



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINC04, Linguistics: Semantics and Pragmatics, 7.5 credits

Lingvistik: Semantik och pragmatik, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2007-03-30 and was last revised on 2019-11-27 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applies from 2019-11-27, spring semester 2020.

General Information

The course is offered 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

Linguistics with specialization in
Phonetics

Linguistics with specialization in General
Linguistics

*Depth of study relative to the degree
requirements*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in
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Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- account for different ways of approaching meaning in language and different types of theories on meaning: structural-typological semantics, logical semantics, cognitive semantics and pragmatic theories of meaning
- define basic semantic and pragmatic concepts such as reference and denotation, homonymy, polysemy and vagueness, semantic roles, situation types, deixis, implicature and speech acts
- discuss key passages in classical works of linguistics

Competence and skills

- account for the differences between semantics and pragmatics
- perform analyses of language material with regard to semantic and pragmatic issues

Course content

The course deals with basic concepts in semantics and pragmatics. It uses problem-oriented exercises to highlight different traditions. The traditions include structural-typological semantics, logical semantics, cognitive semantics and pragmatic theories of meaning. Furthermore, the course addresses philosophical issues such as: What is meaning? What is the relationship between meaning, world and mind? The emphasis, however, is placed on more linguistic issues such as: Do different languages have different systems of meaning? What is the relationship between the meaning and structure of language? Is meaning dependent on context?

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures. The course includes 3-5 compulsory group assignments.

Assessment

The assessment is based on 5 written assignments (4.5 credits), and a group assignment which is presented orally and in written form, and assessed individually (3 credits)

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.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the students must have been awarded this grade on the written assignments and at least a grade of Pass on the group assignment.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed course LINB02, Linguistics: The Structure and Function of Language or 60 credits in a language or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The course replaces ALS032.
3. 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.
4. The course has overlapping content with module 2 of LINA23 (Linguistics, Level 2, 30 credits) and may not be included in a degree together with this course.

Subcourses in LINC04, Linguistics: Semantics and Pragmatics

Applies from V20

- 2001 Written assignments, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2002 An oral and written presentation of group work, 3,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from V08

- 0701 Examination, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction