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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ALSM05, General Linguistics: Current Interdisciplinary Research on Language, 7.5 credits

*Allmän språkvetenskap: Aktuell tvärvetenskaplig språkforskning,
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 2010-11-30 and was last revised on 2016-10-03. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-10-03, spring semester 2017.

General Information

The course is an elective component of the General Linguistics and Phonetics specialisations of the Master's (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics. It is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

The course is normally taught in English, but can also be taught in Swedish, provided there is a special agreement between the lecturer/s and the students. Such an agreement requires that all lecturers and all students are proficient in Swedish.

Main field of studies

Language and Linguistics with
specialization in General 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 students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for important research issues in a current field of research, e.g. language and evolution, language and gender, language and philosophy, language and neurocognition, in which the links between language and adjacent phenomena are studied, usually with interdisciplinary methods
- clarify how linguistic issues relate to similar issues in other disciplines

Competence and skills

- critically analyse research data from different areas of linguistics and adjacent fields
- participate in discussions and state their opinions in academic contexts
- account for the use of different methods to highlight issues that are shared by linguistics and related disciplines

Judgement and approach

- critically reflect on language in a wider interdisciplinary context

Course content

The course aims to familiarise students with a current research field in which the links between language and adjacent phenomena are studied, usually with interdisciplinary methods, and thereby to enable them to develop the ability to see language in a wider context.

The contents of the course vary depending on the area studied. Among the possible areas are: language and evolution, language and gender, language and philosophy.

Each area will be studied both with regard to how linguistic knowledge can help us understand the non-linguistic phenomenon in question and, conversely, how the non-linguistic phenomenon affects language and our knowledge of language.

Course design

The teaching consists of lessons and exercises.

Assessment

The assessment is based on 3-4 written assignments and presentations.

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 a language or linguistics (general linguistics or phonetics), or the equivalent. Furthermore, proficiency in English equivalent English 6/English B is required.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The course replaces LIS139.
3. 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 ALSM05, General Linguistics: Current Interdisciplinary
Research on Language

Applies from H11

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction