



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

English

Syllabus

### **Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 5 March 2013, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** ENAES4

**Language and Gender, 7.5 ECTS Credits**

**(Språk och genus, 7.5 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Master

**Progressive Specialisation:** A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

### **Language of Instruction**

English

### **Prerequisites**

English 1-90 ECTS cr

### **Major Field of Study**

ENA (English)

### **Learning Outcomes**

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

- demonstrate an understanding of the principal theories and concepts in the field of language and gender,
- independently analyze and evaluate these theories, and account for previous and current debates in the field,
- critically assess the various notions of gender put forth by the different approaches to language and gender, and account for different explanatory models for gender-based differences in language use, and
- apply at least one approach covered in the course to an independent analysis of verbal or written language data.

### **Content and Form of Instruction**

Current and earlier approaches to language and gender are studied and contrasted, with a focus on theoretical and methodological perspectives. The overarching focus of the course is how gender is reflected in and constructed through language use. The course also encompasses central theories and methods of analysis for written and spoken language data.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on individual oral and written assignments and seminar discussions.

## 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

## Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

## Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

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.

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