



Welcome to the Department of English

My name is **Caroline Sims** and I am the course coordinator of **English for Primary School Teachers, campus** (ENG508). In this letter you will find basic information about our course and our expectations of your work at our department. If you have any questions other than what you can find here do not hesitate to e-mail me at: caroline.sims@hig.se (from week 32).

Syllabus and Schedule

Syllabus with course literature [Syllabus](#)

Teaching starts on **Tuesday 6th of September**. Course schedule *will be posted on Black board*

Get Started with Your Studies!

To get started with your studies please follow these three steps. More information at hig.se/newstudent

1 Collect Your Computer Account

You can collect your computer account at webkonto.student.hig.se two week before the semester starts. Your computer account consists of a username and a password and gives you access to the University web services.

2 Register in the Student Portal

You must be registered on the course to attend lectures and to sit exams. You will lose your place on the course if you do not register in time. Please register for your course in the Student Portal at studentportal.hig.se

Period for self-registration in the Student Portal: **25 aug – 11 sept**

Are you conditionally admitted? [This is what applies to you](#)

3 Log in to Blackboard

The Blackboard platform is a web-based learning management system where you find your course material. The day after you registered in the Student Portal you can access your course in Blackboard.

Log in via the Student Portal.

Course	English for Primary School Teachers, 15 cr
Course code	ENG508
Application Code	12501
Faculty	Faculty of English
Faculty secretary	Monika Karlsson
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Course Organization

The course is a full time course between weeks 36-45 with two modules running parallel. Firstly, you will do Basic language structure and phonology (3.5cr) with Lisa Johansson as well as Proficiency (3.5cr) in speaking and writing with me. Secondly, you will go into the area of English didactics (4cr) in combination with Children's Literature (4cr), both modules also taught by me.

To participate fully in our courses it is important that you prepare well for the seminars by reading instructed parts of the course literature. This is obligatory and a ground for our course being based on particular models and issues brought up in the literature, rather than discussions in general. Therefore it is important that you get hold of the literature well in time for the relevant sessions. If you have difficulties finding a particular title within Sweden, ordering it from an international site, such as www.amazon.co.uk is one suggestion. There you might also be able to find the titles second hand at a good price, in particular the titles in the Children's Literature.

Assessment and Examination

In all modules oral and written proficiency are practiced via continuous seminar assignments. For your written assignments you should follow standards and procedures for academic writing. This means for example that you make clear distinctions between arguments and thoughts of your own and those of others' by using one of the standard systems for referencing. In terms of language it means that you use formal written language. However, since this is also something you will develop as part of our courses it is important that you already from the beginning pay attention to all the comments given by your instructors. (see plagiarism below)

As can be seen in the course plan quoted below seminar presentations are part of the continuous assessment in this course. This means that your participation in these seminars is compulsory for passing. In module 2, 3 and 4 examinations is part of all meetings (see time table for further specifications).

Module 1. Basic language structure and phonology, 3.5 credits, Seminar presentations and a written exam

Module 2. English language proficiency, 3.5 credits, Seminar presentations, oral assignments in front of a group and written assignments

Module 3. Children's literature, 4 credits, Written assignments and seminar presentations

Module 4. English didactics, 4 credits, Written assignments and seminar presentations

Registration for Written Exams

In module 1 you will take a written exam under supervision. Registration for this exam as well as retakes via KronoX is mandatory. You can register no earlier than five weeks before and no later than ten days before the exam. Please note that no post-registrations will be accepted. If you are a distant education student and are unable to sit the exam at campus you can apply to sit the exam at another location. Applications must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the exam. Contact your faculty for more information.

Course Evaluation

After completion of your course a web-based course evaluation questionnaire will be sent to your HiG e-mail address. Your answers in the course evaluation are very valuable and your comments will help us to improve and to develop the course for the next implementation. All students registered on the course will receive a course evaluation report where all answers are compiled.