



Faculty of Arts and Social Science  
Comparative Literature

# Syllabus

## Comparative Literature III

<b>Course Code:</b>	LVGCF2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Comparative Literature III <i>Comparative Literature III</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc. (G2E)

**Major Field of Study:**  
LIA (Comparative Literature)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2015-03-05, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2015 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

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

### Learning Outcomes

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,
- demonstrate enhanced ability to choose and use central text analytical tools,
- review and evaluate the academic performance of others,
- defend their research results,
- demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in undertaking literature search and data collection,
- demonstrate highly competent communicative skills in writing, and
- problematise course content in a discussion of the humanities as a field of knowledge.

### Content

The aim of the course is that students acquire broadened and deepened knowledge of literary theories and methods, enhanced skills in reviewing, analysing and interpreting different types of literary texts and ability to present their own research results orally and in writing.

Module 1. Theory specialisation I, 7.5 ECTS cr

The history of literary theory is treated and problematised through the study of momentous periods.

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.

Supervision is only offered for the duration of the course. Reregistered students may be offered supervision if circumstances permit.

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 student performance as a peer reviewer.

The number of examinations is limited to five for reasons of limited resources.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. The grade Distinction is awarded to students who have earned this grade for 15 out of the 30 course credits.

### **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 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.