



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Music

Syllabus

Main instrument IV, Western classical music

Course Code:	KOAV10
Course Title:	Main instrument IV, Western classical music <i>Huvudinstrument IV, västerländsk konstmusik</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1F)

Major Field of Study:
MUG (Musical Performance)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2023-02-08, and is valid from the Spring semester 2025 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Completed courses KOAV05 Main instrument II, Western classical music, 15 ECTS credits, and KOAV06 Ensemble II, Western classical music, 5 ECTS credits, and registered for KOAV08 Main instrument III, Western classical music, 15 ECTS credits, and KOAV09 Ensemble III, Western classical music, 5 ECTS credits

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. discuss and act upon in-depth knowledge of performance practices and a sense of style in a specific profile of the area of musical performance, and
2. discuss the application of artistic methods and processes to handle complex musical and performance-related problems in relation to the selected musical repertoire.

Competence and skills

3. independently and creatively formulate new music-related questions, create and realise their own and new musical ideas and deeply personal modes of expression, and independently identify, formulate, and solve advanced musical and performance-related problems relevant for the selected musical profile,,

4. within given time limits, independently plan, learn, and perform a concert programme at a highly qualified musical and technical level and with an independent, creative, and innovative approach to the music performed,

5. explore, discuss, and shape their own music-making and artistic considerations as part of the chosen musical field and in dialogue with other musicians and artists, and

6. demonstrate exceptional musical and instrumental skills required for working independently as a highly skilled professional musician in the chosen field of music.

Judgement and approach

7. critically reflect upon their own and other people's artistic approaches and the role of music and art in society,

8. give arguments for evaluations and assessments of artistic expression in varied musical and artistic contexts, paying attention to relevant societal and ethical aspects, and

9. identify their need for skills required to work as well established and sought-after musicians, and assume responsibility for developing such skills.

Content

Students study, interpret, and perform an advanced repertoire of their own choice. The course covers performance practices, style, artistic methods and processes, artistic approaches and assessment, technical and performance-related considerations for the repertoire in question, as well as the musical performance of students and their role as musicians. The planning and performance of in-house concerts and audition practice are included, as well as the study of piano accompaniment for students whose main instrument is the piano. The choice of repertoire is based on the profile of each student, which means that the repertoires of different students vary.

Gender equality and sustainable development are taken into account, especially through a fair distribution of coursework and equal treatment independent of gender, ethnicity, and so on, as well as a well-structured course content which is relevant and sustainable for future professional activities.

Instruction is in the form of individual lessons, seminars, and master classes.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1, 2, 5, and 7-9 are assessed based on oral presentations discussed in individual lessons, seminars, and group forums.

Learning outcomes 3-6 are assessed based on musical performance.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

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

The course is included in the Master Programme in Music (HAMSK).