Opasraportti

FEdu - Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise, MA (Education) (2017 - 2018)

After completing the Master’s programme, the student is able to:

- describe the scientific tradition of their discipline, use its basic terminology and understand its research areas
- compare different points of departure in the context of theory of science and methodology as well as various educational science research methods
- determine and analyse key research results of their discipline and assess them
- participate in discussions on the discipline in their mother tongue and a foreign language
- plan, implement and report on a research project
- defend their own research and evaluate the success of both their own and other people’s research projects
- assess and develop their personal competence and work as part of a multiprofessional or multidisciplinary team
- define and place different task areas in the education sector and assess their own placement and interest in different sectors in the labour market.

Tutkintorakenteet

Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise, Master´s degree (copy)

Tutkintorakenteen tila: archived
Lukuvuosi: 2017-18
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Advanced studies (80 ECTS cr)

The major subject of his/her Master's degree in Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise is Educational Science. Basic and intermediate studies in the major subject must have been completed.

A250506: Education, Advanced Studies, 80 op

Compulsory
- 413061S: Professional Ethics and Human Relations Work, 5 op
- 413062S: Theory of Education and Bildung: Pedagogical Action, 5 op
- 413063S: Pedagogical Institutions, 5 op
- 413064S: Economics of Education, 5 op
- 413065S: Management and Development of Educational Organisations, 5 op
- 413030S: Advanced course in quantitative research, 5 op
- 413031S: Advanced course in qualitative research, 5 op
- 413019S: Working Life Studies, 10 op
- 408043S: Master’s Thesis, 30 op
- 408044S: Thesis Seminar, 5 op
- 408045S: Abstract / Maturity Test, 0 op
Minor studies (25-35 ECTS cr) (25 - 35 op)

There are no strict stipulations on the minor subjects of Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise. 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. Optional studies can consist of following courses:

- 413066S: Adult Education and Pedagogical Supervision, 5 op
- 413068S: Comparative education and educational research, 5 op
- 404021A: Contributing to the University Community, 1 - 10 op
- 413058S: Current Issues in Education, 5 op
- 413060S: Edusemiotics, 5 op
- 900104Y: Research and Write, 2 op
- 413067S: Sosiology of education, 5 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuuluvien opintojakohtien kuvaukset

A250506: Education, Advanced Studies, 80 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Study module
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohde kiele: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
80 ECTS credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Master's level
Learning outcomes:
Having completed the Advanced Studies in Education, the student knows how to critically evaluate the premises and approaches of scientific research. S/he has adopted an analytical way of thinking and knows how to apply the methods of data acquisition to research educational processes. S/he has the competence to function in expert duties in different educational organisations.

Contents:
Consists of the following courses:

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, seminar sessions, practice
Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and Intermediate Studies in Education

Recommended optional programme components:
no

Recommended or required reading:
To be announced in connection with the courses

Assessment methods and criteria:
Exams, seminar papers, reports
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
0-5

Working life cooperation:
Yes. A 10-credit practice period. See description: 413019S.

Compulsory

413061S: Professional Ethics and Human Relations Work, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
1st year / autumn

Learning outcomes:
After completing the course, a student is able:
- to describe and analyze questions connected with professional ethics when working in human relations
- to interpret and apply professional responsibilities and ethics in practice
- to identify aspects connected with wellbeing and coping at work
- to take care of her/his own and the work community's well-being and coping at work

Contents:
- Principles and responsibilities in professional ethics (documents on human rights, professional ethical codes)
- Moral in human relations as a starting point of professional ethics
- Dilemmas in professional ethics
- Commitment to work, coping at work, peer groups as a support

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching, blended learning

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures 16h, seminars 10h, independent work 100h

Target group:
Master's level students / Pedagogical institutions and expertise

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and intermediate studies in education

Recommended optional programme components:
The course is part of the advanced studies in education.
Recommended or required reading:

- Topical scientific articles agreed on at the beginning of the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Active participation in lectures and seminars, accomplishing the assignments. Alternative ways to complete the course can be discussed in the beginning of the course.

