



Welcome to the University of Gävle and the Faculty of Education and Business

COURSE	English 31-60 Credits 50% IT-Distance
IDENTIFIER	ENG306
APPLICATION CODE	12509
COURSE PERIOD	week 36 2015 – week 23 2016
SYLLABUS	Syllabus
SCHEDULE	Schedule (se Blackboard)
PERIOD FOR SELF REGISTRATION THROUGH THE STUDENT PORTAL	week 35
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If you are registered and choose to discontinue your studies you have to report it in the Student Portal within three weeks from the course start. If you choose to discontinue your studies later than three weeks into the course you need to contact your faculty secretary.

GET STARTED WITH YOUR STUDIES!

More information at www.hig.se/newstudent

1 COMPUTER ACCOUNT

You can collect your computer account at webkonto.student.hig.se two weeks before the semester starts. Your computer account gives you access to the University web services.

2 THE STUDENT PORTAL

In week 35, please register for your course through the Student Portal at studentportal.hig.se

3 BLACKBOARD

The Blackboard platform is a web-based learning management system where you can find course material. **Log in via the Student Portal, find your course and enroll by entering either “English” or the course ID below in the search field on Blackboard in order to find the course and enroll.**

Course ID in Bb **HT15_12509** (English 50% 31-60hp, HT15)
Period for enrolling **week 35**

Registration for exam

Registration for ordinary exams as well as re-examinations via the Student Portal is mandatory. You can register for exams five weeks before the exam date at the earliest and no later than ten days before the exam date. Please note that no post-registrations will be accepted. If you for some reason are unable to write the exam at campus, you can apply to write the exam at another location. The application must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the exam date. Contact your faculty for more information.

English 31-60 Credits 50% Distance Fall 2015 & Spring 2016

Welcome to the English distance 50% 'B' course!

To register for this course, please follow the instructions above to obtain your student computer account and then register on the Student Portal (you will find a link on the first page of this letter). Once you have done this, you should enroll for the course on our electronic learning platform, Blackboard (instructions above). **In order to confirm your place on the course, you must do this no later than week 35.**

It is important that you attend the (online) first course meetings in week 36. All course meetings will be online using Adobe Connect meeting software. You will find more specific information with the dates, times and the websites of our online class meetings on Blackboard. That's why it's important that you register for a student account (if you don't already have one) and enroll for the course on Blackboard ahead of time. Instructions on how to do this are on the first page of this letter. If you run into difficulties enrolling or applying for a student account, please contact the Student Center and they should be able to help you. Once you have enrolled, you will find information about how to use our online Adobe Connect classroom technology on Blackboard. You should run through these guides and make sure that your computer has a working microphone and speakers and adequate internet speed in order to participate in our online class meetings. If you have questions about our online classroom technology, please contact the Student Center (studentcentrum@hig.se or 026 648500 and ask for the Student Center). If you are uncertain about anything else to do with the course, please contact me at Kavita.Thomas@hig.se.

Most modules are taught through a series of seminars with assigned reading and homework. All class meetings will be online and they will be recorded and a link will be posted on Blackboard so you can watch seminars afterwards if you miss them. Students are however strongly encouraged to attend online seminars and to participate actively on Blackboard in the discussion forums in order to get the most out of the course. The examination form varies for the different modules and you can read more about this in the course plan which can be found via the syllabus link on the first page. You can also learn more about this in the module syllabi which are posted on Blackboard shortly before the start of each module.

During the first half of Fall Term (weeks 36-45), you will take Topics in Linguistics (4 credits, taught by me) and World English (3.5 credits, taught by Marko Modiano), and during the second half of Fall term (weeks 46-03), you will take British Literature (7.5 credits, taught by Marko Modiano). In the Spring you will take a survey module in English linguistics (7.5 credits) during the first half of Spring Term taught by me, and during the second half of Spring Term you will take a module in American literature (7.5 credits) taught by Iulian Cananau. Here is a list of the modules you will take, including when they run:

- Topics in Linguistics (4 credits), taught by me, week 36-41
- World English (3.5 credits), taught by Marko Modiano (Marko.Modiano@hig.se), week 42-45

- Survey in British Literature (7.5 credits), taught by Marko Modiano, week 46- week 3 in 2016
- Survey in English Linguistics (7.5 credits), taught by me, Spring 2016
- Survey in American Literature (7.5 credits), taught by Iulian Cananau (Iulian.Cananau@hig.se) Spring 2016

The goal of these modules is to give you a solid foundation in the study of English linguistics and literature which will prepare you for C-level (61-90 credits) English studies. If you have particular questions about the individual modules, please contact the teacher of that module directly with your questions. **You should order the textbooks for the course (and particularly for the Topics in Linguistics and World English modules) well before the start of term.** Remember that some of these books may take a few weeks to get to you and you need them by the start of week 36! Here are the books you need to order for the first Fall modules:

Topics in Linguistics:

Miller, Jim. *An Introduction to English Syntax*. 2nd edition. Edinburgh University Press. 2008.

Litosseliti, Lia (Ed.). 2010. *Research Methods in Linguistics*. Bloomsbury.

World English:

Modiano, Marko. *Language Learning in the Multicultural Classroom*. Studentlitteratur. 2009.

If you are having a hard time finding the textbooks from booksellers in Sweden, they are available from Amazon UK and you should expect them to take around 2-3 weeks to arrive, so order your textbooks in good time!

You will find more information about the individual modules on Blackboard, including meeting dates and online locations, assignments, reading and grading, so do enroll for the course as soon as you can.

In order to book online course meetings (usually two hours long) which suit the majority of you, we would like you to indicate your availability on the following online scheduler:

<http://doodle.com/n8bd2rpz7m5gvue6>

On this scheduler, you should indicate ALL slots during working hours (Monday to Friday, 09:00-18:00) during which you can usually attend online meetings. Please indicate your availability on this scheduler no later than Wednesday 5pm in week 35 . I will then post a syllabus with the dates and times of Topics in Linguistics meetings on Blackboard on Thursday in week 35.

I look forward to meeting you online in week 36!

Best wishes,

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