



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **ITAM13, Italian: The Synchrony and Diachrony of the Italian Language, 7.5 credits**

*Italienska: Det italienska språket i synkroni och diakroni, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-04-21 to be valid from 2008-04-21, autumn semester 2008.

### **General Information**

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics specialising in Italian. It is also offered as a single course and can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

*Language of instruction:* Italian  
Some Swedish may be used.

*Main field of studies*

Language and Linguistics

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to give an overview of the development of the Italian language from its Latin origins to the contemporary Italian used today
- be able to give an account of the connection between various language changes and of the connection between language change and social change.

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to interpret texts from various periods of Italian history, in an autonomous manner
- be able to analyse material from Italian language history with regard to vocabulary, grammar, textual structure and cultural context, in an autonomous manner.

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to discuss and evaluate the role of the history of language in linguistics
- be able to evaluate arguments pertaining to grammatical correctness with regard to how human languages are prone to change.

### **Course content**

The course provides the students with an overview of the development of the Italian language from its Latin origins to the contemporary Italian of today. Regard is given to changes in the phonetics, grammar and written structure of the language. Changes in the vocabulary of Italian and reasons behind these changes found in historical events and periods are also studied.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures, proficiency exercises, seminars and supervised independent studies.

### **Assessment**

The following examination forms may occur: Oral tests, written tests or a combination of these such as in the form of a poster presentation.

*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**

To be eligible for the course requires the successful completion of 90 higher education credits in Italian, or the equivalent.

### **Further information**

1. 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. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in ITAM13, Italian: The Synchrony and Diachrony of the Italian Language

Applies from V11

0801 The Synchrony and Diachrony of the Italian Language, 7,5 hp  
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