



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Language and Gender

Course Code:	ENAES4
Course Title:	Language and Gender <i>Språk och genus</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 2024-02-12, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits completed, including a degree project of 15 ECTS credits at the G2F level in English or another main field of study in the humanities or social sciences, and upper secondary level English 6, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of and critically assess theoretical approaches and methods in the field of language and gender,
2. give an account of and critically assess how the concepts of sex and gender are understood and operationalised in various linguistic approaches, and
3. apply selected research approaches in independent analysis of oral or written language data.

Content

The course treats current and earlier linguistic approaches to the interface between language and gender. The course covers theoretical and methodological perspectives in relation to research on both oral and written language data, with a special emphasis on how language can be gendered and how gender is performed and expressed in language use in various contexts such as everyday conversations, journalism, social media, at work and in school. The course treats methods and perspectives from for example sociolinguistics, critical discourse analysis, and conversation analysis, with an emphasis on qualitative research methods. The course highlights how linguistic approaches can contribute to further study of important issues in feminist theory, queer theory, masculinity studies, and so forth.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment of all learning outcomes is based on individual written hand-in assignments and individual oral presentations.

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.