

Welcome to all *Engelsk 2 (5-10)* students in *Kompetanse for kvalitet*

We are looking forward to working with you! We hope that you will enjoy and benefit from the course and meet other curious, enthusiastic and motivated teachers, with whom you can share your learning experience. The course is aimed at teachers who are already working in Norwegian upper primary and lower secondary school and involves some obligatory activities and tasks that are directly related to your work with pupils in the classroom. We therefore expect you to be teaching English in addition to studying, or that you at the very least have access to a group of pupils at the relevant level.

The autumn semester course, *Literature, Culture and Teaching English*, is comprised of three seminars each consisting of two days of instruction, discussion and workshops. The weeks between seminars are student activity periods for self-study and digital-based work. You will be expected to read and study course material and work with obligatory tasks and exercises, both individually and in groups. The workload of a part-time course (15 credits each semester) is approximately 20 hours per week. Being a student can be demanding if you do not set aside adequate time for your studies. All teaching is in English and we encourage you to use English in your communication with us and with your fellow students.

Reading list

You can find the reading list for the autumn attached. The books will be available in [SINN Bok](#), the student bookshop on Hamar campus, by the beginning of August and can be purchased as a package at a reduced rate. It is also possible to have the books sent to you. For more information, download the *Bok på campus* app or contact the bookshop [here](#). In our first seminar we will discuss the middle-grade novel by Onjali Q. Raúf, *The Lion Above the Door*, along with some shorter texts, which we expect you to have read and viewed by then.

The learning platform Canvas

We will be using the learning platform Canvas for information about the course, for web-based communication and for much of the course work. A more detailed programme for the first seminar and a plan for the whole semester, including information about obligatory work requirements and other important issues, will be available on Canvas in August. It is important that you pay your semester fee on time, in order that you have access as soon as possible and make a habit of checking in regularly, so that you are prepared for the first seminar.

The Norwegian Study Centre in York

In week 15 in 2024 the college will organise a study week in the charming medieval city of York in Northern England. The Norwegian Study Centre at the University of York offers lectures and workshops on a range of interesting and relevant topics. By participating, students meet one of the obligatory requirements of the course 29ENG2510-2 Working with Oral and Written Texts. For those who are unable to take part, there will be an alternative obligatory assignment. In the meantime, you can read more about York [here](#) and about the Norwegian Study Centre [here](#).

You start the academic year by working on your own. Below is a checklist to assist in your preparation for the course and more specifically for the first seminar:

I have:

- ✓ Read the [study plan](#) for English 2
- ✓ Read the [course description](#) for Literature, Culture and Teaching English
- ✓ Made a plan/set aside time for when I shall study
- ✓ Acquired the syllabus literature
- ✓ Paid the semester fee
- ✓ Logged onto Canvas

- ✓ Read Onjali Q. Rauf's *The Lion Above the Door* and other relevant texts (see seminar plan on Canvas). One of the teaching sessions at the first seminar will be based on this book, so you must have read it by then.

Plan for the autumn semester	
→ 4 th September	Student activity period: See the checklist and check Canvas for more information.
4th – 5th September	Gathering 1, Hamar
16 th - 17 th October	Gathering 2, Hamar
13th - 14th November	Gathering 3, Hamar
Date TBC	Individual portfolio exam

The reading list for this course is also attached. Please note that some of these texts will be provided on Canvas – which is indicated as a note on those texts.

We look forward to meeting you in Hamar for the first seminar on the 4th of September.

Best wishes for the academic year ahead of you!

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