



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**SVEM40, Swedish/Scandinavian Languages: Linguistic  
Variation in the Scandinavian Languages, 7.5 credits**  
*Svenska/Nordiska språk: Nordisk språkvariation, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-09-28 and was last revised on 2016-10-28. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-10-28, spring semester 2017.

### General Information

The course is included in the Master's (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV). It is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

Language and Linguistics with  
specialization in Swedish/Scandinavian  
Languages

*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 students shall be able to

### Knowledge and understanding

- account for the key structural and socio-linguistic similarities and differences of the Nordic languages, and for some present-day development tendencies

### **Competence and skills**

- use theoretical models to solve different problems associated with the structure or socio-linguistic situation of the Nordic languages
- independently identify and formulate issues concerning Nordic language variation, investigate them and propose a solution
- present in writing problems, issues, methods and results of a study addressing a language phenomenon covered by the course

### **Judgement and approach**

- demonstrate a sound ability to assess and discuss scholarly texts dealing with the Nordic languages and their similarities and differences

### **Course content**

The course is based on traditional theories of language change and the family relationships of the Nordic languages, but also introduces more recent theories of language variation and language change. One component is devoted to discussion and analysis of problematic cases. The course participants execute a minor research study.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and 3-4 compulsory seminars.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based partly on active participation in the compulsory seminars and partly on a written assignment on Nordic language variation.

*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 90 credits, including at least 60 credits in Swedish or Nordic Languages, or another language or linguistics. Furthermore, students must have English 6/English B and Tisus/Swedish 3 or 90 credits in Swedish or Nordic Languages including a Bachelor's degree project or the equivalent.

### **Further information**

1. Please note that the course requires basic knowledge of language structure and socio-linguistics.
2. The course replaces SVEM30. 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 offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

Subcourses in SVEM40, Swedish/Scandinavian Languages: Linguistic  
Variation in the Scandinavian Languages

Applies from V17

1601 Linguistic Variation in the Scandinavian Languages, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction