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Study guide

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1. Welcome!

Hello everyone and a big welcome to the course, “School-age Educare”. In this study guide you will find all the information about the course, including a breakdown of the schedule, literature lists, grading criteria, information about course assessments along with other details of a practical nature.

All courses at the Child and Youth Studies department have their own course website. You will be able to find relevant information regarding the course at the designated webpage **four weeks** before the course begins. On the course website you will find the following information: time schedule, course syllabus, study guide, literature list, and contact information.

To search for your particular course homepage, please visit: www.buv.su.se/UE2097

This course will also be using Mondo as a means of communication once the course has officially begun. On registering onto the course, you will be able to log onto the Mondo course site (<http://mondo.su.se>) with your university username and password. Once logged in, you can search for the School-age Educare course with the help of the course code (UE2097).

2. Registration

Please see information in your welcome letter.

3. Basic Information

The Department of Child and Youth Studies can be located at the following address: Campus Frescati hage, Frescati Hagväg 24. If in doubt, please refer to the map at the following link:

<http://www.buv.su.se/english/about-us/find-us> (The Department of Child and Youth Studies is an area marked “BUV”, look for the house with the right number.)

The international office at Stockholm University arranges a special orientation programme. For more info, please visit <http://www.su.se/english/study/student-services/2.324> The Orientation Programme for international students is designed to provide you with practical advice on a wide range of subjects, such as e-mail accounts, opening a bank account, student health care, Swedish language courses, and the Student union activities. It also aims to



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provide you with the opportunity to meet new people and settle into your life here.

<http://www.su.se/english/study/student-services/2.324/2.30756/orientation-day-1.128141>

The course starts on Friday February 2, 9-13 in room BUV121a at the Department of Child and Youth Studies. Address: Frescati Hagväg 24.

The students that you will meet on the course come from our partner universities around the world, Swedish and international students, who have signed up for this course individually as so-called Free Movers, as well as teacher students at Stockholm University.

The course you are taking is a blended part-time course that runs throughout the spring term. The course will give you 15 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) course is taught by a team of lecturers: Patrik Hansen Lindholm, Eva Kane and David Cardell.

This study guide covers the course during spring semester 2018 and it aims to support students learning during the course. Changes can take place during the course and will then be communicated through the web based platform Mondo.

Attendance

Students are expected to be present in class during lectures and seminars. The study visits and seminars 5, 6 & 9 are mandatory since they are examining seminars. Absences for the other seminars must be compensated, and students who miss a class shall contact the lecturer in charge for a make-up assignment.

Additional information

Other important information about being a student at Stockholm can be found at the following web site: <http://www.su.se/english>

We advise you to take some time to **read the International Handbook**, especially pages 17-28, about rules, regulations and services for you as a student at Stockholm University:

<http://www.su.se/english/study/student-services/handbook-for-international-and-exchange-students-1.1627>

4. Intended Learning Outcomes

After finishing the course students are expected to have the ability to

- Show awareness of Swedish school-age educare and the role of its teachers
- Reflect on different theoretical perspectives of children and their learning and play
- Reflect on issues of value base and the handling of conflicts
- Identify the value of the outdoors as an environment for learning in school-age educare
- Reflect on child/ren's perspectives linked to multimodal environments for learning

5. Teaching and Learning Activities

The teaching and learning on the course are based on giving you an overview of the field of pedagogy in school-age educare. Each class you attend has a theme and you will be asked to write a log or do a presentation on the literature connected to the theme. The logs will be read and commented on by another student in your study group and sometimes read and commented on by the course tutor. You will also be expected to attend three study visits, two



at a school based school-age childcare setting and one at an open access play project in a park. The study visits will be done together with other students in study groups.

Students will work actively during the course in the following ways:

Group activities

- prepare for and deliver a group presentation based on a learning theorist
- organise (based on contact details provided) and attend two study visits to a school-age childcare setting in a primary school and one study visit to a parklek (park play) outdoor setting
- prepare for and deliver a group presentation based on the study visits

Course literature

- read specific articles and chapters (specified in course structure below and in your schedule), and while reading making notes of things that are 1) interesting, 2) difficult and 3) questionable, with comments on why these parts are noted.
- write a log based on your notes and post it in the specified forum in Mondo 2 days before the seminar. This is also the time when your course colleagues will read and comment on your log as well as you doing the same for someone else. Therefore it is important to post your logs on time!
- read and provide constructive feedback to another student's log before the seminar.
- if and when tutors read and comment on your logs this will be done during the 2 days after the seminar.

