



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
English

# Syllabus

## Science Fiction: A Historical Survey

<b>Course Code:</b>	ENGAF2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Science Fiction: A Historical Survey <i>Science Fiction: A Historical Survey</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 2023-09-28, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General admission requirements and upper secondary level English 6 or B

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. give an account of the main features of the historical development of literary science fiction,
2. give an account of the genre conventions of science fiction and theoretical perspectives on it, and
3. perform basic analyses of science fiction literature using literary theoretical perspectives.

### Content

The course is an introduction to English-language science fiction literature. The course includes a historical overview of the development of the genre as well as the study of specific texts.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars. The course involves mandatory written assignments. Towards the end of the course, students work on a final essay which is presented in a work-in-progress seminar before the final version is submitted.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Learning outcomes 1-3 are assessed based on individual written hand-in assignments and an individual written essay presented and discussed in a seminar.

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.