



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

Academic Writing in English

Course Code: ENGB61

Course Title: Academic Writing in English
Akademiskt skrivande på engelska

Credits: 7.5

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:

ENA (English)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2025-02-26, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2025 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

ENGA33 Academic English, 7.5 ECTS credits, ENGA36 English language proficiency, 7.5 ECTS credits, or 30 ECTS credits in English as the main field of study, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of and discuss what characterises well written academic prose,
2. summarise and review research on academic writing,
3. plan and produce logically and carefully structured and stylistically effective scholarly texts in English,
4. formulate and present constructive feedback on texts written by others, and
5. use an academic referencing system.

Content

The course is focused on academic writing in English in different academic contexts. Throughout the course, students produce academic text types such as literature reviews, summaries, and article abstracts. In all kinds of text production, students practise using a given referencing system correctly for in-text citations and reference lists. Students also read research on scholarly writing and use it as material for discussion and reflection concerning academic text production. Active reading skills are emphasised and practised, with the purpose to identify the different parts of the academic text and the way in which they are interrelated.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars. Students read and examine each other's work in preparation for seminars. Throughout the course, students produce a number of academic texts of different lengths and submit them in portfolio form. The portfolio and an oral presentation constitute the basis for assessment.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual oral presentation and individual written hand-in assignments.

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.