LINB15, Linguistics: Language, Humankind, and the World, 15 credits

Lingvistik: Språket, människan och världen, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-03-16 to be valid from 2016-03-16, spring semester 2016.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. The course can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree. The course provides registered language teachers with the opportunity to apply for eligibility to teach the subject Human Language 1 and 2 in upper secondary school.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies	Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
Linguistics	G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding
- use knowledge in phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax to analyse the basic components of language
- account for the meaning and use of language (semantics and pragmatics)
- account for the linguistic diversity of the world and the most important language families

- analyse linguistic diversity from individual, societal and cultural perspectives
- analyse different forms of communication, such as gestures, sign languages and artificial languages
- account for the human language ability, language processes, language learning, bi- and multilingualism, and the relationship between language and thought
- account for key theories, models and methods in the different fields of linguistics

Competence and skills
- use knowledge in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics to independently analyse the components of language
- use key linguistic concepts and models in individual independent work
- communicate knowledge in the subject in an instructive way
- plan a teaching session on a chosen component in the subject Human Language

Judgement and approach
- take an ethically justifiable position on linguistic material
- take a position on the interplay between language and society and relate this to regularisation and prestige

Course content

The course consists of four modules.

- Module 1 (4 credits) deals with the basic components of language, focusing on phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax. The course provides students with intensive training in all of these fields.
- Module 2 (4 credits) deals with language diversity in the world and language diversity from societal, individual and cultural perspectives.
- Module 3 (2 credits) deals with language usage, including the meaning and use of language (semantics and pragmatics).
- Module 4 (5 credits) deals with language ability, including language learning, human language ability, language processes, bi- and multilingualism, and the relationship between language and thought, and key theories, models and methods in the different fields of linguistics.

Course design

The teaching consists of streamed online lectures and 1-3 compulsory online exercises/laboratory sessions on module 1. Students are required to have access to a computer with an Internet connection and be able to install software. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Assessment

The assessment of module 1 is based on an invigilated written exam and 1-3 compulsory exercises.

The assessment of module 2 is based on an individual assignment.

The assessment of module 3 is based on a written take-home exam.

The assessment of module 4 is based on an individual assignment.

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.
For a grade of Pass on the course, the student must have been awarded at least this grade on all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least 8 of the credits of the course and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. 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.
3. Module 1: Basics
    Module 2: Diversity
    Module 3: Meaning and Use
    Module 4: Theory and Application

Subcourses in LINB15, Linguistics: Language, Humankind, and the World

Applies from V16

1601   Basics, 4,0 hp
         Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
1603   Meaning and Use, 2,0 hp
         Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
1604   Theory and Application, 5,0 hp
         Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
1605   Diversity, 4,0 hp
         Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction