ENGF01, English for the Natural Sciences, 7.5 credits
Engelska för naturvetare, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2017-03-22 to be valid from 2017-03-22, autumn semester 2017.

General Information

Subject: English

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree. Only students already enrolled on a Bachelor’s or Master’s programme in Physics can select it as an elective course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies
Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
- G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding
- understand the structure of and plan an oral presentation
- understand the structure of and plan different types of written texts
- realise the importance of using situationally adapted discourse in speech and writing
- distinguish between academic, formal and informal language

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish
Competence and skills
- execute an oral presentation in English on a familiar topic
- write an academic paper adapted to the target group and using the appropriate language for this purpose

Judgement and approach
- assess the suitability of different expressions in a given context
- take a critical position on different types of sources

Course content
The course is intended for students on a Bachelor’s or Master’s programme in Physics at Lund University who want to complement their training and expertise by including humanities and language subjects, especially English. The course includes study of English texts of different types and the students practise using English in both speech and writing.

The texts studied and discussed include both fiction and nonfiction in English. The texts may have links to science and/or physics, but they do not need to. The course is not primarily about English as used in the natural sciences but about academic English in general.

The students will develop their knowledge of how to produce suitable texts in academic English through tuition and feedback on submitted texts. They will also practise providing relevant comments on the texts of others in English.

Furthermore, the students will learn more about using English efficiently in oral presentations.

Course design
The course is offered part-time during the first or second half of the autumn semester and normally comprises 20 two-hour lectures/seminars distributed evenly over the ten weeks. Attendance is compulsory at the (four) seminars in which students execute oral presentations and discuss each other’s papers. Active participation in the seminars is part of assessment and grading of the course.

Assessment
The assessment is continuous and partly based on the student’s active participation in the seminars. Each student is to execute an oral presentation and submit one major and several minor papers, as well as peer review the oral presentations and written assignments of fellow students.

The examiner may deviate from the regular form of examination if it cannot be implemented during a re-examination, and if it complies with the learning outcomes of the course.
The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equal to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
3. The course is only open to students already enrolled on a Bachelor's or Master's programme in Physics at the Lund University Faculty of Science.
Subcourses in ENGF01, English for the Natural Sciences

Applies from H17

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