



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

English linguistics III: History of English from a sociolinguistic perspective

Course Code:	ENGC91
Course Title:	English linguistics III: History of English from a sociolinguistic perspective <i>Engelsk språkvetenskap III: Engelsk språkhistoria ur ett sociolingvistiskt perspektiv</i>
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 2020-03-10, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

ENGA32 English Linguistics I: Concepts and Theories (7.5 ECTS credits) and ENGB62 English Linguistics II: Language Acquisition and Language Learning (7.5 ECTS credits), or 60 ECTS credits completed in the main field of study, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe how English has developed and analyse linguistic phenomena from a historical perspective,

2. give a critical account of key concepts used in English language history and apply them to sample texts,
3. apply sociolinguistic theories and concepts in studies of English language history,
4. give an account of and summarise research publications in the field of linguistics, and
5. identify language history research questions and discuss relevant methods for answering them.

Content

This module covers the basics of English language history from a sociolinguistic perspective, with a special emphasis on phenomena that can be observed in modern English and current trends in the development of English. In addition, students read research publications which treat English language history from a sociolinguistic perspective, and learn about possible research questions and methods in the field.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1-3 are assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment. Learning outcomes 4-5 are assessed based on an individual oral assignment.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical 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.

The course ENGC91 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course ENGC90.