciting.

The cooperation with the school has met my expectations.

I got to know the Lesson Study very well.

My motivation in the internship lasted until the end.

I was able to gain many new experiences.

I was very involved in the internship.

I hope that all students get to know the Lesson Study.

My expectations of the internship were exceeded.



Graduation survey of students 2022 (n=38)

Very true

Tend to be true

Tends to be at all true

Not at all true

Main category	Analysis of student portfolios 2022 (n=51)
Pupil's learning	"Regarding my first focus child, I have noticed that he has difficulties in maintaining his own concentration and that the pupil likes to be occupy elsewhere (cause: lack of interest?). His learning activity could be increased by giving him the documenting role, which involves with some responsibility."
Student's learning	"We can use our results very well for our future lessons as Italian teachers and now we also know that picture stimuli are very good for teaching new vocabulary. In general, however, I have noticed that variety is very important in lessons, no matter which subject, and that the students are very grateful when you try new things with them and make the lessons more exciting."
The Lesson Study Method	"I found the opportunity to do a lesson study very interesting and helpful for my future professional life. In my opinion, teachers need to get away from the trend of teaching behind closed doors. The opportunity to do a lesson study opens up many new perspectives that were previously closed to us. In my opinion, Lesson Study is a good way to discuss these things in a group, reflect and analyse tasks."
The importance of mentors	"... "and the cooperation with the mentor was great. She was always available for questions and we could learn a lot from her. We were also able to get a good insight into real everyday life at school, which I hadn't been able to do at other schools until now. We were integrated into the teaching staff and were treated accordingly."

### Our future points of interests are...

- how to implement the lesson study concept in initial teacher training as well as in continuing education?
- how to expand the use of lesson study in school?
- how could the benefit of lesson study better shown by academic research?

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