

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences English

Syllabus

English literature and theory

Course Code:	ENGC92
Course Title:	English literature and theory Engelskspråkig litteratur och teori
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 2023-12-11, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

ENGA34 Introduction to English Literature (7.5 ECTS credits), ENGB63 English Literature before 1800 (7.5 ECTS credits), and ENGB64 English Literature after 1800 (7.5 ECTS credits), or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of and summarise various literary and cultural theories, including gender theory and poststructuralist theory,

2. apply the concepts and perspectives of literary theory when analysing literature in English, and

3. express themselves in a structured and convincing way and in accordance with the conventions of academic English and correct source use.

Content

In this module, students apply literary theory to texts from the English-speaking world. The module highlights the relationship between literature and society through studies of literary and cultural theories and perspectives, such as postcolonial, Marxist, ecocritical, and genderbased theories. Through analysing texts, students acquire familiarity with theory and develop an awareness of the significance and function of literature.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual written and oral 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.

The course ENGC92 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course ENGC90.