



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Comparative Literature

Syllabus

College Year

Course Code:	COGA30
Course Title:	College Year <i>College Year</i>
Credits:	30
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2015-03-06, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2015 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

College Year admission

Learning Outcomes

Module 1 Academic Writing, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. write basic academic texts,
2. use literary concepts in interpreting fictional texts,
3. use basic English in speech and writing,
4. give examples of and explain theory of science concepts, and
5. perform literature searches through the library search system

Module 2 Theory of Science and Rhetoric, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. make use of rhetorical devices in oral presentation,
2. carry out a debate on the basis of different theory of science perspectives,
3. give an account of the conception of knowledge and science in a historical as well as present perspective,
4. reflect on the concept of knowledge,
5. give an account of the role of the university in the science community.

Module 3 Science Traditions in Practice, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. compare different different science traditions in terms of their views on humanity and the world,
2. identify different discourses on gender in academic disciplines,
3. discern, describe and evaluate ethical dilemmas and moral values, and
4. give examples of how cultural factors and gender aspects affect our way of looking at the world.

Module 4 Independent project, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. plan and complete an independent research project displaying critical ability,
2. apply a framework for essay writing,
3. use basic IT such as editing tools and database searches and review sources critically,
4. discuss, defend and review an academic text.

Content

The aim of the course is that students acquire basic insights into academic studies and theory of science perspectives and procedures. Students develop skills in the various components involved in studying at university and prepare for further studies. The College Year comprises 40 weeks (one academic year) of which 20 weeks are at upper secondary school level (eligibility programmes in municipal adult education or Folk High School) and 20 weeks at university level. At the university the students study four modules (7.5 ECTS cr each) one day a week. Students who complete the year satisfactorily are offered admission to a number of degree programmes and courses at Karlstad University.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on:

Module 1 Academic Writing

Learning outcomes 1 and 5: individual hand-in assignments

Learning outcome 2: active participation in seminars on literary texts

Learning outcomes 3 and 4: active participation in seminars where individual hand-in assignments are discussed.

Module 2 Theory of Science and Rhetoric

Learning outcome 1: oral presentation

Learning outcome 2: debate participation

Learning outcomes 3, 4 and 5: written exam

Module 3 Science Traditions in Practice

Learning outcomes 1 and 2: individual hand-in assignments and seminar participation

Learning outcomes 3 and 4: participation in seminars

Module 4 Independent Project:

individually produced written essay presented and discussed at a mandatory seminar and on peer review performance.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. The grade Distinction is awarded to students who have earned this grade for 22.5 out of the 30 course credits.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based

on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The course COGA30 cannot be included in the same degree programme as COGA10 and COGA20.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.