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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ALSM10, General Linguistics: Pragmatics - Context-dependent Meaning, 7.5 credits

Allmän språkvetenskap: Pragmatik - kontextberoende betydelse, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-03-25 to be valid from 2013-03-25, autumn semester 2013.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV). The course is also offered as a free-standing course and can be included in a first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

The course is normally taught in English. It can be taught in Swedish if an agreement is reached by both the teacher and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of Swedish.

Main field of studies

Language and Linguistics

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

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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to explain basic concepts of pragmatics such as deixis, reference, presupposition, conversational implicature and speech acts.

Competence and skills

- be able to apply basic concepts of pragmatics in the analysis of linguistic data
- be able to present a detailed study of a pragmatic phenomenon in speech and writing in a language chosen by him/herself
- be able to differentiate between semantic and pragmatic components of meaning in a given utterance.

Judgement and approach

- be able to discuss in an informed manner and with the support of research how language is related to social and cultural contexts.

Course content

The course examines basic concepts from within pragmatics –the study of context-related meaning. Traditional areas within pragmatics are also studied such as presupposition, conversational implicature, speech acts, reference and deixis as well as various other relevant topics such as politeness and the structure of discourse/dialogue and information. Within these broad areas, particular attention is paid to issues of prosody in conversation and social deixis.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and 3-5 compulsory assignments.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written 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 passed 90 credits, of which at least 60 credits are from within a language discipline or linguistics (general linguistics or phonetics), 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.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University

Subcourses in ALSM10, General Linguistics: Pragmatics - Context-dependent Meaning

Applies from V08

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