

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**The Imaginary and the Actual: Possible Worlds and Fictional Worlds**  
**Möjliga världar och fiktiva världar**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	ENPW75
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2020
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2014-03-05
<b>Changed:</b>	2020-03-06
<b>Department</b>	Department of English
<b>Subject</b>	English
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2014-03-05 and revised by the Board of the Department of English on 2020-03-06.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor of Arts degree with 90 ECTS credits, or the equivalent, in a subject area relevant to the course (English, literature). Swedish Upper Secondary School course English B/English 6, or the equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
PW75	Possible Worlds, seminars	7.5

## Course content

This course will consider a number of narratives from different periods with a focus on the relations between the fictional and the actual, what exists and what may exist, with the help of theories of possible worlds and of fictionality.

## Learning outcomes

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

- discuss, in a critical and reflexive manner, the literary, critical and theoretical works that are part of the course;
- formulate independent interpretations of literary texts, using the theoretical and critical concepts that are part of the course;
- give an account of and motivate their own theoretical positions and interpretations of literary works, orally as well as in writing.

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of seminars and the language of instruction is English. 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 oral presentations and written assignments.

The principles for weighting individual assignments are described in the grading criteria.

The language of examination is English.

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

If a student has a certificate with recommendations for special pedagogical support due to a long-term disability, the examiner has the right to 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 = Fail, some additional work required

F = Fail, much more work required

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 (or G where applicable) on all examination tasks.

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 three examination opportunities should be offered within a one-year period. 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 Director of Studies.

Students who receive the grade E or higher (or G where applicable) may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

### **Interim**

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three 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](http://www.english.su.se). The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.