



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Dystopia and apocalypse

Course Code:	ENADL7
Course Title:	Dystopia and apocalypse <i>Dystopi och apokalyps</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:
ENA (English)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2024-08-13, and is valid from the Spring semester 2025 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits in one of the main fields of study English, Comparative Literature, or Film Studies, including at least 30 ECTS credits at the G2F level, and upper secondary level English 6 or B, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. identify, describe, and analyse themes, problems, and genre-related issues relevant to dystopian and post-apocalyptic representations,
2. summarise, compare, and critically assess academic texts on dystopian and post-apocalyptic literature and apply them in analysis and interpretation of primary texts, and
3. express themselves well in English in terms of style and structure and present convincing analyses.

Content

The course includes study of dystopian and post-apocalyptic texts as cultural negotiations and in relation to social and historical contexts.

Students read dystopian and post-apocalyptic texts and academic articles on the subject, participate in oral seminar discussions and presentations, and produce written analyses.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1-3 are assessed based on individual written and oral assignments plus active participation in seminars.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

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