



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Academic English

Course Code:	ENGA33
Course Title:	Academic English <i>Akademisk engelska</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 2025-09-05, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements plus upper secondary level English 6 or English level 2, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. use nuanced and varied Standard English in speech and writing,
2. demonstrate awareness of differences between formal and informal language use,
3. produce logically structured and stylistically effective oral and written presentations in English,
4. use sources and adhere to formal academic conventions for source use, and
5. produce English suitable for the university level in terms of vocabulary, idiomaticity, and pronunciation.

Content

The course focuses on students' academic English skills. Written and oral proficiency is developed through exercises and 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.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written exam and an individual oral 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.