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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINB25, Phonetics: Introduction to Phonetics, 7.5 credits

Fonetik: Introduktionskurs, 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 to be valid from 2021-12-15, autumn semester 2022.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Linguistics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

- describe the structure of the speech apparatus (including similarities and differences between women and men) and its function with regard to variation in the speech signal
- account for basic phonological theory and the most important types of sound change
- describe the most important vowel and consonant categories
- account for vowel and consonant phonemes and prosodic units in the Swedish language and their main allophonic variation, e.g. geographical variation

Competence and skills

- use phonetic symbols and definitions of the most important vowels, consonants and prosodic phenomena
- phonetically transcribe statements both in Swedish and in languages previously unknown to the student
- interpret basic sound types using a spectrogram
- apply some basic statistical methods

Judgement and approach

- apply an ethical approach to linguistic diversity and pronunciation variation
- in a basic way, discuss ethical approaches with regard to linguistic data collection

Course content

The course covers, among other things, the structure of the speech apparatus and how sound is produced, how the speaker can control the intensity of sounds, their pitch and their additional features – i.e. those that are used to distinguish between the different types of sound in a language. In addition, the course covers the phonological principles of how sounds are distributed and handled in language. Listening to sounds and sound differences is practised as is the systematic notation of these (i.e. phonetic transcription) and the differentiation of various basic acoustic differences in sound (spectrogram reading). Some important regional variations in the pronunciation of Swedish are studied. In addition, the students study how to apply basic statistical methods.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises, laboratory sessions and 1 compulsory seminar. Absence from a compulsory component may be compensated for with a written assignment.

Assessment

The assessment is based on 1-2 laboratory reports 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.

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.

The grades awarded for the laboratory sessions are Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the students must have been awarded at least this grade on all laboratory 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 laboratory assignments must have been submitted within the given time frames.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The course content partially overlaps with LINB01, LINA14, LINB21 and LINB22.
3. The course is included as a module in LINA15.
4. 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 LINB25, Phonetics: Introduction to Phonetics

Applies from H22

- 2201 Phonetics: Lab reports, 2,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 2202 Phonetics: Written exam, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction