



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Doctoral Programme Course

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Doctoral Programmes Board of the Faculty of Arts and Education on 2019-11-07, and is valid from the autumn semester of 2020 at Karlstad University.

Discipline/Main Field of Study

English

Course Title

Literary theory and methodology

Higher Education Credits

12

Language of Instruction

English and Swedish

Degree Level

Doctoral

Target Group and Prerequisites

The course is primarily aimed at students admitted to a doctoral programme in English and Comparative Literature, but can also be relevant to doctoral students in related disciplines.

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of the development of literary theory and methodology in relation to epistemological premises,
- independently assess the relevance of theories/methods to various research fields and critically analyse published applications of these,
- independently analyse literature based on a considered application of the literary theories and methods treated in the course,
- evaluate and apply appropriate theories for their own research project.

Main Content

Instruction is in the form of mandatory lectures, seminars and individual readings. Doctoral students are expected to actively participate in all activities.

Course Readings

See separate document

Examination

Assessment is based on seminar contributions and individually designed written assignment related to issues treated in the course. One of the grades Pass or Fail is awarded in the examination.

Quality Assurance

The outcomes achieved and students' conditions for learning are evaluated during and after the course. These results shall be taken into account for the planning and development of subsequent offerings.