



Faculty of Arts and Education
English
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Education on 16 March 2010, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2010 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: ENGAC2

Crime Fiction: From Poe to the Present, 15 ECTS Credits

(Crime Fiction: From Poe to the Present, 15 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Increasingly In-depth Study: G1N (First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

English

Prerequisites

General admission requirements plus upper secondary school level English B or equivalent

Major Field of Study

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Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should have acquired the knowledge and skills to:

- outline the historical development of crime fiction from the early 19th Century till today,
- identify the fundamental conventions of crime fiction,
- perform a basic and critical analysis of crime fiction based on certain theoretical approaches.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course introduces crime fiction in English and its distinguishing features. The historically shifting function of crime fiction is demonstrated through representative works from the early 19th Century till today.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars centring on course literature and on mandatory hand-in assignments. The course is concluded with a written project which is presented and discussed at a mandatory seminar.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on mandatory hand-in assignments treating the course literature and on a minor essay project in which the theoretical approaches presented in the course are applied to one or several works in the crime fiction field. The result is also presented orally and discussed at a final seminar.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. International students may request that their Swedish grade be translated into the A-F-scale according to the ECTS Grade Interpretation Scheme.

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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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