



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Women writers' science fiction and fantasy

Course Code:	ENAL07
Course Title:	Women writers' science fiction and fantasy <i>Kvinnliga författares science fiction och fantasy</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 2024-08-21, and is valid from the Spring semester 2025 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, Comparative Literature, or Film Studies, and upper secondary level English 6 or B, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. identify, describe, and analyse cultural, thematic, and formal traits of science fiction and fantasy by women writers,
2. reflect upon race, gender, class, sexuality, culture, and history in the analysis of women writers' science fiction and fantasy,
3. summarise, compare, and critically evaluate academic articles on women writers' science fiction and fantasy, and apply them in the analysis and interpretation of primary sources,

and

4. express themselves well in English in terms of style and structure and present convincing analyses.

Content

The course treats English-language science fiction and fantasy by women writers, with a focus on negotiations of these genres and contemporary societal phenomena. In relation to their study of a number of novels, students discuss and analyse aspects of race, gender, class, sexuality, culture, and history, as well as genre-specific traits.

Instruction is in the form of independent reading of novels and articles, seminar discussions and oral presentations, and written analyses.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1-4 are assessed based on individual written and oral assignments plus active participation in seminars.

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.