



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ENGM22, The History of English, 7.5 credits

Engelsk språkhistoria, 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 2008-04-09 to be valid from 2008-04-09, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics specialising in English. The course is 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: English

Main field of studies

English

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 English language from pre-Indo-European times to the contemporary English used today
- be able to give an account of the connection between various language changes in English as well as the connection between language changes and social changes seen in loan words, word formation and syntactic structures.

Competence and skills

- be able to read autonomously short English texts from various periods of history
- be able to analyse historical English source material in linguistics with regard to morphology and syntax.

Judgement and approach

- be able to discuss and evaluate the role of the history of language in linguistics
- be able to evaluate arguments concerning 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 English language from pre-Indo-European times to contemporary English, with regard to changes in the phonetic system, morphology and syntax. Changes in the vocabulary of English and the reasons for these changes found in historical events and periods in the English speaking world are also studied.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and group exercises.

Assessment

The following forms of examination may occur: written tests, oral tests, written assignments and an individual project.

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 English, 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 ENGM22, The History of English

Applies from H09

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