Lectures and seminars

- read the appointed literature when suggested
- participate and contribute to the seminars by raising your thoughts and opinions as well as engaging in practical activities

Writing

- hand in logs as described above
- read and provide constructive feedback to another student's logs
- write an individual paper as an individual examination of the course
- the reference system recommended in the course follows the American Psychological Association APA, including page numbers, and there is a manual available in Engdahl & Sandqvist: *Writing a Thesis*. (See start page on Mondo site for the course). If you are unsure about the APA referencing system, a guide can be found on **Mondo**.
- writing support is provided by the Academic writing service.
<http://www.su.se/english/education/student-services/academic-writing-service> This service is designed to introduce you to and help you with some of the issues you may face when writing academic English.

You will be given details of how to perform the study tasks during the course. Students will be divided into pairs to provide constructive feedback to each other on the written logs, this



also to ensure that all students develop their ability to write in English to the required standard and format.

These tasks are all to prepare you for your examinations, the verbal presentations and your written assignment. If you engage actively with the course you should not find it difficult to write your final individual assignment.

6. Course structure

1. Introduction to students, the course, academic writing and to Mondo.

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

Read the literature below and post a log on Mondo (details to be provided at course start.)

- Skolverket. (2007). *General guidelines and comments: Quality in leisure-time centres*. Stockholm: Skolverket.(Available on-line)
<http://www.skolverket.se/publikationer?id=1810>
- Skolverket. (2011). *Curriculum for the compulsory school, preschool class and the recreation centre 2011*. Stockholm: Skolverket. (Available on-line)
- Palsdottir, K. (2012) *Care, learning and leisure: The organizational identity of after-school centres for 6-9 year old children in Reykjavik* (Doctoral thesis). Reykjavik: School of Education, University of Iceland. (Available on-line)
- Pihlgren, A. & Rohlin, M. (2013) "The free child" - organized after school activities as the upbringing of a community. In B. Boufoy-Bastick (Red.). *The international handbook of cultures of education policy, vol 1*. (pp. 437-476). Strasbourg: Analytrics. (Available on-line)

2. Introduction to Fritidshem (School-age educare centres) and introduction to examinations and their assessment criteria

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

Do a first group visit to a fritidshem at a school.

Read the literature below and post a log on Mondo (details to be provided at course start.)

- Else, P. (2009). *The value of play*. Maidenhead: Continuum. (Read whole book)
- Øksnes, M. (2008). The carnival goes on and on! Children's perceptions of their leisure time and play in SFO. *Leisure Studies*, 27(2), 149-164.

3. Play More detailed instructions for first group examination (seminar 5)

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

Read the literature below and post a log on Mondo (details to be provided at course start.)

- Faulkner, D., & Coates, E. (2011). *Exploring children's creative narratives*. Abingdon: Routledge. (Chapter 4)
- Lester, S., & Maudsley, M. (2006). *Play, naturally: A review of children's natural play*. London: Children's Play Council for PlayDay. (Available on-line)

- Sandell, K., & Öhman, J. (2010). Educational encounters with nature: Reflections from a Swedish outdoor perspective. *Environmental Education Research*, 16(1), 113-132 (Available on-line)

ALSO

- Visit an outdoor open access play provision / parklek and post a log on Mondo.
- Prepare a group presentation about a learning theory based on: Illeris, K. (Ed.) (2009). *Contemporary theories of learning. Learning theorists in their own words*. Abingdon: Routledge.

4. Outdoor/multimodal pedagogy

(Wear clothes and shoes/boots warm and waterproof enough so you can spend the day outdoors!) This seminar starts indoors and the rest of the day will be spent outdoors.

These two seminars fall on two days after each other!

5. Learning theories (EXA1a)

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

- Prepare yourself individually so that you can discuss the learning theory you presented in relation to multimodality at the next seminar. (based on: Illeris, K. (Ed.) (2009). *Contemporary theories of learning. Learning theorists in their own words*. Abingdon: Routledge.)
- Write a log where you reflect on something you have seen during a study visit using the learning theory you presented as well as one other learning theory.

