



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Language and Thought

Course Code:	ENAS03
Course Title:	Language and Thought <i>Språk och tanke</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 2019-08-26, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 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 Language, Linguistics, Psychology, Philosophy, or Anthropology, and English 6 or B, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- give an account of key theories used to describe the relationship between language and thought,
- critically assess historical and contemporary scholarly debates about the relationship between language and thought,
- compare and evaluate methods for studying phenomena in relation to language and thought, and
- critically evaluate academic texts and reason in English orally and in writing.

Content

The course covers current debates concerning the relationship between language and thought. Conflicting theories, phylogenetic and ontogenetic aspects of language and thought, and seminal case studies on linguistic relativity are discussed and evaluated. The course also covers the effect of second language learning and multilingualism on the thinking and thought of individuals. Research methods used in the field are contrasted and evaluated throughout the course.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual oral presentation and individual written hand-in assignments.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical 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.