Syllabus
(Post graduate level - English form)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board for Arts and Social Sciences on 2022-09-22 and is valid from the autumn/spring semester of 2022 at Karlstad University.

Doctoral study subject

English

Course name

Kritisk analys av språk- och diskursdata
Critical analysis of language and discourse data

Credit points

7,5

Degree Level

Doctor

Language of Instruction

English.

Target group and prerequisites

Eligibility to take the course is extended to anyone enrolled in a PhD program in the humanities and social sciences.

Aims (Erase, add, complete!)

Upon completion of the course, doctoral students should be able to
1. describe and distinguish critical theoretical and methodological approaches to language and discourse data,
2. reflect on and critically evaluate different understandings of the relation between language and society as well as between language and ideology in relation to state of the art research, and
3. implement selected approaches to language and discourse by formulating critical research questions and performing contextualized analysis of empirical materials, especially in relation to their own research project or specialization.

Course Content

The course covers a variety of critical approaches to language and discourse, such as language and power, critical discourse analysis, critical linguistics, rhetoric, and discursive social psychology. These approaches are treated in relation to a number of relevant domains of application for studies of the relation between language and ideology, such as politics, education, racism and xenophobia, activism and social justice, etc. The course focuses primary on methodologies of applied analysis of linguistic or discursive empirical materials, predominantly from Anglophone contexts. The course also encompasses some theoretical studies of perspectives from critical theory and discourse theory. The approaches covered are predominantly grounded in linguistic methods, but the application can be adapted to the doctoral student's main area of interest or disciplinary belonging. Doctoral students are expected to specialize their studies in relation to their own research project and data as well as state of the art research in their area of expertise.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment of all learning outcomes is based on individual written hand-in assignments and individual oral presentations.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course. The results will be used as a basis when developing and planning future courses.

Additional Information (Add information as needed!)

One of the grades Fail (U) or Pass (G) is awarded in the examination of the course.