



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:** LVGCF2

**Comparative Literature III, 30 ECTS Credits**  
**(Litteraturvetenskap III, 30 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progressive Specialisation:** G2E (First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc.)

**Language of Instruction**

Swedish

**Prerequisites**

Comparative Literature 1-60 ECTS cr or Swedish for Teaching 1-60 ECTS cr

**Major Field of Study**

LIA (Comparative Literature)

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course is that students acquire broader and deeper knowledge of the theories and methods of comparative literature, further improve their abilities to review, analyse and interpret different types of literary texts and skills in presenting their research results orally and in writing.

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

- give an account of specialised knowledge in a comparative literature area,
- give an account of some central theories on literature and literary communication,
- give an account of the research situation in a limited area,
- choose and use central text analytical tools,
- review and evaluate other people's academic performance,
- defend their research results,
- demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in literature search and data collection,
- demonstrate highly competent communicative skills in writing,
- problematise course content in a discussion of the humanities as a field of knowledge.

Content and Form of Instruction

Module 1. Theory specialisation I, 7.5 ECTS cr

A central research field in comparative literature is studied and problematised.

Module 2: Theory specialisation II, 7.5 ECTS cr

Students specialise in a delimited research field or problem area of relevance to the academic essay to be written

in module 3.

Module 3: Independent projects, 15 ECTS cr  
Students design and carry out an independent project.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars and literature study.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Modules 1 and 2 are assessed on the basis of seminar activities and oral and written exams.  
Module 3 is assessed on the basis of the quality of the essay and its defence and on performance as discussant of a peer essay.

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 courses LVGCF1, LVADL1, LVADF5, LVADL2, LVADF3 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course LVGCF2.

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.