6. Learning and multimodality (EXA1b)

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

Read and post one log on Mondo about both of the following:

- Fundamental Values in Curriculum for the compulsory school, preschool class and the leisure-time centre 2011 (Lgr 11) <http://www.skolverket.se/publikationer?id=2687>
- Skolverket. (2012). *Evaluation of anti-bullying methods*. Stockholm: Skolverket. <http://www.skolverket.se/publikationer?id=2849>

7. Value base of Swedish Schools and dealing with conflict

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

Visit a leisure-time centre (fritidshem) with a view to study how they engage with issues around value base and conflict and multimodality.

Also read and post a log on Mondo about:

- Describe the difference between child perspective and children's perspective based on something you have observed during study visits. To clarify the concepts use Sommer, D., Pramling Samuelsson, I., & Hundeide, K. (2009). *Child perspectives and children's perspectives in theory and practice*. Dordrecht: Springer.

8. Child/ren's perspectives detailed instructions for second group examination (seminar 9) and the individual examination

Before the next seminar you will be expected to:

Prepare group presentation about visits.

9. Group presentations (EXA2) and evaluation

Final Individual paper (EXA3)

Students may discuss their draft individual papers with each other, thus supporting the learning process and the writing. However, the course paper is an individual assignment.

Please note, the department follows the APA reference system (see *How to write a text* link on the course Mondo web page/resources), and in this assignment, all references shall include page numbers.

Deadline for the submission of EXA3, individual assignment is Friday, June 1 at 17:00 pm

Please, see detailed information about EXA3 on page 8.

7. Examination and assessment criteria

Attendance

Students are expected to be present in class during lectures and seminars. The study visits and seminars 5, 6 & 9 are mandatory since they are examining seminars. Absences for the other seminars must be compensated, and students who miss a class shall contact the lecturer in charge for a make-up assignment. With an absences over 45% from meetings on campus student is considered not to have taken the course and must reregister in order to complete the course at a later stage.

Plagiarism and regulations for disciplinary matters

As a student you have to be conscientious about clearly accounting for the material used in the texts that are submitted for examination. To use other people's expressions or ideas without stating where they are from is plagiarism. To translate and/or change some words in someone else's text and present it as one's own is obviously also a form of plagiarism.

Plagiarism is considered to be cheating and if discovered in an exam or paper, the exam or paper will immediately be failed and disciplinary measures may be taken. Any student who is caught cheating or disrupting academic activities can be suspended from lectures and exams for a period of up to six months. The Vice-Chancellor or the Disciplinary Council decides whether the student is to be subject to any disciplinary measures.

Formative assessment

During the course, the lecturers will give feedback on the oral and written work.

Oral presentation

- Being able to present the theory/places visited in a clear way, where all participants contribute
- Being able to refer to course literature and to answer questions
- Participating in discussions about advantages/disadvantages of the theory/places visited

Written logs

The logs will be commented on based on the following aspects:

- Presentation and coherence,
- Connection to course literature and study visits when appropriate,
- Level of reflection or analysis,
- Language, references.

You will also be paired with fellow students to provide each other with constructive feedback on the written logs.

Summative assessment

The course will be examined by three different tasks, and two will be graded with either Pass or Fail (EXA1, EXA2) and one with a scale between A-F (EXA3).

EXA1 Group work, 6 cr

Students will work in groups to firstly do a PowerPoint presentation about a learning theory during seminar 5. The individual group members will then prepare themselves to discuss the theory in relation to multimodality in seminar 6.

For seminar 5 your task is to prepare a PowerPoint presentation that should contain the following four aspects:

- Describe the concepts of the learning theory in general
- Provide examples of when you have seen this theory in practice in education (now or when you were young or any learning example you can think of)
- Do an activity with the rest of the group that highlights a point this theory makes.
- End the presentation with a critical question that could work as a discussion starter.

The presentation should take about 25 minutes with an added 5 minutes to start to explore your critical question with the class. Use the chapter as a basis but feel free to also look for more original texts by that author about the specific concept dealt with in the chapter. This is NOT required to pass but may make the job easier.

EXA2 Group work, 2 cr

Students will work in groups to do a PowerPoint presentation about their study visits, connecting their experiences to the course literature. The environment and the organization of the setting should be introduced. A special focus should be on how staff works with value base and conflict management as well as multimodality. The presentation has to use references to the course literature. Instructions will be given during seminar 8. Presentations will be done during seminar 9.

