



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Language and Literature

5EN01E Examensarbete, engelska, master, 30 högskolepoäng
Master's Thesis in English, 30 credits

Main field of study

English

Subject Group

English

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A2E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-06-08

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

1-90 higher education credits in English including a diploma project of at least 15 higher education credits or the equivalent. In addition,

- for literary specialization: From Postcolonial to Trans-cultural literature (7.5 higher education credits) and Literature from southern Africa (7.5 higher education credits) or the equivalent, in addition to 15 higher education credits from advanced (second level) English courses,
- for linguistic specialization: English corpus linguistics and phraseology (15 higher education credits) or the equivalent, in addition to 15 higher education credits from advanced (second level) English courses,
- for translation specialization: Master's course (one year) in translation English-Swedish (30 higher education credits) or the equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- formulate a scientific problem as well as choose and utilize adequate theories and methods in order to investigate the problem,
- explore and evaluate literature within the subject area of the thesis,
- formulate and develop arguments and convey them verbally and in writing,
- critically review scientific articles that are on a similar academic level.

Content

The course has its point of departure in the English subject courses as well as one of the elective courses that are offered within the Master's Programme, or other equivalent courses. The student will formulate the thesis by further developing the theoretic and thematic questions covered during the course. The thesis is to be written in English and the subject chosen in consultation with the examiner/supervisor.

Type of Instruction

The thesis course is comprised of mandatory seminars where students will present their thesis papers as well as read and comment on works by other students.

The thesis seminars will bring students from several subject areas together in order to discuss similar sets of questions. Presentations of the papers will occur continuously according to a schedule drawn up by the supervisor. Students will defend their essays during a final thesis seminar.

Parts of the course may be conducted using ICT-based methods. For specific technical requirements for each part of the course, see the course catalogue.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

In order to receive the grade of Pass, the expected learning outcomes must be achieved. The grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction can be found in the study guidance material.

Students at Linnaeus University are entitled to have the course grade translated into the 7-step ECTS scale. A request to have the grades translated must be made to the teacher at the start of the course.

The independent study includes mandatory seminars where students present their thesis as well as read and make comments on fellow students' work. Presentations of the papers will occur continuously according to a schedule drawn up by the supervisor. Students who do not attend seminars, who do not turn in their work on time or whose first drafts are judged not to have a good enough quality can receive a grade of Fail. Students will defend their thesis papers during a final seminar. Each student must also fulfil the roll of student reviewer during a final seminar. A student who has not received a passing grade on the thesis at the end of the course is not entitled to further supervision.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a written course evaluation is performed and compiled into a report. The evaluation report is available to students and is filed and stored according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Literature is determined in consultation with the student's supervisor.