



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Educational Work

Syllabus

Learning theories

Course Code: PAGE02

Course Title: Learning theories
Lärandeteorier

Credits: 7.5

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified (GXX)

Major Field of Study:

PGA (Educational Work)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-09-07, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements plus upper secondary school level English 6/B

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of basic learning theories,
2. compare basic learning theories,
3. reflect on and explain their own and others' learning experiences in relation to learning theories, and
4. compare and discuss the effects of various learning theories on learning.

Content

The course provides an introduction to learning theories and students develop skills in comparing various learning theories and assessing their effects on individual and group learning. The following components are treated:

- Presentation of some learning theories, such as behaviourism, cognitivism, pragmatism and the socio-cultural perspective
- Reflection and discussion individually and in groups on students' experiences of the learning process in relation to learning theories.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on:

Learning outcome 1: oral and written group presentation.

Learning outcomes 1 and 2: active participation in literature seminar.

Learning outcome 3: individual oral presentation.

Learning outcomes 1-4: individual hand-in assignment.

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.