



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINB24, Linguistics: Human Language, 7.5 credits

Lingvistik: Människans språk, 7,5 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 2021-12-15 and was last revised on 2026-03-02 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2026/83). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2026-03-02 and is valid from the autumn semester 2026.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Specialisation

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

- account for the basic components of language
- account for basic aspects of human language ability
- account for basic aspects of language use and linguistic variation in different situations

Competence and skills

- apply basic knowledge about the structure of language to linguistic material

- execute a minor linguistic study based on linguistic theory
- apply some basic linguistic analysis methods to linguistic data
- use key linguistic concepts and models in oral and written presentations

Judgement and approach

- provide a basic discussion and comparison of how well some theoretical models describe language phenomena
- apply an ethical approach to linguistic diversity and variation
- apply an ethical approach in connection with linguistic data collection.

Course content

The course provides students with a broad introduction to linguistics. Theoretical as well as practical components are used to address different aspects of language: phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics, as well as how they interact. In addition, the course covers a selection of linguistic fields of application, for example, sociology, psychology and neurolinguistics as well as language acquisition, language processing and language change. During the course, the students are given the opportunity to practise some common, basic linguistic analysis methods applied to, for example, sociolinguistics, pragmatics and typology. The overall aim of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive view of the different fields of linguistics and their interaction.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, laboratory sessions and exercises individually and in groups, as well as 1-2 compulsory seminars. Absence from compulsory components is to be compensated for by written assignments.

Assessment

The assessment of the course is based on 1-3 compulsory written or oral assignments and a written exam.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

The grades awarded for the analytical assignments are Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the students must have been awarded the grade of Pass of the assignments and on the written exam. For the grade of Pass with Distinction, the students must also have been awarded this grade on the written exam, and the assignments must have been submitted within given time frames.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course content partially overlaps with LINB02 and LINB21.
- The course is included as a module in LINA15.
- The course coincides with two modules in LINB41.
- 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.