



Syllabus

Post graduate level

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board for Arts and Social Sciences on 2025-08-19 and is valid from the autumn semester of 2025 at Karlstad University.

Doctoral study subject

English (and Comparative Literature)

Course name

Engelskspråkig litteratur, 1900–1950 / Literature in English, 1900–1950

Credit points

7.5

Degree Level

Doctor

Language of Instruction

English.

Target group and prerequisites

The course is primarily intended for doctoral students in English. Subject to availability, it is also open to doctoral students in Comparative Literature.

Aims

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

- give an account of and analyse selected literary works in English from the period 1900-1950,
- identify and analyse problems related to the writing of literary history, especially issues of period and genre,
- critically evaluate different types of literary and cultural criticism applied in readings of the primary texts,
- give examples of how English-language literature and literary history of the period in question relate to gender equality.

Course Content

The course is based to a great extent on independent reading of literary texts according to a reading list which also allows room for the students' own selections. In addition to the primary texts, students read relevant sections of one or more reference works and at least three critical or theoretical texts, relevant to the period and chosen in consultation with the teacher. Individual reading is combined with a seminar series focused on selected works from

the reading list. Students are expected to prepare carefully for each seminar and participate actively in seminar discussion.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment 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.