Criteria for evaluating the assignments:
- 0 = the text is unfinished, fragmentary, not connected to the theme of the course, few references
- 1 = the text is very superficial, disconnected matters are presented, references are weakly used
- 2 = the text is superficial, matters are disconnected in some places, references are satisfactorily used
- 3 = the text contains reflection on the theme, matters are connected to each other, there is a plot in the essay, using references is at a good level
- 4 = the text is written in an analytical way, matters are well connected to each other, using references is mainly at a very good level
- 5 = the text is written in a systematic and analytical way, matters are connected to each other very well, the using of references is excellent

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Professor Eila Estola

413062S: Theory of Education and Bildung: Pedagogical Action, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ari Kivelä
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Learning outcomes:

Having completed the course, the student
- knows how to use on his/her own the theoretical concepts and starting-points of education to discuss pedagogical activity
- is capable of participating in theoretical debate in his/her branch of science and field of research
- knows how to interpret and evaluate critically recent theoretical debate in his/her branch of science and field of research

Contents:

In this study module the is familiarized with theoretical and conceptual ways to discuss pedagogical activity. It is essential to identify the special characteristics of pedagogical (educative and instructive) interaction which set it apart from other intercourse between people and forms of human activity. The student understands how pedagogical activity opens up possibilities for the development of subjectness in the growing person and for individual choices in life. The student adopts conceptual-theoretical tools which allow him/her to view the special characteristics of pedagogical activity from the frame of reference offered by educational theory formation, and to conceptualize the essential areas of competence from the
viewpoint of professional pedagogical activity. The course helps the student to develop his/her professional competence, to evaluate critically and analytically both scientific research results on pedagogical activity and views arising from different practical experiences.

**Mode of delivery:**
Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
24h lectures, independent work

**Target group:**
Master's level students in the Faculty of Education

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Basic studies in education

**Recommended optional programme components:**
The study module is part of the Master's programme "Pedagogical expertise and institutions".

**Recommended or required reading:**
The student also chooses two of the following books:

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Written assignment or exami
Assessment criteria:
0 = unfinished, fragmented, issues presented not essentially connected with the topic, the use of sources is non-existent.
1 = highly superficial, issues presented quite detached from each other, use of sources is poor.
2 = superficial, matters are partly presented disconnected from each other, use of sources is satisfactory.
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 at a good level.
4 = quite analytical, matters are related to each other well, the use of sources is mainly very good.
5 = systematic and analytical, matters are related to each other very well, and the use of sources is mainly excellent.

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Ari Kivelä

**413063S: Pedagogical Institutions, 5 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Autumn

Learning outcomes:
After the study module, the student
• perceives the institutional and organizational forms of school systems in their political, historical, philosophical and educational theoretical contexts
• is able to make use of what s/he has learnt to analyze and evaluate the various forms of institutional education

Contents:
The study module discusses the contents and forms of pedagogical institutions in the light of political, historical and pedagogical theories, and the student is familiarized through working life cooperation with certain educational and pedagogical institutions.

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
12h lectures, 12h exercises, small group sessions, independent work

Target group:
Students in the Faculty of Education

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic studies in education

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is part of the advanced studies in education

Recommended or required reading:
As a basis for the essay assignment, at least half of the course literature is read as applicable. By agreement with the teacher, it is also possible to use other literature that suits the theme of the study module.


Assessment methods and criteria:
Active participation in lectures and exercises. Writing an essay and a report on an educational institution.
Assessment criteria:
0 = core materials of the materials to be read are not manifested by the essay
1 = matters are presented superficially, connections between issues remain unclear, poor use of sources.
2 = matters are presented quite superficially, connections between issues remain unclear to some extent, poor use of sources, little or no personal reflection
3 = subject content is mastered well, literature is considered in a reflective manner and matters are related to each other to some extent, the use of sources is mainly good
4 = subject content is mastered very well, topics are discussed quite systematically and analytically, matters are related well to each other and the use of sources is mainly excellent. There is also some well-grounded independent thinking.
5 = subject content is mastered excellently, topics are discussed systematically and analytically, matters are related very well to each other and the use of sources is excellent. There is also some well-grounded independent and critical thinking.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Katariina Holma

Working life cooperation:
Working life cooperation with pedagogical institutions
Having completed the course, the student

- knows how to use independently the theoretical concepts of economics of education to analyze the economical dimensions of the activities of pedagogical institutions
- is able to participate in theoretical discussion on the economical basis of education
- knows how to interpret and evaluate critically economic decision-making on education and national and supranational definitions of educational policy

