



Board of Teacher Education
Music

Syllabus

Instrument and Ensemble 1

Course Code: MUGL43

Course Title: Instrument and Ensemble 1
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Credits: 7.5

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

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

Music and Music Teaching 1, 22.5 ECTS credits, and School as system and idea - Music teachers, 7.5 ECTS credits, plus registered for Music and Music Teaching 2, 15 ECTS credits, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is for students to develop foundational technical and artistic skills, knowledge of, and subject-specific education perspectives on teaching a second instrument or instrument group that, in relation to the primary instrument of their main subject area, forms a professionally relevant combination.

Module 1: Instrument, 1.5 ECTS cr.

Upon completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. give musical expression to selected repertoire using basic instrumental or vocal skills, and

2. describe instrument-specific practice methods.

Module 2: Music education, 2 ECTS cr.

Upon completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. give an account of basic instrument-related methodological concepts, challenges, and teaching models for the selected second instrument, and
2. describe and reflect, from an educational perspective, upon their own observations of teaching on the selected second instrument.

Module 3: Music knowledge, 4 ECTS cr.

Upon completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. describe the role and function of aural skills and ear training in musical contexts, and notate and reproduce melodies, extended harmony, and advanced rhythms, and
2. arrange music at a basic level for the most common instrument families.

Content

The course comprises three modules. The course content prepares students for placement (VFU) within the field.

Module 1

This module includes performance on the chosen second instrument within a selected genre, carried out through individual instrumental lessons.

Module 2

This module includes instrumental methodology for the chosen second instrument in the selected genre, including supervised teaching practice in the form of classroom observation.

Module 3

This module includes training where students, grouped according to skill level, practice notating and reproducing rhythms, melodies, and chords. In the area of instrumentation, students are introduced to the basic principles of writing for the most common instrument families and acquire knowledge of their characteristics.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1

Learning outcome 1 is assessed based on individual and group musical performance.

Learning outcome 2 is assessed based on individual oral presentations.

Module 2

Learning outcomes 1-2 are assessed based on individual and group oral presentations and individual written hand-in assignments.

Module 3

Learning outcome 1 is assessed based on an individual written presentation and playing an instrument or singing.

Learning outcome 2 is assessed based on individual written hand-in assignments.

Submissions for assessment must clearly indicate individual contributions.

The number of assessment opportunities is limited to five.

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 Pass (G) or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course (RB 129/22 Dnr C2022/895).

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.

Music Teacher Programme course