



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

English Linguistics I: Concepts and Theories

Course Code:	ENGA32
Course Title:	English Linguistics I: Concepts and Theories <i>Engelsk språkvetenskap I: Begrepp och teorier</i>
Credits:	7.5
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 2025-08-21, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements 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. describe basic linguistic concepts and apply them to linguistic material,
2. give an account of the main features of central fields in English linguistics, and
3. analyse phenomena in English language use from theoretical and applied perspectives and in comparison with Swedish and other languages.

Content

The course introduces basic concepts and theories used in central research fields in English linguistics. Students form an understanding of the structure and use of the English language

and make comparisons with Swedish and other languages. Linguistic problems are discussed and linguistic concepts and theories are applied in practical analysis tasks. Students are also introduced to linguistics as a research field, including its academic discourse.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written exam.

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.