



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Using Corpora for Language Research

Course Code:	ENAES8
Course Title:	Using Corpora for Language Research <i>Använda korpusar för språkforskning</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 2025-09-01, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 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, or Linguistics, and upper secondary level English 6 or English level 2, 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 and evaluate 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 based on an individual written hand-in assignment and an individual 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.