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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINM13, General Linguistics: Historical Linguistics, 7.5 credits

Allmän språkvetenskap: Historisk lingvistik, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2009-05-19 to be valid from 2009-05-19, autumn semester 2009.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course and can be included as a part of a first- or second-cycle degree. The course can even be included in a degree of an occupational training after specific agreement.

Language of instruction: English

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 account for the history of historical linguistics
- be able to explain the most important methods used for the analysis of the historical change of the Phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics of language
- be able to account for the classification of languages based on the premises of language history
- be able to apply current methods of historical linguistics (mainly comparative methods) on historical language data

- be able to account for the principles on how language can change (and not change) according to historical change.

Competence and skills

- be able to set the perspective of historical linguistics in relation to non-linguistic perspectives of historical language development (archeological, anthropological, genetical etc) so that their internal bearing can be evaluated.

Course content

The content of the course addresses the methods used for the description of language change in time and space and for the establishment of the relationship between genetically related languages and the reconstruction of the assumed earlier stages of these languages. Diverse explanation of language change will be presented and discussed. The classification of languages into various language groups according to their genetical relationships and their typological correspondence will furthermore be discussed.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory exercises.

Assessment

Examinations take the form of the compulsory exercises coming along and a written take-home exam.

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 admitted to the course, students must have completed the course LINB02, Linguistics: The structure and function of language, 60 credits in linguistics or a language or the equivalent.

Further information

1. This course replaces ALS020.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in parts 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 LINM13, General Linguistics: Historical Linguistics

Applies from H11

0901 Historical Linguistics, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction