F Edu - Educational Psychology, MA (Education) (2021 - 2022)

Tutkintorakenteet

Educational Psychology, Master’s degree

Tutkintorakenteen tila: archived

Lukuvuosi: 2021-22

Lukuvuoden alkamispäivämäärä: 01.08.2021

Educational Psychology, Advanced Studies (80 ECTS cr) (vähintään 80 op)

The major subject of his/her Master’s degree is Educational Psychology. Basic and intermediate studies in psychology must have been completed.

A250801: Educational Psychology, Advanced Studies, 80 op

Compulsory

413069S: Orientation to Master’s Studies, 5 op
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415048S: Psychology of learning, 5 op
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Minor studies (25-35 ECTS cr) (vähintään 25 op)

There are no strict stipulations on the minor subjects of degrees at the Program of Educational Sciences. You can choose your minor subjects from among those offered by the University of Oulu. A Bachelor’s or Master’s degree shall include at least one minor that is equivalent to intermediate studies in the subject.

You can select either 1x25 credits OR 1x35 credits worth of minor subjects to be completed as part of the Master’s degree.

Optional studies (5-15 ECTS cr)
Depending on the scope of the minor subject studies, you need 5-15 credits of optional studies for your Master's degree. The studies can include any university-level studies.

Opintojaksojen kuvaus

Opintojakson kuvaukset

A250801: Educational Psychology, Advanced Studies, 80 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Study module
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Hanni-Mari Muukkonen-van der Meer
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
80 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Master's studies
Learning outcomes:
Having completed the Advanced Studies in Educational Psychology, the student is familiar with the theoretical trends in educational psychology and is able to apply central research methods of educational psychology. The student knows how to evaluate and use a wide variety of conceptual tools to build for her/himself a comprehensive idea of the phenomena and practices in educational psychology. S/he is capable of both applying existing knowledge and producing new knowledge for the needs of the educational, guidance and counselling sectors. S/he has developed a scientific and analytical way of thinking and s/he is capable of independent, systematic and critical argumentation of scientific knowledge. S/he has the skills required by professional practices in educational psychology and in addition to group work, s/he is capable of independent goal-oriented work. S/he is also capable of clear analytical spoken and written expression, and her/his professional practice in educational psychology is based on scientific and research-based thinking.
Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching
Target group:
Students pursuing Advanced Studies in Educational Psychology.
Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and Intermediate Studies in Psychology
Recommended optional programme components:
Basic and Intermediate Studies in Psychology
Recommended or required reading:
To be announced in connection with each course.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
prof. Hanni Muukkonen

Compulsory

413069S: Orientation to Master's Studies, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2020 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 cr
Language of instruction:
Finnish and English
Timing:
1st year of master studies

Learning outcomes:
The course equips the student as a future expert of education and learning. It combines two themes obvious to master level studies – the questions connected to work life and scientific production of knowledge. The course helps the student to recognize and strengthen their own expertise. It also provides experiences of finding, reading and producing scientific knowledge.

Having passed the course, the student is able to:
- find information regarding their own studies and future career, as well as to plan them
- analyze and produce scientific text
- perceive different ways of conducting educational research and producing academic knowledge
- present and compare different kinds of educational expertise and profile oneself in relation to them
- concern oneself as a future conductor of research and as a professional acting based on scientific knowledge

Contents:
- Study and career planning and counselling
- Presenting faculty research
- Expert talks
- General master’s thesis information
- Master’s thesis groups’ information
- Information services
- Seminars and teacher tutor sessions
- Independent work
- STEAM in master studies

Mode of delivery:
Blended teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Contact lessons minimum 20h, including lectures 16h. Independent study 100-115, depending on the amount of contact teaching. Total amount of work 135h.

Target group:
All master level students (with the exception of students from music education programme

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
no

Recommended or required reading:
Active participation in the joint sessions, assessment is done in the seminar groups and depends on the working methods of the seminar

Assessment methods and criteria:
Active participation in the joint sessions, assessment is done in the seminar groups and depends on the working methods of the seminar

Grading:
Pass/Fail

Person responsible:
**Working life cooperation:**
The course is implemented in cooperation with different experts and organizations in and outside of the university.

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**415042S: Special course in educational psychology, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -
**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies
**Laji:** Course
**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Education
**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail
**Opettajat:** Mirka Hintsanen
**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**
5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
1st study year

**Learning outcomes:**
The student
- familiarizes him/herself with current issues in educational technology and with expertise in education
- knows how to search for information related to psychology and educational psychology making use of international search channels
- knows how to evaluate research in educational psychology and the strength of research evidence
- knows how to interpret practical problem situations making use of research knowledge on educational psychology
- knows, based on research evidence and strength of proof, how to present summaries and recommendations on measures, i.e. knows how to apply research knowledge in practice

**Contents:**
Evaluation of research in educational psychology and assessment of the strength of proof, application of knowledge on educational psychology in practice, working in an expert position, varying current topics related to educational psychology.

**Mode of delivery:**
To be informed at the beginning of the semester

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and exercises a maximum of 24h, independent and group work approx. 110h.

**Target group:**
Students pursuing advanced studies in educational psychology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Basic and intermediate studies in psychology OR a pre-exam/essay

**Recommended optional programme components:**
The study module is part of the studies for a Master's degree in education (majoring in educational psychology)

**Recommended or required reading:**
The course literature is announced at the start of the course. The materials for the pre-exam/essay are announced to those registered for the course when the deadline for enrolments has expired (PLEASE NOTE! You need not take the pre-exam, if you have completed the basic and intermediate studies in psychology).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lectures and exercises, completion of independent and/or group assignments, exam. The course makes use of various methods of learning in a group, for instance. More detailed methods are announced at the start of the course, and they can vary annually.

Assessment criteria:
0 = unfinished, fragmented, matters presented are not essentially connected with the range of topics, the use of sources is notably deficient. Does not show understanding or an ability to apply.
1 = highly superficial, matters are presented in complete detachment from each other, and the use of sources is poor. Does not indicate understanding or ability to apply.
2 = superficial, matters are partly presented in detachment from each other, the use of sources is satisfactory. Only shows a limited ability to understand and apply.
3 = reflective and matters are related to each other to some extent; a common thread is to be seen and the use of sources is mainly good. Shows a limited ability to understand and apply.
4 = quite analytical, matters are related to each other well and the use of sources is mainly very good. Shows a deep understanding and an excellent ability to apply.
5 = systematic and analytical, matters are related to each other well and the use of sources is mainly excellent. Shows a deep understanding and an excellent ability to apply.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Teemu Suorsa

Working life cooperation:
None

Other information:
Offered as an optional course for the other specialization options in the broadly-based Master's programme. Those majoring in educational psychology have priority position for registering to the course.

415041S: Organizational psychology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyskikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Hanni-Mari Muukkonen-van der Meer
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
2nd period

Learning outcomes:
The student:
- Identifies the central elements of leadership and organizations and is able to apply knowledge on them in different tasks and duties in an organization
- Knows how to observe and reflect on his/her own action methods and apply knowledge of his/her own branch of science in a multi-professional group
- Knows how to analyze and apply knowledge and practices connected with the operation of teams and organization and with group dynamics
- The student understands the role of individual and organizational factor for psychological well-being at work

Contents:
- Work and organizational psychology as a research subject
- Organizational structures and cultures
Leadership and management in organizations
Group dynamics, team and group activity in organizations, social interaction
Project work and leadership
Psychological background of well-being at work
Development of knowhow and expertise

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face/blended teaching, to be confirmed annually before the start of the course. Teaching is partly arranged in English.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and exercises max. 24h and independent and group work approx. 110h.

Target group:
Students in advanced studies in educational technology and students from other faculties

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and intermediate studies in psychology, OR student pursuing advanced studies in another discipline

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is part of the Master's studies in educational psychology

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
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3 = reflective and matters are related to each other to some extent; a common thread is to be seen and the use of sources is mainly good. Shows an ability to understand and apply.
4 = quite analytical, matters are related to each other well and the use of sources is mainly very good, shows well an ability to understand and apply.
5 = systematic and analytical, matters are related to each other well and the use of sources is mainly excellent. Shows a deep understanding and an excellent ability to apply.

Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Hanni Muukkonen ja Heli Kiema-Junes

Working life cooperation:
Project work, simulation

Other information:
Offered as an optional course for the other specialization options in the broadly-based Master's programme.

415048S: Psychology of learning, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2013 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Hanni-Mari Muukkonen-van der Meer
Opintokohteen kiele: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
4th year

Learning outcomes:
The student
- is familiar with the theoretical trends and approaches in educational psychology
- knows how to analyze and evaluate knowledge on the special characteristics of learning at different ages
- knows how to apply his/her knowledge of psychology in educational work and how to support growth and development
- is able to work in collaboration and apply research knowledge and concepts to define and solve complex problems and expert tasks

Contents:
- theoretical strands and historical background of the psychology of learning
- learning at different age phases expertise and learning
- learning and learning difficulties
- collaborative learning and knowledge creation

Mode of delivery:
To be announced before the course starts.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and exercises max. 24h, independent and group work about 110h

Target group:
Students pursuing advanced studies in educational psychology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and intermediate studies in psychology OR pre-exam/essay

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is part of the Master's studies in education (majoring in educational psychology)

Recommended or required reading:
Applicable parts of the books and other literature to be agreed on in the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Assessment criteria:
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Grading:
Person responsible: Hanni Muukkonen
Working life cooperation: Working with a research group
Other information: Offered as an optional course for students in the other specialization options in the broadly-based Master's programme.

415040S: Psychology of counselling II, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Teemu Suorsa
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits: 5 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 4th year, spring

Learning outcomes: Having completed the study module, the student
- identifies the main characteristics of professional counselling
- is capable of evaluating her/his own counselling as a professional activity
- knows how to compare different approaches to research on counselling
- knows how to make use of the results of research on counselling to develop his/her own grasp of counselling

Contents:
- counselling as a professional activity
- approaches to research on counselling
- analysis of counselling discussion

Mode of delivery: Lectures and exercises

Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures and exercises a maximum of 24h, some 110h of independent and group work

Target group: Students pursuing advanced studies in educational psychology

Prerequisites and co-requisites: Basic and Intermediate Studies in Psychology

Recommended optional programme components: The study module is part of the Master's studies in education (major: educational psychology)

Recommended or required reading:
- Cooper, M. (2008). Essential research findings in counselling and psychotherapy. SAGE
- McLeod, J. (2010). Case study research in counselling and psychotherapy. SAGE
Assessment methods and criteria:

Assessment criteria:

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Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:
Teemu Suorsa

415046S: Developmental psychology III, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2006 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuksikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Teemu Suorsa
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:

• The student will be able to deepen his / her knowledge of development and to apply different research methods in development
• The student will be able to integrate developmental psychological knowledge into educational psychological professional knowledge and to act as an educational psychologist based on developmental psychological knowledge
• The student will be able to apply and plan various actions to evaluate and support development

Contents:

• Research, monitoring and assessment methods in developmental psychology
• Expert duties in educational psychology based on developmental psychology (supporting parenthood, everyday problems in education, supporting a positive development, etc.)
• Developmental crises, interventions to support psychological growth and development (psychotherapy, guidance and counselling)

Mode of delivery:
Contact / multimethod teaching, confirmed annually before the start of the course

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and other teaching, a maximum of 24h, independent and group work, some 110h

Target group:
Students pursuing advanced studies in educational psychology
Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and Intermediate Studies in Psychology OR pre-exam/essay

Recommended optional programme components:
Masters degree programme studies

Recommended or required reading:
Applicable parts:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Assessment criteria
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4 = quite analytical, matters are related to each other well and the use of sources is mainly very good. Shows well an ability to understand and apply.
5 = systematic and analytical, matters are related to each other well and the use of sources is mainly excellent. Shows a deep understanding and an excellent ability to apply.

Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Teemu Suorsa

Working life cooperation:
Yes

413070S: Working Life Studies, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2020 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Practical training
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Teemu Suorsa
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
4th to 5th years

Learning outcomes:
The student
• expands and deepens his/her professional identity, competence and expertise
acquires a knowledge of the theoretical basis of his/her field of duties and knows how to apply and evaluate it professionally
identifies and strengthens his/her networks and understands their meaning in expert work

Contents:
- Mapping of personal interests and strengths, application for and practical arrangements with a work practice site
- Familiarization with the theoretical starting-points and practical implementation of expertise required in the practice site
- Analysis of personal skills and working habits individually and in a group

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face and blended teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Practical training approx. 100h, pedagogical group guidance max 8h, independent work approx. 29,5h

Target group:
Students pursuing advanced studies in educational psychology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Bachelor's degree

Recommended optional programme components:
The course is part of the advanced studies in education and educational psychology

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed on at the start of the course. Literature connected with the student's own practice

Assessment methods and criteria:
Participation in the seminars, completion of a practice report

Grading:
Pass / fail

Person responsible:
Teemu Suorsa

Working life cooperation:
Practical training in a working place chosen by the student

413030S: Advanced course in quantitative research, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2011 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Peltonen, Jouni Aslak
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish
English (ITE)

Timing:
1st year

Learning outcomes:
Having completed the course, the student
knows how to analyse and interpret typical educational and psychological quantitative research data by using research methods designed for the examination of one-, two- or more dimensional distributions
knows how to describe the basic ideas of research data analysis based on structural equation modelling and how to interpret models created by others
knows how to assess the credibility, reliability and ethical aspects of her/his own research and research done by others

Contents:
- statistical testing
- classic multivariate methods
- modelling by means of linear structural equations
- publishing the results of statistical methods of analysis in a research report

Mode of delivery:
Teaching and independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures 18h, small group sessions 14h, independent work 96h

Target group:
Students pursuing advanced studies in the Faculty of Education

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic course in quantitative research 5 cr. or equivalent studies in statistics

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is part of the advanced studies in the education programme and supports the writing of a Master's Thesis

Recommended or required reading:
Metsämuuronen, J. (2003 or later edition) Tutkimuksen tekemisen perusteet ihmistieteissä (pages 273-764)
OR
OR

Assessment methods and criteria:
The students carry out, either independently or in small groups, assignments of analyzing quantitative data, in which the basis and materials are provided by the lectures, literature and other sources whenever possible (such as recordings of expert lectures). In concrete terms, a learning assignments can consist, for instance, of the analysis of data collected for the student's own thesis, or of sample data used in the course. By agreement, the course can also be arranged and carried out in other ways, such as by taking part in the activities of a research group in the faculty. The student's course performance is

0 = unfinished and fragmented, with no concretization of the basic principles of analyzing quantitative research data
1 = highly superficial, the analysis is very superficial and contains lots of mistaken interpretations and erroneous conclusions
2 = superficial, the analysis is superficial and contains some mistaken interpretations and erroneous conclusions
3 = reflective, the analysis is justified and the results do not reveal many mistaken interpretations or erroneous conclusions
4 = an analytical and partly very successful whole, in which the proper methods of analysis were chosen for each situation, the student knew how to interpret the results mainly right without any significant erroneous conclusions
5 = a systematic and analytical whole, in which the proper methods were chosen for each situation, the student knew how to interpret the result correctly without any erroneous conclusions

Grading:
0 - 5

Person responsible:
Jouni Peltonen

413031S: Advanced course in qualitative research, 5 op
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Anu Alanko
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish
English (ITE)

Timing:
1st year

Learning outcomes:
Having completed the course, the student
- knows how to describe and interpret qualitative data analysis methods used in education and psychology and their background
- knows how to analyse and interpret typical educational and psychological research data
- knows how to assess the credibility, reliability and ethicality of her/his own research and research done by others

Contents:
- the meaning of different paradigms and research traditions in the planning and implementation of qualitative research
- different reading methods in the analysis and interpretation of qualitative research data
- proving credibility in qualitative research
- research reporting in qualitative research
- ethical issues in qualitative research

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures 18h, small group sessions 16h, independent work approx. 100h

Target group:
Students in the Faculty of Education.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Completion of the Basic course in Qualitative Research (5 ECTS) or an equivalent course

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is a part of the advanced studies and supports the writing of a Master’s thesis

