



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
English

# Syllabus

## Science Fiction literature: Modern Developments

<b>Course Code:</b>	ENGSF2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Science Fiction literature: Modern Developments <i>Science fiction-litteratur: modern utveckling</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<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 2025-08-21, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General admission requirements and upper secondary level English 6 or English level 2, or equivalent

### Learning Outcomes

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

1. provide a general overview of the development of science fiction literature over the past century,
2. give an account of the genre conventions of science fiction,
3. give an account of and apply theoretical perspectives on science fiction literature, and
4. perform basic analyses of science fiction literature.

### Content

The course provides an introduction to the development of English-language science fiction literature over the past century. The focus is on historical and contextual aspects as well as

the study of influential modern texts.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars. The course includes mandatory written assignments, and concludes with independent projects presented and discussed in a seminar.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on individual written hand-in assignments and an independent project 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.