



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Educational Work

## Syllabus

### Independent project for teachers

<b>Course Code:</b>	PAAM04
<b>Course Title:</b>	Independent project for teachers <i>Självständigt arbete för lärare</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1F)

**Major Field of Study:**  
PGA (Educational Work)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-12-18, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Teacher Education degree, or equivalent, and 15 ECTS credits of Methodology at the Master level

#### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- identify and formulate research questions in an independent, systematic, and critical manner,
- plan and conduct a research project using adequate methods,
- identify and analyse ethical problems related to research,
- analyse, assess, and handle the complexity of empirical data systematically, and
- give an account of and discuss methods and results in their own and other people's research, orally and in writing.

**Content**

The aim of the course is that students develop an understanding for how research perspectives can be used to formulate, operationalise, analyse, assess, and present school-related problems. With the support of their supervisor, students plan and conduct a research project focused on a school-related issue, and produce a written report. They are also expected to examine critically their own research project and those of other students.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

The learning outcomes of the course are assessed on the basis of an individual independent project which is presented in a seminar, and on the basis of a public examination of another student's work. Supplementary assignments may be requested if the examining teacher finds that a student does not reach the learning outcomes.

**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.