



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Programme Study Plan

Master Programme in Cultural Studies

Programme Code:	HAKUL
Programme Title:	Master Programme in Cultural Studies
ECTS Credits:	60
Programme Approval:	The programme study plan was approved by the Board by the Faculty of Arts and Education 29 Sept 2011 and is valid from the autumn term of 2012.
Language of Instruction:	Swedish and English
Level:	Master's
Degree Type:	General
Prerequisites:	Bachelor's degree of at least 180 ECTS cr. in Cultural Studies or equivalent. Upper Secondary Swedish course 3 or B or Swedish as a Second Language course 3 or B or equivalent. Upper Secondary English course 6 or A or equivalent.

Introduction

The programme builds on the Bachelor's programme in Cultural Studies (180 ECTS cr), and offers a specialisation in cultural policy, cultural production and cultural management. Organisational changes in cultural policy have led to the need for educational programmes that respond to the new societal demands for an emphasis on production and social development perspectives in the cultural sector. Graduates are qualified for work as a producer, developer, strategist and officer in culture-related careers.

Programme Aims

The aims and learning outcomes of the programme consist of the requirements stipulated in the Higher Education Ordinance for a general degree at Master's level as well as of specific programme requirements at Karlstad University.

General requirements of the Higher Education Ordinance:

Knowledge and understanding

For a Master's degree, students shall be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main field of study, including a broad understanding of the field as well as deepened knowledge of some areas and insight into current research and development work,
- demonstrate deepened methodological knowledge in the main field of study

Skills and abilities

For a Master's degree, students shall be able to:

- demonstrate ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and handle complex phenomena, issues and situations in the field even with limited information,
- demonstrate ability to independently identify and formulate problems and to plan and perform qualified tasks with adequate methods within given time limits,
- demonstrate ability to give a clear account of and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which these are based, orally and in writing, in dialogue with various groups,
- demonstrate the skills required to participate in research and development work or to work with other qualified tasks.

Judgement and approach

For a Master's degree, students shall be able to:

- demonstrate ability to make assessments informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical aspects and demonstrate awareness of the ethical aspects of research and development work,
- demonstrate awareness of the potentials and limitations of science, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate ability to identify their needs for further knowledge and to take responsibility for their own ongoing learning.

Independent project (degree thesis)

For a Master's degree, students are required to complete an independent degree project for 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study.

Specific requirements

In addition to the general requirements for a Master's degree, the specific requirements below apply. For a Master's degree in Cultural Studies at Karlstad University, students should acquire the specialised knowledge and methods required to critically review cultural policy, cultural production and cultural management.

Knowledge and understanding

For a Master's degree, students shall be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of culture studies, including a specialisation in cultural policy and cultural policy research and in cultural production and management,
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of culture studies and cultural policy research.

Skills and abilities

For a Master's degree, students shall be able to:

- give an account of current cultural policy research,
- analyse and evaluate cultural policy investigations,
- analyse and evaluate the effects of cultural production,
- plan and conduct their own investigation,
- apply standard methods for cultural policy research, project development and cultural planning.

Judgement and approach

For a Master's degree, students shall be able to:

- analyse the decision-making and allocation processes of cultural policy from a democracy perspective, analysera kulturpolitiska besluts- och fördelningsprocesser utgående från ett demokratiperspektiv
- evaluate the effects of cultural production with consideration of ethical and sociocultural aspects.

Programme Structure

The programme provides specialisation in cultural policy, cultural production and cultural management. The course in cultural production and cultural management is offered in conjunction with external institutions. The programme is concluded with an independent project in the form of an individual cultural project.

Programme Content

The programme leads to a Master's degree (60 ECTS credits) in Cultural Studies. Students study at least 52.5 ECTS credits in the major Cultural Studies. Required courses are: Cultural Policy (15 ECTS cr), Cultural Production and Management (15 ECTS cr), Methodology (7.5 ECTS cr), and Independent Project (15 ECTS cr). Electives: 7.5 ECTS cr.

Structure

Term 1

Cultural Policy (15 ECTS cr)	Cultural Production and Management (15 ECTS cr)
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Term 2

Methodology (7.5 cr)	Electives (7.5 cr)	Independent Project (15 ECTS cr)
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Degree Title

Master of Arts (60 credits) Major: Cultural Studies

Transfer of Credits

Students have the right to transfer credits from other universities in Sweden or abroad. The recognition of previous education as credit for part of a course is subject to approval by the examiner. The recognition of previous education as credit for an entire course is subject to approval by Student Centre officers.

Additional Information

Local regulations for the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the rights and obligations of staff and students.