



Board of Teacher Education
Music

Syllabus

Thesis 2 - Music Education

Course Code: MUAL15

Course Title: Thesis 2 - Music Education
Självständigt arbete 2 - musiklärare

Credits: 15

Degree Level: Master's level

Progressive Specialisation: Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1F)

Major Field of Study:

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Board of Teacher Education 2025-02-12, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2025 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Completed Music and music teaching 8, 7.5 ECTS credits, Teachers' professional leadership 2 - Music teachers, 7.5 ECTS credits, and Thesis 1 - Music education, 15 ECTS credits, and registered for Music and music teaching 9, 7.5 ECTS credits, Grading and assessing - Music teachers, 7.5 ECTS credits, plus School on a scientific basis - Music teachers, 7.5 ECTS credits, and Instrument and ensemble 7, 7.5 ECTS credits, or Classroom music teaching 7, 7,5 ECTS credits, or Music theory and composition 7, 7,5 ECTS credits, or Music and sound production 7, 7,5 ECTS credits, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is for students to develop in-depth knowledge of research and development work and the ability to conduct an independent research-related project focused on music teaching which is relevant in relation to their future profession.

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

1. independently identify, formulate, and delimit a relevant subject-specific teaching question,
2. apply methods for searching and choosing relevant literature based on the chosen question,
3. collect, process, and compile empirical material,
4. relate, analyse, and critically review research literature and empirical material based on a subject-specific teaching question,
5. give arguments for the chosen research methods and theories, as well as the conducted data collections and analyses, and identify possible sources of error on the basis of chosen methods and theories,
6. evaluate the result of their own work in relation to previous research and identify the need of further research in the area,
7. structure a written work and use adequate language with appropriate referencing and formal conventions,
8. give arguments for legal restrictions and ethical principles in the use of different types of methods and material in research, and
9. orally defend their own work and serve as a peer reviewer.

Content

Students carry out an independent thesis project on a music-specific teaching question, under supervision.

The course comprises the following components:

- formulating a topic, purpose, and research question
- research ethics
- choice and justification of methodological approach in relation to the question
- systematic literature search
- collecting, processing, and compiling empirical material
- analysis and discussion of the empirical material in the light of theory, aim and questions
- documenting the study in writing
- defending the study
- serving as a peer reviewer

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcome 1-7 are assessed based on a written independent thesis

Learning outcome 8 is assessed based on a written individual assignment

Learning outcome 9 is assessed based on performance in a final seminar

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.

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