



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

African American women's novels

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| Course Code: | ENADL9 |
| Course Title: | African American women's novels <i>Romaner av afrikansk-amerikanska kvinnliga författare</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 2017-11-13, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

English 1-90 ECTS cr, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. identify, describe and analyze thematic and formal features in novels by African American women writers,
2. give an account of and evaluate theories of novels by African American women writers,
3. summarize and evaluate secondary material of relevance to novels by African American women writers, and
4. use English in a structured and analytically convincing way with stylistic confidence.

Content

The course centers on novels by African American women writers from Frances E.W. Harper and Nella Larsen to science-fiction writer Octavia Butler and nobel laureate Toni Morrison. The focus is on the 1980s, which, for various reasons, was an important decade for African American women writers and the theorization of their works. This decade is marked by the rediscovery of early novels and a great number of new novels by African American women writers that picked up on previous themes and used them in new literary contexts.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on oral and written assignments.

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.