

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

English for Academic Research
Avancerad akademisk engelska

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	ENAEV0
Valid from:	Spring 2023
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Department	Department of English
Main field:	English
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2013-10-23.

Technical revision by Student Services on 2019-04-29.

The syllabus was revised and approved by the Board of the Department of English on 2020-06-11 and revised by the Board of the Department of English on 2022-09-13.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor of Arts degree, Swedish upper secondary school course English B/English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
AE14	English for Academic Research	7.5

Course content

The overarching aim of this course is to improve the productive (speaking and writing) skills of students for academic purposes with particular reference to participating in seminars and writing a Master's thesis in English. Two broad subsidiary aims are to increase students' confidence in the use of academic English, and to provide them with an awareness of tools and resources for continued self-study and enhancement of their abilities. Throughout the course, students will analyse texts from their own research field.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- display understanding of the structure and organisation of key elements of thesis writing;
- recognise and apply patterns of argumentation appropriate to general academic communication and their research field;
- apply the formal documentation standards relevant to their field;
- use academic English effectively in an appropriate style.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of seminars. Instruction is either online or campus-based, as specified for each time the course is given. The language of instruction is English. Attendance is mandatory. For more detailed

information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be available at least one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined on the basis of a written assignment.

The language of examination is English.

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If a student has a certificate with recommendations for special pedagogical support due to a long-term disability, the examiner may adapt the examination or allow the student an alternative examination.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate

F = Totally Inadequate

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. Any announced grading criteria related to the learning objectives are binding.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the written assignment, complete the mandatory oral and written tasks, including the oral presentation, and meet the attendance requirements (80%). Assignments not submitted on time will not be graded. Students who miss a deadline will be referred to the next examination opportunity.

e. At least two examination opportunities will be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity will be offered during a year when the course is not given.

Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be addressed to the department board.

Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f. Opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade are not provided in this course.

Interim

If this course is discontinued, or its contents substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at www.english.su.se. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.