



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Climate Change in Literature and Critical Theory

Course Code: ENAL04

Course Title: Climate Change in Literature and Critical Theory
Klimatförändringar i skönlitteratur och teori

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 2018-02-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

English 1-90 ECTS cr or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. give an account of and analyse how climate change is represented and problematised in English-language fiction,
2. reflect on climate fiction as a literary genre, in reference to literary history and theory developments and informed by secondary material relevant to studying climate change in the humanities,
3. use English with stylistic awareness, effective structure and convincing analysis and argumentation.

Content

Climate change is introduced as a humanities research field through a focus on the representation of climate change in English-language fiction. Literary texts are studied concurrently with selected examples of the theoretical development of climate change in the humanities, and the course also deals with and problematises climate fiction as a genre.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual, written and oral assignments.

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.