



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Special Education

Syllabus

Special Education A

Course Code: SPGAH2
Course Title: Special Education A
Specialpedagogik A
Credits: 30
Degree Level: Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
SQA (Special Education)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-19, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of different special education concepts and perspectives,
2. give an account of the emergence and history of special education,
3. reflect on different perspectives of participation, learning and development,
4. critically reflect on their views of normality and deviance in relation to the special education field,
5. identify obstacles to and opportunities for inclusion in pedagogical activities at the levels of the individual, group, organisation and society, and
6. apply a research method and demonstrate basic skills in academic writing.

Content

The aim of the course is to give an introduction to the special education field. Students develop the knowledge, values and approaches required to deal with various situations and environments. The course comprises the following components:

- central concepts in the special education field
- special education in a historical and societal perspective
- national and international directives and policies pertaining to special education issues
- students' approaches to special education issues
- ethical and democratic perspectives
- special education issues in relation to theoretical perspectives at the levels of the individual, group, organisation and society,
- academic approach, basic research methods and academic writing.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars at on-campus meetings. Students work on assignments for learning and for assessment, individually and in groups between meetings. A minor independent study, presented in an essay and discussed in seminar, concludes the course.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual hand-in assignments, active participation in seminars, and oral individual and group presentations.

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.