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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

FONM21, Phonetics: Sounds of the World's Languages, 7.5 credits

Fonetik: Världens språkljud, 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 Phonetics. 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

The course 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

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

- demonstrate an ability to apply basic phonological analysis to the variations found in the phonemes of the languages of the world
- be able to describe and understand how the sound systems of the world's languages are structured.

Competence and skills

- be able to carry out a listening analysis and describe the phonemes of a language using either living informants or recorded data
- be able to carry out an instrumental phonological analysis of data from a given language
- be able to understand and produce various types of unusual speech sounds.

Judgement and approach

- be able to determine which types of phonetic analyses would be suitable to use in order to describe various aspects of phonemes found in the languages of the world.

Course content

The course provides the students with an overview of the phonemes of the languages of the world and the phonetic possibilities of humans. Areas studied include linguistic phonetics, phonetic and phonological universals, phonetic typology, area characteristics, dialect speech and social variation as well as accents. Data from a large number of languages is used to illustrate the phonemes found in the world, from vowels and consonants as well as prosody. Students are also given the opportunity to develop their ability to interpret and create various exotic phonemes.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory exercises.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of assessment based on presentations at lectures and a final written test.

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, 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.

Subcourses in FONM21, Phonetics: Sounds of the World's Languages

Applies from V08

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