1 **Name, Scope and Level of the Course**

The course is provided by the University of Skövde and is named English: British Crime Fiction G1N. It comprises 7.5 credits and is on basic level. The level of progression of the course is G1N.

2 **Objectives**

After completed course the student should be able to:

- account for and analyse historical and social conditions connected to the British crime fiction genre and a number of subgenres,
- account for and analyse the storyline, intrigue, theme, characterisation, tone, background, setting and symbolism in British crime fiction and how these affect one another,
- compare and contrast plots, categorizations, settings etc. in subgenres connected to British crime fiction,
- explain and evaluate how differences between different subgenres affect the structure, setting, literary climax and dénouement of the texts as well as
- express themselves in a clear way and in essentially correct English about crime fiction.

3 **Course Content**

The course comprises studies of literary texts in the form of British crime fiction, divided into subgenres such as the clue puzzle and hard-boiled subgenre. As a background, lectures will be given on British area studies with a specific emphasis on history, political conditions and social structure and also on the specifics of detective fiction. The texts are to be analysed from a literary as well as a general perspective, i.e. as reflections of the authors’ and their contemporary readers’ values and principles. There is also a focus on the critical processing of literary terms such as plot, intrigue, theme, characterisation, tone, background, setting and symbolism etc. The students discuss, explain, evaluate, and categorise the chosen texts.

4 **Forms of Teaching**

The teaching comprises lectures and seminars.

The teaching is conducted in English.

5 **Examination**

The course is graded A (Excellent), B (Very good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory), E (Sufficient) or F (Fail).

To achieve a final grade in this course the following must be met:

For a final grade of A, at least 3 credits must reach grade A and 3 credits of at least grade B as well as a passing grade on the seminar assignments.

Grade B, at least 3 credits of at least grade B and 3 credits of at least grade C as well as a passing grade on the seminar assignments.

Grade C, at least 3 credits of at least grade C and 3 credits of at least grade D as well as a passing grade on the seminar assignments.
Grade D, at least 3 credits of at least grade D and 3 credits of at least grade E as well as a passing grade on the seminar assignments. Grade E requires 6 hp of at least grade E as well as a passing grade on the seminar assignments.

The final grade is issued when all course units reach at least grade E/are passed.

Registration of examination results:

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Students with a permanent disability who have been approved for special educational support may be offered adapted or alternative examinations.

6 Admission Requirements

Prerequisite courses for this course are: Passed courses: EN247G-English: Proficiency G1N or basic eligibility for university studies and field eligibility A2/2: English B (or the equivalent).

7 Subject, Main Field of Study and Disciplinary Domain

The course forms a part of the academic subject area of English. The course is not a part of any main field of study at the University of Skövde. The disciplinary domain of the course is the Humanities.

Every course at the University of Skövde belongs to a subject. The division of subjects is used for follow-up and quality assurance. A main field of study is an area in which a degree can be awarded. Disciplinary domain is a division which is used by the government for the allocation of resources for studies at basic level and advanced level.

8 Approval of Course and Course Syllabus

The course was approved by the Curriculum Committee for Health on 30 January 2019. This course syllabus was approved by the Curriculum Committee for Health on 30 January 2019. It is valid from 1 July 2019.

9 Overlapping with Another Course

This course cannot constitute a part of a degree also containing a course the content of which is totally or partly equivalent to the content of this course, e.g. English / British and American Crime Fiction G1N 7.5 credits English: British and American Crime Fiction G1N 7.5 credits

10 Additional Information

Further information will be available on the university’s website before a course is given.

National and local regulations for higher education are available on the university’s website.

Upon completion of the course there will be a follow-up. The main purpose of this follow-up is to contribute to improvements of the course. The students’ experiences and views constitute one of the criteria for the follow-up and are gathered by means of course evaluations. The students will be informed of the results of the follow-up and any decisions regarding actions that are to be taken.

11 Course Literature and Other Educational Materials


Later editions of the course literature can be used.