



Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board for Arts and Social Sciences on 2025-11-21 and is valid from the spring semester of 2026 at Karlstad University.

Doctoral study subject (Fill out!)

English

Course name

Directed study in English Linguistics/Engelsk lingvistik: Tematisk fördjupning

Credit points

7,5

Degree Level

Doctor

Language of Instruction

English.

Target group and prerequisites

Students enrolled in a PhD program are eligible. The course is mainly directed towards doctoral students in English with a linguistic specialization at Karlstad University.

Aims

Upon completion of the course, the PhD student should be able to

- identify and account for relevant linguistic research in a delimited research area selected on the basis of a theory, methodology, or an empirical theme,
- evaluate and synthesize published research within the selected research field, and
- compile findings from the review of literature in a scientific overview text, and situate the PhD student's own research in relation to the findings.

Course Content

In this individual, independent study course, the PhD student works with mapping published research within a delimited research area connected to the PhD student's dissertation research. The PhD student will identify a theoretical, methodological, or empirical research field, and reviews published research in the area. Findings from the review are then synthesized in a review paper or book chapter, where the student also situates their own research in relation to the review.

Reading List

A reading list of relevant scientific publications, such as journal articles, books, and book chapters, is compiled by the PhD student, in consultation with the main supervisor.

Examination

The learning objectives are examined in an individual, written hand-in assignment.

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.