



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: LVADSA

Independent Project - Degree Project, 30 ECTS Credits
(Självständigt arbete - uppsats, 30 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A2E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits))

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Comparative Literature 1-120 ECTS cr, or equivalent

Major Field of Study

LIA (Comparative Literature)

Learning Outcomes

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

- independently formulate and delimit a problem area in comparative literature,
- independently formulate and delimit a relevant research question and carry out an investigation into it,
- independently identify relevant secondary material and critically and analytically use it in their work on their primary material,
- present the investigation and its result in a well-structured and linguistically correct essay, demonstrating good analytical ability and critical reflection,
- critically review a peer essay and defend their own essay at a seminar and incorporate critical comments in a way that results in a better essay.

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of individual supervision. Students carry out an independent research project.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a project presented and discussed in a seminar and on the student's performance as the discussant of a peer project.

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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