EXA3 Individual assignment, 7 cr

Your learning will be assessed through an individual final course assignment. The final course assignment will include a discussion of the course content in relation to course literature and study visits.

- Based on your study visits describe a school-age childcare setting and the role of a school-age childcare teacher within it.
- Explore in which ways the setting and its staff take a child perspective and/or children's perspectives in their work.
- Explore what learning theories you can see signs of in the staff's practice.
- Explore how the setting and its staff facilitate play.

Relate and reference (APA style) to governing documents and other literature covered in the course. Minimum compulsory literature:

- Else, P. (2009).
- Illeris, K. (Ed.) (2009).
- Palsdottir, K. (2012)
- Pihlgren, A. & Rohlin, M. (2013).
- Skolverket. (2007).
- Skolverket. (2011).
- Sommer, D., Pramling Samuelsson, I., & Hundeide, K. (2009).
- Øksnes, M. (2008).

The paper should be 4-5 A4 pages long, excluding a front page and a complete reference list. In assessing the final course paper, great importance will be given to correct reference use, and that citations are short and followed by page reference. Plagiarism is not accepted in any form.

Use type face Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 spacing. Handwritten papers are not accepted. The individual assignment should be sent electronically to MONDO, attached to the tab assignment, not later than **June 1 at 17:00 pm**.

Grade for the whole course

To get a grade for the whole course, all examinations must be finished with at least the grades G or E and all tasks presented in this Study guide must be fulfilled. The grade for the whole course is based on the grade of EXA3.

Re-examination and Fail

A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not take a re-examination for a higher grade. In addition, a registered passing grade may not be altered to fail.

A student who receives the grade Fx has one possibility of complementing the exam within two weeks after receiving the grade. If improvements are not done in the time allotted, the student is required to retake the examination.

A student who has received the grade of F, Fx or U twice on a given examination and by the same examiner may apply and be granted a new examiner. The application should be addressed to the director of studies.

There is one exam opportunity offered for all examinations during the relevant semester. The next opportunity will take place in August 24, 2018. Students who want to re-take the examination shall contact the course administrator before August 17, 2018.

Assessment criteria

EXA1 Group work

G. Pass: The student presents group work for discussion during seminars and hands in group documentation. The work should be well aligned with the course content with references to literature. All group members shall participate as active partners in the group. The presentations shall involve other students within given time limits.

U. Fail. The student has not contributed to the preparation or presentation of the group work adequately.

EXA2 Group work

G. Pass: The student presents group work for discussion during seminars and hands in group documentation. The work should be well aligned with the course content with references to literature. All group members shall participate as active partners in the group. The presentations shall remain within given time limits.

U. Fail. The student has not contributed to the preparation or presentation of the group work adequately.

EXA3 Individual paper

LEARNING OUTCOME: Show awareness of Swedish school-age educare and the role of its teachers

- A:** Intimate knowledge of the setting and ability to identify the role of the teachers. Ability to enter deeply into an **analysis** of the discussions and issues found in practice (as seen during study visits) and in literature (including governing documents) about the role of the teachers.
- B:** Knowledge of the setting and ability to identify the role of the teachers. Ability to **reflect** on the discussions and issues found in practice (as seen during study visits) and in literature (including governing documents) about the role of teachers.
- C:** Ability to identify the role of the teachers. Discussions and **issues found in practice** (as seen during study visits) **and in literature** (including governing documents) about the role of the teachers are **described**.
- D:** Ability to identify the role of the teachers. Discussions and **issues found in practice** (as seen during study visits) are described and literature (including governing documents) used to **describe** the role of the teachers.
- E:** Ability to identify the role of the teachers. The teachers practice (as seen during study visits) is described with reference to governing documents.
- Fx:** Shortcomings in the identification of the role of the teachers or shortcomings in the reference to study visits or literature.
- F:** No ability to identify the role of the teachers and no reference to literature.

