



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Research Internship: English Literature

Course Code:	ENAL09
Course Title:	Research Internship: English Literature <i>Forskningspraktik: Engelsk litteraturvetenskap</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1F)

Major Field of Study:
ENA (English)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2025-09-05, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits at first cycle level, including at least 30 ECTS credits at the G2F level in English, another language subject, or Comparative Literature as the main field of study, and 30 ECTS credits at second cycle level, including at least 22.5 ECTS credits in Literature, 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 and describe research in literature and the literary research process,
2. apply literary methods, skills, and knowledge to research questions in English literary studies,
3. work both independently and in collaboration with active researchers on well-defined, current research questions in literary studies, and
4. plan and carry out advanced literary research tasks within a given time frame.

Content

This course provides students with hands-on research experience in a subfield of English literary studies. Students become members of ongoing research projects that are being carried out at the department. They contribute to the actual project work at hand, and obtain an in-depth understanding of the research process as a whole as well as gain relevant research skills and experience in English literary studies. Students work in close collaboration with researchers based in the department, and at times with their national and international collaborators. Research-related tasks may include project planning, reviews of research literature, and contributing to data collection, preparation, and analysis.

The exact content and nature of tasks depend on the project contribution agreed on between the student and the project leader, and participation in the course is conditional on such a contribution agreement being approved at the outset of the course. The course coordinator is responsible for enabling contact between students and project leaders and putting in place the conditions for such agreement. Work contributed by the students will be acknowledged appropriately in publications or other dissemination of research results.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment of all learning outcomes is based on individual written assignments.

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 Pass (G) or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. (RB 52/23 Dnr C2023/337)

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.

The research internship can be discontinued by the examiner on the grounds of grave and unprofessional skills and conduct.