



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
English

# Syllabus

## Conversation Analysis: Basics

<b>Course Code:</b>	ENADS9
<b>Course Title:</b>	Conversation Analysis: Basics <i>Samtalsanalysens grunder</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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 2019-02-06, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

1-90 ECTS credits, including at least 30 ECTS credits at G2F-level in one of the majors English, Psychology, Social Work, Pedagogy, or Pedagogical Work, plus upper secondary school level English 6 or B, or equivalent.

### Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of the theoretical background, basic assumptions, specialisations, and methodological principles of ethnomethodology-based Conversation Analysis,
2. independently evaluate the theoretical background, basic assumptions, specialisations, and methodological principles of ethnomethodology-based Conversation Analysis in relation to linguistic theories of related approaches, and

3. apply and demonstrate basic knowledge of transcription in conversation analysis and of the analysis of recorded conversation data.

### **Content**

The course gives an introduction to conversation analysis as a research branch of linguistic and social science disciplines and covers both the theoretical foundations and methodological assumptions. The overriding focus is on how language in social interaction is organised to build conversation and social action, and how underlying social norms can be revealed through systematic analysis. Theoretically, the origin of conversation analysis, the ethnomethodological legacy, and current areas of application are treated. Students also practise basic transcription and analysis of conversation data, and critically read and discuss classic and current studies in conversation analysis. The course includes basic as well as applied research in the field.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment of all learning outcomes is based on individual hand-in assignments which are presented and discussed in mandatory seminars.

### **Grades**

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