Contents:
The course familiarizes the student with the theoretical and conceptual ways of the economics of education to view education. It is essential to identify the issues concerning the economic tasks and impacts of education and the economy of the activities of pedagogical institutions in relation to the special characteristics of pedagogical activity, to identify the essential significance of education both from the viewpoint of the economic and social welfare of society and in enabling individual professional and career choices and labor market qualifications. The course offers conceptual-theoretical tools to allow examination of the economic significance of education and economy of pedagogical institutions and development of professional competence, a readiness to evaluate critically and analytically scientific research results in the economics of education, economic decision-making on pedagogical institutions, and international and supranational definitions of education policy.

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Face-to-face teaching 24h

Target group:
Master's level students in the Faculty of Education

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
None

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is part of the orientation option of "Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise" in the Master's programme in education.

Recommended or required reading:
Materials will be distributed during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Completion of individual assignments/exam
Assessment criteria:
0 = unfinished, fragmented, issues presented not essentially connected with the topic, the use of sources is non-existent.
1 = highly superficial, issues presented quite detached from each other, use of sources is poor.
2 = superficial, matters are partly presented disconnected from each other, use of sources is satisfactory.
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 at a good level.
4 = quite analytical, matters are related to each other well, the use of sources is mainly very good.
5 = systematic and analytical, matters are related to each other very well, and the use of sources is mainly excellent.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Kimmo Kontio

413065S: Management and Development of Educational Organisations, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Anna-Maija Puroila
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
1st year / spring

Learning outcomes:
After completing the course the student is able:
- to analyze basic concepts and theories about leadership and organizations
- to interpret practical situations connected with leading educational organizations in the light of educational research
- to evaluate the meaning of one’s expertise for work as a leader
- to identify different ways of promoting learning and development in organizations

Contents:
- The basic concepts and approaches in leadership research
- Organizational culture
- Strategic leadership and developmental work
- Well-being and interaction in working communities
- Pedagogical leadership

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures 18h, seminars 12 h, feedback 2h, independent work 100h

Target group:
Master level students / Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and intermediate studies in education
Recommended optional programme components:
The course is part of advanced studies in education. Some lectures (4-6h) will be implemented in collaboration with the course “Work Community and Leadership” (Master's programme in special education).

Recommended or required reading:
- Scientific articles as agreed at the beginning of the course

Assessment methods and criteria:
Active participation in seminars, completing the assignments set for the course, self-evaluation, and essay. The course contains literary and functional exercises that focus on leading and developing organizations. Self-evaluation includes setting goals before the course and evaluation of achieving those goals during the course. The student provides independently an essay using literature and material from the lectures.

Criteria for evaluating the essay:
0 = the essay is unfinished, fragmentary, the text is not connected to the theme of the course, few references
1 = the essay is very superficial, disconnected matters are presented, references are weakly used
2 = the essay is superficial, matters are disconnected in some places, references are satisfactorily used
3 = the essay contains reflection on the theme, matters are connected to each other, there is a plot in the essay, using references is at a good level
4 = the essay is written in an analytical way, matters are well connected to each other, using references is mainly at a very good level
5 = the essay is written in a systematic and analytical way, matters are connected to each other very well, the using of references is excellent

Grading:
0 – 5

Person responsible:
Anna-Maija Puroila

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
Leikkaavuudet:
408517S-01 Quantitative Methodology 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish
English (for LET, ITE and EDGLO students)

Timing:
4th year (primary education)
1st year, 3rd and 4th periods (LET and EDGLO students)

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 ethicality 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:
Face-to-face teaching (and possibly blended-learning)

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures 18h, small group sessions 14h, independent work app. 100h

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

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

Grading:
0 - 5

Person responsible:
Jouni Peltonen

Working life cooperation:
**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  
**Leikkaavuudet:**  
408517S-02 Qualitative Methodology 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**  
5 ECTS  
**Language of instruction:**  
Finnish  
English (for LET, ITE and EDGLO students)

**Timing:**  
4th year (primary education)  
1st year, 3rd and 4th periods (LET and EDGLO students)

**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

**LET STUDENTS:**  
After completion of this course, the student is able to  
- process and analyse qualitative data  
- describe and report on results based on qualitative research data  
- utilize mixed method approach  
- evaluate the ethicality and reliability of qualitative research

