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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **LINC12, Linguistics: Grammar - The Mechanics of Language, 7.5 credits**

*Lingvistik: Grammatik - språkets mekanik, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2019-11-27 to be valid from 2019-11-27, spring semester 2020.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course and is included as a module in Linguistics: Level 2. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Linguistics

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

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

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- describe how different languages meet the same grammatical needs in different ways
- use theories of production and perception processes to explain similarities and differences between different grammatical constructions and strategies
- explain how the limitations of language users in production and perception processes affect the formulation of an utterance or the structure of a language system
- account for how the view on grammar and its place in linguistics has changed historically

### Competence and skills

- illustrate with concrete examples how different parts of grammar interact with each other in a given language
- supported by examples, classify a language typologically, predict other language features, understand how the grammar of a language functions as well as translate language samples to and from the language
- view their native language from a typological perspective
- express themselves in writing using a discourse that is relevant to linguistics and at an appropriate academic level for the task

### Judgement and approach

- evaluate different ways to describe and explain grammatical structure based on empirical data
- perceive the typological diversity of the world as part of the richness of humanity's cultural heritage.

### Course content

The course contains partly a typological overview of how certain kinds of grammatical constructions are applied in different languages and partly an introduction to different ways to explain this variation as well as how these explanatory models have developed historically. In general, the course content is based on phenomena and empirical observations. The subareas that are covered in detail include: relativisation, negation, question word questions, subject and object properties, subordinate clauses and inflection categories.

### Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and exercises. A group assignment is included in the course.

### Assessment

The assessment is based on the following modules:

Module 1: Grammar - The Mechanics of Language a written group assignment with individual assessment, 1.5 credits (grades: Fail, Pass)

Module 2: Grammar - The Mechanics of Language a written invigilated exam, 2 credits (grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction)

Module 3: Grammar - The Mechanics of Language a written take-home exam 4 credits (grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction)

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.

To be awarded a Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the grade on the take-home exam must be a Pass with Distinction and the grades for the written examination and group assignment must be at least a Pass.

## Entry requirements

General entry requirements and LINB21, Human Language: Structure and Application, or 60 credits in a language subject, or the equivalent.

## Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The course is included as a module in LINA24.
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.

## Subcourses in LINC12, Linguistics: Grammar - The Mechanics of Language

Applies from V20

- 2001 A written presentation of group work, 1,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 2002 Written invigilated exam, 2,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2003 Written take-home exam, 4,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction