

Introduction to teaching

(for university teachers in the Humanities and Social Sciences)

Semester: Autumn, 2021

Professional development course in higher education teaching and learning. The course offers an introductory, practice-oriented education aimed at postgraduate students and researchers with little or no experience of teaching.

Target group: Assistant teachers in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Effort involved

The course corresponds to two weeks full-time studies, equivalent to 3 ECTS credits.

Aim and intended learning outcomes

The main aim of the course is to provide participants with an introduction to teaching in higher education as well as guidelines and policies for university teaching. The participant gets an opportunity to develop basic skills and confidence in higher education teaching within the participant's academic subject area. After the course participants will be able to

- reflect on his/her teaching style and areas of development in the role as an assistant teacher
- explain and apply core concepts of teaching and learning in higher education
- adhere to the relevant rules and regulations for teaching in Swedish higher education, in particular at Stockholm University
- discuss and plan a teaching session to be carried out at their own department and based on higher education research literature

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Outline of the course

The course is offered online with 5 obligatory synchronous meetings on Zoom, and with additional asynchronous activities on the learning platform Athena. Each participant is also required to make one observation of a seminar taught by a colleague. The course partly adopts a flipped classroom approach and strives to integrate the participants' own experiences as departure points and concretizations of the theories introduced in the course.

Assessment

All seminars are mandatory. In addition, preparatory written and/or oral assignments are linked to each seminar.

Participants receive a certificate when they have completed the course.

Course Literature

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Additional online material (resource pages and recordings)

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