



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
English

# Syllabus

## Crime Fiction: From Poe to the Present

<b>Course Code:</b>	ENGAC2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Crime Fiction: From Poe to the Present <i>Kriminalfiktio: Från Poe till samtiden</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

### Major Field of Study:

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2024-02-20, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

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

### Learning Outcomes

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

1. outline the historical development of crime fiction from the early 19th century until today,
2. identify the fundamental conventions of crime fiction, and
3. perform a basic critical analysis of crime fiction based on certain theoretical approaches.

### Content

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 until today.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment of all learning outcomes is based on an individual written assignment presented and discussed in a final seminar.

Learning outcomes 1 and 2 are also assessed based on individual written hand-in assignments and an individual oral presentation.

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.