



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Comparative Literature

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 7 March 2013, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: LVAD30

Independent Project - Degree Project, 30.0 ECTS Credits
(Självständigt arbete - uppsats, 30.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits))

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Comparative literature 1-90 ECTS cr and 15 ECTS cr at master's level in comparative literature

Major Field of Study

LIA (Comparative Literature)

Learning Outcomes

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

- independently formulate and delimit a relevant research question and investigate it,
- use theoretical concepts and scientific research methods in the investigation,
- identify relevant secondary sources and apply this material critically to the analysis of the primary sources,
- present the investigation and its results in a thesis which shows good analytical drive and critical reflection, and
- critically review another student's thesis and defend their own in seminar and incorporate criticism and comments in a way that their thesis is improved.

Content and Form of Instruction

Students carry out an investigation in an area of comparative literature, presented in the form of an independent thesis. Instruction is in the form of individual supervision.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on the completed thesis, its presentation and defence and the student's performance as a peer reviewer.

A student who has failed to earn a Pass grade for the essay may receive additional supervision for a limited

period (no more than six months) if the examiner approves and circumstances permit.

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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