

## Brief Curriculum Vitae

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Aikaterini Blanta is Lecturer of English for Specific and Academic Purposes at the Department of Accounting and Finance at the University of Western Macedonia. She is also Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator and Head of Erasmus Office at the same University. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from Aristotle University and a Master's of Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (M.Ed. in TESOL) from Hellenic Open University. Moreover, she is a Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting, Ionian University. She has excellent knowledge of English and French (level C2) as well as basic knowledge of Italian and German (level A2). Her research interests include English Language Teaching Methodology, Teaching English for Specific and Academic Purposes, Course Design and Evaluation, Assessment in Language Learning, Educational Technology, Intercultural Communication, Internationalisation of Higher Education, Adult Education and Lifelong Learning.

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