LEARNING OUTCOME: Reflect on different child/ren's perspectives based on literature

- A:** Ability to enter deeply into an **analysis** of the discussions and issues found in practice (as seen during study visits) and in literature (including governing documents) about child/ren's perspective. Do this by **reflecting on two** examples of practice you have observed during study visits and link it/them to literature about child/ren's perspective. Choose one example and discuss **what change in practice** another child/ren's perspective would lead to.
- B:** Ability to enter deeply into an **analysis** of the discussions and issues found in practice (using at least two examples from study visits) and in literature (including governing documents) about child/ren's perspective.
- C:** Ability to **reflect** on the discussions and issues found in practice (using at least two examples from study visits) and in literature (including governing documents) about child/ren's perspective.
- D:** **Describe two** examples of practice you have observed during study visits and link them to literature about child/ren's perspective. One example of a child perspective and one of a children's perspective.
- E:** **Describe one** example of practice you have observed during study visits and link it to literature about child/ren's perspective.
- Fx:** Shortcomings in the description of child/ren's perspective or shortcomings in the reference to study visits or literature.
- F:** No description of child/children's perspective and no references to literature.

LEARNING OUTCOME: Reflect on different theoretical perspectives of children's learning and/or play

- A:** **One** theoretical **perspective** described linking theory of play and/or learning to practice. **Another** theoretical **perspective** described based on what practice might look like if this theoretical perspective drove the practice.
- B:** **Analysis** of two theoretical perspectives linking theory of play and/or learning to practice.
- C:** **Reflections** based on two theoretical perspectives linking theory of play and/or learning to practice.
- D:** **Two** theoretical **perspectives described** linking theory of play and/or learning to practice.
- E:** **One** theoretical **perspective described** linking theory of play and/or learning to practice.
- Fx:** Shortcomings in description of theoretical perspectives in relation to play and learning or shortcomings in reference to literature.
- F:** No description of theoretical perspectives.

8. Course Literature

Else, P. (2009). *The value of play*. Maidenhead: Continuum. (167 p.)

Faulkner, D., & Coates, E. (2011). *Exploring children's creative narratives*. Abingdon: Routledge. (288 p.)

Illeris, K. (Ed.) (2009). *Contemporary theories of learning. Learning theorists in their own words*. Abingdon: Routledge. (256 p.)

Lester, S., & Maudsley, M. (2006). *Play, naturally: A review of children's natural play*. London: Children's Play Council for PlayDay. (105 p.) (Available on-line)



- Palsdottir, K. (2012). *Care, learning and leisure: The organizational identity of after-school centres for 6-9 year old children in Reykjavik* (Doctoral thesis). Reykjavik: School of Education, University of Iceland. (285 p.) (Available on-line)
- Pihlgren, A., & Rohlin, M. (2013). "The free child" - organized after school activities as the upbringing of a community. In B. Boufoy-Bastick (Red.). *The international handbook of cultures of education policy, vol 1.* (pp. 437-476). Strasbourg: Analytrics. (39 p.) (Available on-line)
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- Skolverket. (2011). *Curriculum for the compulsory school, preschool class and the recreation centre 2011.* Stockholm: Skolverket. (20 p.) (Available on-line)
- Skolverket. (2012). *Evaluation of anti-bullying methods.* Stockholm: Skolverket. (228 p.) (Available on-line)
- Sommer, D., Pramling Samuelsson, I., & Hundeide, K. (2009). *Child perspectives and children's perspectives in theory and practice.* Dordrecht: Springer. (264 p.)
- Øksnes, M. (2008). The carnival goes on and on! Children's perceptions of their leisure time and play in SFO. *Leisure Studies, 27*(2), 149-164. (15 p.)

9. Evaluation

Students are invited to participate in discussions about the course and are free to bring up suggestions for changes during the course. An on-line evaluation form will be distributed to all students at the end of the course.

10. Rules and regulations

You will find a summary of decisions taken at different levels about student rights and responsibilities at <http://www.su.se/rules/>. It is your responsibility as a student to know the rules that exist about studying, examinations/assessments and use of facilities and resources. Disciplinary measures will be taken against students that use illegal resources or in other ways tries to mislead assessments or who disturbs or obstructs learning opportunities, assessment or other activities of the education.

11. Study support

You can get a University account via a link on the webpage <http://www.mitt.su.se/>. This is also where you access your student mail and your course page in Mondo. The University account gives you access to computers in IT suits at Campus Frescati, webmail, Mondo, print outs, log in to the University Library e-service and other services at Mitt universitet.

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- Academic writing support: <http://www.su.se/english/study/student-services/academic-writing-service> or email: anette.campbell@su.se
- Library. You can access all of the library services at <http://www.sub.su.se/home.aspx>

If you have any questions contact the course leader:

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