**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

**LET STUDENTS:**  
- Basic and central concepts of qualitative research  
- Process oriented research methods  
- Mixed method approach  
- Writing a research publication

**Mode of delivery:**  
Face-to-face teaching (and possibly blended-learning)

**LET STUDENTS:**  
Face-to-face and online teaching, 40h: 18h lectures, 22h practice  
Online, individual and collaborative learning, 95h

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**  
Lectures 18h, small group sessions 16h, independent work approx. 100h
LET STUDENTS:
- Learning activities consist of active participation in face-to-face meetings where researchers in the field of learning science and educational technology introduce various topics related to qualitative research.
- Each presentation includes an online task for the students.
- In addition to researchers’ presentations there will be seminars where the students are able to apply their research knowledge in practice.
In addition, the students reflect on their own learning and expertise in a digital portfolio.

Target group:
Students in the Faculty of Education.
1st year students on the LET and EDGLO Master’s Programmes

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic course in qualitative research, 5 credits, 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:
OR
OR
OR

LET STUDENTS:
and/or other contemporary readings in the field of learning and educational technology, to be announced in the beginning of the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Exam, active participation in small group sessions, an essay
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

LET STUDENTS:
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.

4: 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 good familiarity with course contents and course materials. The student is able to express understanding of core course contents in the digital portfolio.

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:
0 - 5

Person responsible:
Anu Alanko. Responsible for teaching in the ITE programme: Magda Karjalainen
LET Studies: Essi Vuopala

Working life cooperation:
The alternative methods to complete the course can involve worklife cooperation.

413019S: Working Life Studies, 10 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Practical training
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
10 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. 200h, pedagogical group guidance 8h, independent work 67h.

Target group:
Students in the broadly-based Master's programme in education

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.
Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
pass/fail

**Person responsible:**
Asko Pekkarinen

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

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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

- Ei opintojakosokuvauksia.

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 (especially in the ITE programme)

**Timing:**
4th and 5th years

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

**413066S: Adult Education and Pedagogical Supervision, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2017 -  
**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies  
**Laji:** Course  
**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Education  
**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail  
**Opettajat:** Outi Kristiina Ylitalio-Mäntylä  
**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**  
5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:**  
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**  
Having completed the course, the student
- identifies the pedagogical premises of learning in adults
knows how to work in functions related to adult education and supervision of adults in various organisations
knows how to apply his/her pedagogical activity to support adult supervision and learning.

Contents:
- Pedagogical principles of adult education
- Adult learning, evaluation and supervision
- Critical reflection of adult supervision and personal learning

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:
20h of lectures, 5h of small group teaching, 70h of independent work, on-the-job learning

Target group:
Students in the Faculty of Education

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Bachelor’s degree in education

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

Recommended or required reading:
Scientific articles to be agreed on at the start of the course

Assessment methods and criteria:
0 = unfinished, broken, issues presented not directly connected with the topic, practically no use of sources
1 = highly superficial, things presented as detached from each other, insufficient use of sources
2 = superficial, things partly presented as detached from each other, sources used to a satisfactory extent
3 = reflective, things are related to each other to some extent, a common thread is to be seen, sources are mainly used well
4 = quite analytical, things are related to each other well, sources are mainly used very well
5 = systematic and analytical, things are related to each other very well, mostly excellent use of sources

Grading:
0 – 5

Person responsible:
Outi Ylitapio-Mäntylä

Working life cooperation:
On-the-job learning in an adult education organisation

413068S: Comparative education and educational research, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Pekkarinen, Asko Sakari
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
4th and 5th years

Learning outcomes:
Having completed the course, the student knows how to
- describe various methods of comparative and educational research
- analyze educational phenomena from an international perspective
- evaluate the significance of comparative and educational research in educational theory formation and education policy

Contents:
Familiarization with the methods of comparative research
Comparative research of education from an international perspective

Social significance of comparative research

Mode of delivery:
Independent work

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent work, 135 hours

Target group:
Students doing their Master’s studies / Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and intermediate studies in education.

