



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

English A

Course Code:	ENGA30
Course Title:	English A <i>Engelska A</i>
Credits:	30
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
ENA (English)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-09-07, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements plus upper secondary school level English 6 or B (field-specific eligibility A2 or 2) or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

The course comprises four modules.

Module 1 Sounds and Structures of English, 7.5 ECTS cr.

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

1. explain basic phonological and morpho-syntactic concepts and apply them in the description of sounds and structures of English,
2. describe and explain English language phenomena, with a special focus on issues that might cause difficulties for learners, and
3. identify and discuss style, register, and varietal differences in English.

Module 2 English Linguistics I: Concepts and Theories, 7.5 ECTS cr.

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

1. describe basic linguistic concepts and apply them to secondary material,
2. give an account of the main features of central fields in English linguistics, and
3. analyse phenomena in English language usage from a theoretical and applied perspective and in comparison with Swedish and other languages.

Module 3 Academic English, 7.5 ECTS cr.

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

1. use nuanced and varied Standard English in speech and writing,
2. demonstrate awareness of formal and informal differences in language use,

3. produce logically structured and stylistically effective oral and written presentations in different genres,
4. use sources and adhere to formal conventions in academic writing, and
5. demonstrate adequate proficiency in English in terms of vocabulary, idiomaticity and pronunciation.

Module 4 Introduction to English Literature, 7.5 ECTS cr.

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

1. define and use basic concepts in literary studies,
2. analyse different types of literature in English at a basic level, and
3. produce structured and coherent literature analyses in Standard English with correct source referencing.

Content

The course comprises four modules.

Module 1 Sounds and Structures of English, 7.5 ECTS cr.

The module comprises a systematic survey of basic phonological and morpho-syntactic concepts and linguistic phenomena in spoken and written English. Stylistic and dialectal variations are discussed, and the sounds and structures of English are compared with those of Swedish and other languages.

Module 2 English Linguistics I: Concepts and Theories, 7.5 ECTS cr.

The module introduces basic concepts and theories in central English linguistic research fields. Students form an understanding of the structure and use of the English language and compare with Swedish and other languages. Linguistic problems are discussed and concepts and theories are applied in analysis exercises. Students are also introduced to linguistics as a research field, including its academic discourse.

Module 3 Academic English, 7.5 ECTS cr.

The module focuses on students' academic English skills. Written and oral proficiency is developed through assignments designed to help students improve and gain confidence in their English production. Topics include English pronunciation, choice of vocabulary and expression, and syntactic structures, as well as styles used when producing different text types. The course includes general writing skills but has a special emphasis on academic writing.

Module 4 Introduction to English Literature, 7.5 ECTS cr.

The course focuses on the analysis of different types and genres of literature in English and introduces basic literary theory and concepts in literary studies. Students develop analytical and critical skills through discussions and assignments involving the use of relevant literary concepts.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1: Assessment is based on a written exam.

Module 2: Assessment is based on a written exam.

Module 3: Assessment is based on individual presentations and written exams.

Module 4: Assessment is individual and based on a hand-in assignment and a written exam.

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.