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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

GREM16, History of the Greek Language from Ancient Times to early Byzantine Times, 7.5 credits

*Grekisk språkhistoria från antiken till tidig bysantinsk tid, 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 2016-06-30 to be valid from 2016-06-30, autumn semester 2016.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics specialising in Greek/Modern Greek. It can also be taken as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

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 Greek

*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

- provide a general account of the development of Greek from Classical Antiquity to the early Byzantine period
- account for the connection between language change and societal change
- demonstrate specialised knowledge of the development of different dialects in Classical and Post-Classical Greek and their relationship to the polyglossia phenomenon

Competence and skills

- independently analyse language history material with regard to vocabulary, grammar and text structure
- skilfully and critically review and assess their own and others' translations of texts in Greek

Judgement and approach

- discuss and assess the role of language history in linguistics
- analyse language change, taking aspects of text criticism and philology into account

Course content

The course provides students with a general overview of the development of Greek from Classical Antiquity to the early Byzantine period with regard to changes in sound system, grammar and text structures. Furthermore, the course deals with changes in Greek vocabulary and their background in historical events and periods. Major emphasis is placed on the sociolinguistic implications of the polyglossia situation.

Course design

The course includes lectures and seminars as well as supervised independent study.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written essay.

The examiner may deviate from the regular form of examination if the student has been granted an alternative form of examination by the Disability Support Services, and if it complies with the learning outcomes of the course.

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 in Greek or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The course replaces GREM11. 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. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in GREM16, History of the Greek Language from Ancient Times to early Byzantine Times

Applies from H16

1601 Greek Language from Ancient Times to early Byzantine time, 7,5 hp
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