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# English in the Nordic Countries, Lectures 5 cr

Course units [KIK-EN216](#), [NOR-313](#) and [NOR-314](#)

Lectures, **5/9–12/12/2022**

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Bachelor's Programme in Languages

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Teaching language **English**

ⓘ The registration period has ended.

Enrolment was open 16/8/2022 2:00 AM–29/8/2022 4:59 PM

## ENGLISH IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

### A critical investigation of the benefits and consequences of widespread proficiency in English in the Nordic region

This first-time course connects themes to a book, *English in the Nordics: History, Politics, and Language Use*, which is currently being prepared for the publishing company Routledge. This course offers students the opportunity to read the book's content prior to publication, and to offer insights and comments on the creation of the book in the process. Students will also have the opportunity to meet with some of the books authors, who are researchers from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The majority of the course, including assessment, will be based on reading, discussion, and short in-class assignments related to the reading. There is a

reading assignment each week of about 19 pages/8,000 words. Students engage in guided discussion and criticism of the reading in assigned groups.

Students have the option to research and write three short papers of 2.5 to 3 pages each, or to write one long research paper of about 10 pages/5,000 words. Topics will be assigned or negotiated with the teacher. The written assignments are due at the end of the course. Peer review of paper drafts will be conducted in class as part of the writing process and as part of student assessment.

Assessment for the course is comprised of:

- 50 points: preparation, participation, discussion and review of reading
- 50 points: written assignments, including peer review

Topics covered in the course include:

- The history of the English language in the Nordic countries
- Anglification of the Nordic languages: Long-term language contact and everyday discourse
- Language contact and language change: Impact on the languages of the Nordic countries
- Views on English as a threat to native Nordic languages
- English as a Nordic lingua franca: Help or hindrance?
- Language policy and English in primary education: The case of Iceland
- Parallelingualism, translanguaging, and English-medium instruction in Higher Education: The case of Sweden
- English in the workplace: The case of Denmark
- English in the linguistic landscape: The case of the Arctic Circle
- Superdiversity and English in social media: The case of Finland
- Identity marking and English in intimate spaces

The course is conducted in English because of the language background of the teacher, but many of the language examples will be in Finnish and Scandinavian languages. Students are free to use the language of their choice in classroom discussions.

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Mo 5/9/2022	3:15 AM–4:45 AM	Topelia, C120, <a href="#">Unioninkatu 38</a>

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←	<a href="#">Course unit KIK-EN216 Linguistics</a>
←	<a href="#">Course unit NOR-313 Special Optional Course in Scandinavia I</a>
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## What is a course unit?

The degree consists of course units, whose learning objectives and contents are defined in the curriculum. For one course unit, usually one or several implementations (e.g. lecture courses, exams, seminars) are held during the academic year. Once the student has passed it, the student has attained the course unit and is given a grade.

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