

School Bullying and Social Relations

Programme course

15 credits

Mobbning och sociala processer

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The Board of Educational Science

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Main field of study

Pedagogical Work

Course level

Second cycle

Advancement level

A1X

Course offered for

- Master's programme in Pedagogical Practices/Education with Emphasis in Outdoor Didactics/Special Education
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Intended learning outcomes

After completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- Account for the central concepts within school bullying research
- Discuss school bullying from different methodological and theoretical perspectives
- Explain the importance of power relations to school bullying
- Critically reflect over dominant bullying discourses
- Critically analyse school bullying interventions

Course content

The course introduces a number of different perspectives for understanding the problem of school bullying and for critically analysing the various interventions used to prevent and reduce its prevalence in schools. The course is structured around six themes related to aggressive behaviour, social relations, the school context, gender and sexuality, power relations, and anti-bullying interventions. The first theme focuses on early research into bullying and aggressive behaviour. The second theme introduces more social psychological perspectives on bullying and social relations in schools. The third theme deals with sociological and pedagogical research on bullying, violence and pedagogical practices. The fourth theme discusses bullying in relation to gender and sexuality. The fifth theme considers the power relations central to school bullying. The sixth theme considers the ways in which intervention programmes have approached the problem and their effectiveness.

Teaching and working methods

Teaching takes the form of lectures, seminars, group work and self-study.

Examination

The course consists of both oral and written examinations, both individually and in groups. Written assignments may be written in either English or Swedish.

Examination codes:

MRE1 – Group oral presentation with written documentation, 2.5 hp – Pass/Fail
MRE2 – Group oral presentation with written documentation, 2.5 hp – Pass/Fail
MRE3 – Group oral presentation with written documentation, 2.5 hp – Pass/Fail
SRE1 – Group written assignment, 2.5 hp – Pass/Fail
SRE2 – Individual written assignment, 5 hp – Pass with distinction/Pass/Fail

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.

If the course is a VfU course, the following applies:

- Examination of applied social and didactic abilities is limited to three (3) occasions.

Grades

Three-grade scale, U, G, VG

Other information

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The course is carried out in such a way that both men's and women's experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

Department

Institutionen för beteendevetenskap och lärande