Recommended or required reading:
English literature on request. Contact the teacher responsible for the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lectures: Students write a lecture diary, based on the lectures and the literature either alone or in pairs. In the lecture diary, students are also expected to discuss their own research ideas.
Seminars: Students practice the analysis of research material, either alone or in pairs. Students may utilize their own research material (if available) or some other material. Analysis reports are presented and discussed in the seminars.
Completion of the course requires active participation in face-to-face teaching and successful completion of all individual learning tasks:
5: The student has participated actively in all face-to-face meetings and done all required individual tasks according to the course requirements. All tasks represent very good familiarity with course contents, course materials, and additional materials. The student is able to express deep understanding of core course contents in the digital portfolio.
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3: The student has participated actively in most of the face-to-face meetings and done all required individual tasks. Tasks mostly represent good familiarity with course contents and core course materials. The student is able to express understanding of core course contents in the digital portfolio.

2: The student has participated in several face-to-face meetings and done individual tasks, but there are a few tasks missing. Tasks are done mostly based on one’s own experiences and opinions, not on course literature and other course materials. Reflection of one’s own learning in the digital portfolio is mostly superficial.

1: The student has been passive in face-to-face meetings, and there are assignments missing or they represent superficial understanding of the course content. The student is able to express the understanding of some course content either in the digital portfolio or in individual tasks, but the level of reflection is superficial and irrelevant, and it does not represent familiarity with the course materials.

**Grading:**

- Lecture diary: Pass/Fail
- Analysis report: 0-5

**Person responsible:**

Anu Alanko

**Other information:**

Research studies completed elsewhere can once replace the research studies taken in the faculty. The studies taken in the faculty can also once replace the research studies in a minor subject, if the original studies were completed in the faculty (and were not acknowledged through recognition of prior learning). Otherwise, the teacher-in-charge shall decide on the studies to be taken.

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**408043S: Master's Thesis, 30 op**

- **Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -
- **Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies
- **Laji:** Diploma thesis
- **Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Education
- **Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail
- **Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish
- **Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**Other information:**

"See 408044S Thesis Seminar"

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**408044S: Thesis Seminar, 5 op**

- **Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -
- **Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies
- **Laji:** Course
- **Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Education
- **Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail
- **Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS + 30 ECTS Thesis

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish and English

**Timing:**

1th and 2th years
Learning outcomes:
Ther student
- gets practice in using the basic concepts of his/her branch of science and knows how to determine and analyze the main research results in his/her field of science and how to evaluate them in relation to his/her own research
- masters the research methods chosen by him/herself and is able to describe the scientific traditions of the educational and social sciences, especially education and educational psychology
- knows how to compose alone, in pairs or in a group an educational thesis that show familiarity with its topic and proves a readiness for scientific thinking
- knows how to evaluate studies made by others and take part in scientific debate and defend his/her own thesis

Contents:
5 credits: seminar session and 30 credits: writing a thesis
1. Composing your own research plan and presenting it in a seminar.
2. Presenting an international (or domestic) refereed article related to your own thesis in a seminar (to be agreed on with the supervisor)
3. Presenting an intermediate stage of your own thesis (e.g. methodological solutions/basis of analysis - to be agreed on with the supervisor)
4. Presenting your Master's thesis and responding to an opponent's criticisms.
5. Acting as an opponent to another student's thesis
6. Other activities in the seminars
7. Finishing your own thesis

Mode of delivery:
Seminar and supervision meetings agreed on with the supervisor

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Seminars and supervision

Target group:
Students in the Faculty of Education

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed on at the start of the study module.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Method: Active participation in seminars, completion of individual assignments and successful completion of the assignments connected with the seminar (5 credits). A major effort is the Master's thesis (30 credits), with criteria on the faculty website [http://www.oulu.fi/ktk/opinnaytetyot](http://www.oulu.fi/ktk/opinnaytetyot).

Grading:
0-5
For the assessment criteria, see the faculty website [http://www.oulu.fi/edu/theses](http://www.oulu.fi/edu/theses).

Person responsible:
Hannu Heikkinen and the leaders of thesis groups

408045S: Abstract / Maturity Test, 0 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -
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