



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Educational Work

## Syllabus

### Independent project in Educational Leadership and School Development II

<b>Course Code:</b>	PAAUT8
<b>Course Title:</b>	Independent project in Educational Leadership and School Development II <i>Självständigt arbete i utbildningsledning och skolutveckling II</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

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

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-04-05, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

1. Completed Master programme in Educational Leadership and School Development, or equivalent, and
2. PAAUT5 School as a Learning Organisation 15 ECTS credits, PAAUT6 School Development in Theory and Practice 15 ECTS credits and PAAUM7 Research Methods II 15 ECTS credits, or equivalent.

#### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- identify and formulate their own research questions in relation to research, in an independent, systematic and critical way,
- plan and conduct a study based on different theories and their methodological approaches and analytical processes,
- identify and thoroughly analyse ethical problems in their own and others' studies,
- systematically and independently analyse, assess and deal with complexity in empirical data material,
- orally and in writing give an account of and critically discuss choice of methods and conclusions in their own and others' studies.

#### Content

The aim of the course is that students further deepen and widen their understanding of how to formulate, operationalise, analyse, assess and present problems in school activities in the light of theoretical perspectives. Under supervision, students plan, conduct and report a study related to school contexts in writing. Students also act as peer reviewers of fellow-students' works.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on an independent project presented and discussed in seminar, and on student's performance as a peer reviewer. If the examiner finds that the submitted project does not meet the requirements, the student may be requested to submit supplementary tasks.

**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.