

Special Education

Specialpedagogisk verksamhet
15 credits

Programme course

948A02

Valid from: 2024 Spring semester

Determined by	Main field of study	
The Board of Educational Science	Special Education	
Date determined	Course level	Progressive specialisation
2008-04-01	Second cycle	AXX
Revised by	Disciplinary domain	
Course Syllabus Board at the Faculty of Educational Sciences	Education	
Revision date	Subject group	
2021-03-08; 2019-09-10	Educational Sciences/General Didactics	
Offered first time	Offered for the last time	
Spring semester 2009		
Department	Replaced by	
Institutionen för beteendevetenskap och lärande		

Course offered for

- Special Needs Training Programme

Entry requirements

In addition to the general entry requirements, a teaching degree followed by full-time work as a teacher for at least three years is required for admission to the course.

Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student should:

- have developed a deeper understanding of the importance that the organisation of the special education has for both its contents and its outcomes
- have advanced knowledge of different educational processes and methods in working as a conversation partner and an advisor
- have a deeper scientifically based knowledge of structures and processes in small and large groups, and of how roles and norms are developed, as well as the function these have in different groups
- have developed a deeper understanding of the importance of the group leader's approach to the group interaction
- be able to reflect on the own role and approach, and also be able to evaluate the own contribution in groups of different kinds
- have developed a deeper knowledge of how educational analysis can be used to produce development plans and action programmes
- have an ability to evaluate assessment needs in different situations

Course content

The focus of the second course of the Special Teacher Programme/Special Education Programme is on the areas of responsibility and the activities that the special teacher/remedial teacher should lead, develop and evaluate. Central contents of the course are organisation of and learning about how different groups develop and function. Communication and conversation in different contexts and the student's own role as a leader in a group context are highlighted in discussions and in evaluation of group work. How groups and group processes influence learning is also important course content.

Part of the work of the special needs teacher/special education teacher is to assess, investigate, plan and evaluate both organisational and individual special education efforts. Action planning and action programmes are tools in this work. The meaning, organisation and implementation of these tasks are studied and analysed in the course through both theoretical studies and placement. How schools use development plans is also studied.

Teaching and working methods

The teaching is PBL-inspired and the students work in tutorial groups with tutorial group supervision. The teaching also takes the form of lectures, field studies and written assignments, both individually and in groups.

Examination

The course is examined through course and field assignments, carried out individually and in groups, and processing of cases. The examinations may be both in written and oral form.

Applies to all courses regardless of grading scale.

- Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course two times are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

If the course has a three-graded grading scale (U - VG), following applies:

- Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

The following applies to courses that include a compulsory component:

- If special circumstances prevail, and if it is possible with consideration of the nature of the compulsory component, the examiner may decide to replace the compulsory component with another equivalent component.

If the LiU coordinator for students with disabilities has granted a student the right to an adapted examination for a written examination in an examination hall, the student has the right to it.

If the coordinator has recommended for the student an adapted examination or alternative form of examination, the examiner may grant this if the examiner assesses that it is possible, based on consideration of the course objectives.

An examiner may also decide that an adapted examination or alternative form of examination if the examiner assessed that special circumstances prevail, and the examiner assesses that it is possible while maintaining the objectives of the course.

Grades

Two-grade scale, U, G

Other information

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Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is conducted in such a way that there are equal opportunities with regard to sex, transgender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation and age.

If special circumstances prevail, the vice-chancellor may in a special decision specify the preconditions for temporary deviations from this course syllabus, and delegate the right to take such decisions.

About teaching and examination language

The teaching language is presented in the Overview tab for each course. The examination language relates to the teaching language as follows:

- If teaching language is Swedish, the course as a whole or in large parts, is taught in Swedish. Please note that although teaching language is Swedish, parts of the course could be given in English. Examination language is Swedish.
- If teaching language is Swedish/English, the course as a whole will be taught in English if students without prior knowledge of the Swedish language participate. Examination language is Swedish or English (depending on teaching language).
- If teaching language is English, the course as a whole is taught in English. Examination language is English.