



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Theories and methods in language research

Course Code:	ENAS06
Course Title:	Theories and methods in language research <i>Teorier och metoder inom språkvetenskaplig forskning</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 2022-02-15, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2022 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

1-90 ECTS credits in English, including at least 30 ECTS credits at the G2F level or higher, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. give an account of and critically evaluate key theoretical perspectives and concepts used in different fields of language research,
2. give an account of different types of linguistic data and their areas of use in language research,
3. compare and evaluate different methods used to collect and analyse linguistic data, and
4. give an account of and critically reflect upon ethical and legal aspects of language

research.

Content

The course outlines and compares theories and methods used in language research. Students develop an awareness of different theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches, including their suitability for different research contexts. Different kinds of linguistic data and their role in language research are examined, and ethical and legal issues related to how data is collected, stored, presented, and analysed are discussed. The course prepares students for further in-depth study at the advanced level.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

All learning outcomes as assessed based on individual oral and 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 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.