



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
English

# Syllabus

## Using Corpora for Language Research

<b>Course Code:</b>	ENAES8
<b>Course Title:</b>	Using Corpora for Language Research <i>Använda korpusar för språkforskning</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 2020-09-10, and is valid from the Spring semester 2021 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits, including at least 30 ECTS credits at the G2F level, in one of the main fields of study English, Swedish Language, or Linguistics, and English 6 or B, or equivalent

### Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of the most important methodological and theoretical issues in corpus linguistics today,
2. compare, evaluate, and apply both quantitative and qualitative analytical techniques used in corpus research,
3. demonstrate in-depth knowledge of selected areas of English grammar and phraseology, and
4. conduct language research using corpus data and methods, and present research results orally and in writing.

**Content**

The course introduces corpus linguistics, that is to say the use of large corpora for language research, as a methodology. With a focus on certain selected areas of English grammar and phraseology, the course includes practical activities that allow students to apply both quantitative and qualitative analytical techniques used in corpus research. Through the analysis of authentic language data (both written and oral), linguistic theories are re-examined and differences in language use over time and in different contexts are further investigated.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Learning outcomes 1-4 are assessed on the basis of an extensive individual written hand-in assignment and an oral presentation.

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.