Recommended optional programme components:
The study module is part of the advanced studies in education

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed on with the examiner which parts of the following books will be included in the exam


Articles, as agreed, in the Comparative Education journal

Assessment methods and criteria:
A book exam, or essay also making use of sources other than those mentioned in the learning materials

Criteria for assessment of course performance:

# 0 = exam: the answer does not show that the student has read and understood the literature to be read for the exam; essay: the essay is unfinished, the matters dealt with are not essentially related to the theme and there is practically no use of sources

# 1 = exam: the answer shows that the student has made very little acquaintance with the literature in question, with factual errors and no definition of essential concepts; essay: the essay is highly superficial, matters are presented fully detached from one another, and the use of sources is at a poor level

# 2 = exam: the answer shows that the student has made some acquaintance with the literature, essential concepts are defined in a deficient manner, and the answer contains some factual errors; essay: the essay is superficial, matters are partly presented as if detached from each other, sources have been used satisfactorily.

# 3 = exam: the answer shows that the student has become acquainted with the literature, essential concepts have been raised up, the topic is discussed well, and there is some personal reflection; essay: the essay shows a reflective approach and matters are related to one another to some extent; a common thread is to be seen and sources have been used mainly well.

# 4 = exam: the answer shows that the student is well acquainted with the literature, the essential concepts have been defined well and the discussion includes reflection based on the student’s own materials; essay: the essay is quite analytically structured, matters are related to each other well, and the use of sources is mainly very good.

# 5 = exam: the answer shows that the student is very thoroughly acquainted with the literature and has systematically analyzed it him/herself, essay: the essay has been structured systematically and analytically, the matters are related to each other very well and the use of sources is mainly excellent.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Asko Pekkarinen
404021A: Contributing to the University Community, 1 - 10 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2014 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
1-10 ECTS cr
Language of instruction:
Finnish/ English
Timing:
During academic studies

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to
- apply the skills needed in academic positions of trust (interaction skills, meeting techniques, working in a group, cooperation skills, leadership skills)
- evaluate critically the issues to be decided, take a stand on them and justify his or her viewpoint
- attend to the functions related to his or her position of trust in a responsible manner

Contents:
The course can include functions in a number of positions of trust as follows:

- Student Union Board, 1 year, 4-5 credits
- Student Union representatives, 2 years, 2 credits
- University Board of Directors, 1 year, 2 credits
- University Collegium, 2 years, 2 credits
- Education Council, 1 year, 2 credits
- Faculty Board, 2 years, 2 credits
- Board of a subject organisation, 1 year, 1-3 credits
- National student organisation such as SYL, SOOL or Specia, 1 year, 1-5 credits
- Other important functions in the field of education policy and/or development of teaching, 1-3 credits

The number of credits to be awarded to a student is determined by the programme coordinator based on available documentation following the principles mentioned above.

Mode of delivery:
Independent work

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent report

Target group:
All the students in the Faculty of Education

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
None

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
None

Assessment methods and criteria:
The student shall keep a learning diary of the position(s) of trust that (s)he has been managing, discussing the following issues among others:
  1. Which organisation has the student been working in, how long and how actively has s/he been taking part in its activities?
  2. What does the student think s/he has learnt from the position of trust? (With special consideration of these working life skills: communication skills, social skills, technical skills, international competence, commercial and financial competence, development of self-knowledge)
  3. How can the student make use of his or her experience in the future?
  4. In the student’s mind, how should the preparation of matters be developed?
The learning diary and proof of having been in charge of a position of trust are returned to the student’s programme coordinator, who will determine the number of credits to be awarded. The length of the learning diary

Grading:
Pass/ fail
Person responsible: Programme Academic Officer
Working life cooperation: None
Other information: The maximum number of credits for the above activities is 10 credits in one to two parts.

413058S: Current Issues in Education, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2011 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Education
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ulvinen, Veli-Matti Terho
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits: 5 ECTS cr
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 4th to 5th years, autumn
Learning outcomes: Having completed the course, the student
- identifies current trends and special issues in education, and is able to evaluate them critically
- is familiar with her/his chosen current educational issue or special field

Contents: The content of the course is defined by the current themes and by the student's own interests. For instance, the topics may be current developmental trends at different levels of the education system, or themes related to the values of education.

