



Faculty of Arts and Education
Comparative Literature

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Education on 14 February 2012, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2012 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: LVAD06

Poststructuralist Theory and Postmodern Literature, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Poststrukturalistisk teori och postmodern litteratur, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Comparative Literature 1-90 ECTS or equivalent

Major Field of Study

LIA (Comparative Literature)

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is that students further develop their literary critical competence and their skills in problematising historical traditions by advanced study of the blurring of boundaries between poststructuralist theories and the postmodern literature in the period from 1966 to 1997.

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

- demonstrate knowledge of poststructuralist theories, postmodern literature and the blurring of boundaries,
- demonstrate ability to identify theoretical problems with relevance to postmodernist fiction and independently elaborate on these,
- demonstrate skills in advanced literary analysis,
- give a detailed account of and critically analyse dominant theoretical, aesthetic and literary historical features in the movements treated.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course deals with the impact of poststructuralist theories on literature from 1966 to 1997.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is individual and based on an oral or written exam.

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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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