



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Text, culture and society: English in contemporary life

Course Code:	ENALS1
Course Title:	Text, culture and society: English in contemporary life <i>Text, kultur och samhälle: engelska i samtiden</i>
Credits:	15
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 2026-02-17, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

90 credits in one of the main fields of study English, Literary Studies, Film Studies, Modern Languages or Linguistics, including at least 30 credits at G2E level. In addition, upper secondary level English 6 or English level 2. An equivalence assessment can be made.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. summarise and evaluate texts on language, literature and cultural theories,
2. give an account of, assess and critically discuss theories of language, literature and culture,
3. develop their own theoretical arguments on language, literature and culture based on texts, and
4. express themselves in English with stylistic precision, clear structure and a persuasive analytical approach.

Content

The course introduces theories and research on the relationship between language, literature, culture, media, and society. It places particular emphasis on cultural negotiations in connection with societal changes across different geographical and historical contexts.

The course consists of the study of theoretical texts, which are discussed and addressed in seminars, as well as through oral and written assignments.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1-4 are assessed through individual written assignments.
Learning outcomes 1-3 are also assessed through individual oral presentations.

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 VG (Pass with Distinction), G (Pass), or U (Fail) 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.