Mode of delivery: Face-to-face teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures 12 h, seminars 8 h, independent work 115 h

Target group: Master's level students / Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise

Prerequisites and co-requisites: Basic and Intermediate Studies

Recommended optional programme components: None

Recommended or required reading: To be determined at the start of the course

Assessment methods and criteria: Student participates actively in seminar work, completing the jointly agreed assignment set for the course. The student produces a seminar paper and presentation on selected topic around current issues on education.

Criteria for assessment of the seminar work and presentation:
- 0 = it is unfinished, fragmentary; the text is not connected to the theme of the course, only few references.
- 1 = it is very superficial, disconnected matters are presented, and references are weakly used.
- 2 = it is superficial, matters are disconnected in some places, references are satisfactorily used.
- 3 = it contains reflection on the theme, matters are connected to each other, there is a plot in the work, using references is at a good level.
- 4 = it is presented and written in an analytical way, matters are well connected to each other, using references is mainly at a very good level.
- 5 = it is presented and written in a systematic and analytical way, matters are connected to each other very well, the using of references is excellent.

Grading: 0-5

Person responsible: Veli-Matti Ulvinen
Working life cooperation: None
413060S: Edusemiotics, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2014 - 
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies 
Laji: Course 
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Education 
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail 
Opettajat: Eetu Pikkarainen 
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish 

ECTS Credits: 
5 ECTS credits / 133 hours of work by the student 
Language of instruction: 
Finnish/English 
Timing: 
Timing of the course is free. 
Learning outcomes: 
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to
- present and discuss the basic semiotic approaches and conceptions from the point of view of education
- apply semiotic methods to educational research
- plan pedagogical action as meaningful and meaning mediated interaction 

Contents: 
Basic approaches and conceptions of semiotics and their history, action theoretical semiotics, application of semiotics to education and educational philosophy, pedagogical action as meaningful and meaning mediated interaction 
Mode of delivery: 
Web-based teaching 
Learning activities and teaching methods: 
Online work based on study materials and assignments 
Target group: 
Students pursuing advanced or doctoral studies in education. 
Prerequisites and co-requisites: 
Revision of the basics of semiotics and educational philosophy is recommended. 
Recommended optional programme components: 
The course is an independent entity and does not require additional studies carried out at the same time. 
Recommended or required reading: 
Applicable literature can be used as agreed in addition to the materials available in the learning environment. 
Assessment methods and criteria: 
The student shall complete the learning assignments in the online environment successfully, following the instructions, and the course grade is based on the written assignments that is the final course output. 
Grading: 
The course utilizes verbal grading scale “Pass with distinction/Pass/Fail”. 
Person responsible: 
Eetu Pikkarainen 
Working life cooperation: 
None 

900104Y: Research and Write, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2017 - 
Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies 
Laji: Course 
Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication 
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail 
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish 

413067S: Sosiology of education, 5 op
Learning outcomes:
Depending on the student's own choice and interests, s/he acquaints him/herself with a project related to the sociology of education. After completing the course the student is able
- to evaluate the meaning of expertise in sociology of education for working life in the fields of education
- to analyze different ways of promoting the development of the educational system

Contents:
The student completes the project work in sociology of education as a book exam, essay, a series of substitutive lectures or in some other way, for instance by participating in a research project or some project in the Faculty of Education for the development of educational expertise and working life skills. Agreement on the study method, literature and other issues related to project work shall be made with the instructor.

Mode of delivery:
Independent work

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent work 135h

Target group:
Master's level students / Pedagogical Institutions and Expertise

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Basic and intermediate studies in education

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

Recommended or required reading:
Applicable parts of 5 books from the following:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination, essay or other type of project work (to be negotiated with instructor).

Criteria for assessment:
- 0 = work is unfinished, fragmentary; presented matters are not connected to the theme of the course, only few references.
- 1 = work is very superficial, disconnected matters are presented, and references are weakly used.
- 2 = work is superficial, matters are disconnected in some places, references are satisfactorily used.
- 3 = work contains reflection on the theme, matters are connected to each other, there is a plot in the work, using references is at a good level.
- 4 = work is structured and presented in an analytical way, matters are well connected to each other, using references is mainly at a very good level.
- 5 = work is structured and presented in a systematic and analytical way, matters are connected to each other very well, the using of references is excellent.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Veli-Matti Ulvinen