

LIND06, Linguistics: Introduction to Research Methods in Linguistics, 7.5 credits

Lingvistik: Introduktion till lingvistiska forskningsmetoder, 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 2020-05-19 and was last revised on 2025-06-05 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2025/349). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

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 and English

Main field of study *Specialisation*

Linguistics G2F, First cycle, has at least 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

- account for some basic methodological concepts and how they relate to each other
- account for how linguistic methods have emerged and place this in relation to technical inventions and possibilities, and to the emergence of linguistic theory
- account for some common linguistic methods and for which linguistic issues they are most often used
- account for basic principles in research ethics

Competence and skills

- formulate research questions and hypotheses and justify them based on theoretical starting points
- use some common linguistic methods for collecting and analysing linguistic data
- design a minor linguistic study with research questions or hypotheses

Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate how well a specific method works in answering a particular question
- compare and evaluate different linguistic methods
- discuss ethical aspects of linguistic issues and research methods.

Course content

The course introduces linguistics students to research methodology and methodological issues and prepares the student for writing an essay at the B.A. level. The course covers basic linguistic methods, such as inductive and deductive methods, qualitative and quantitative methods and the formulation of research questions and hypotheses.

The course provides students with practical training in linguistic methods for the collection and analysis of data, for example, elicitation, survey studies, interviews, experiments, corpus studies, observation, transcription and basic statistical methods. The course focuses on being able to describe and justify methodological choices in relation to theoretical frameworks. The course consists of lectures, practical exercises, laboratory sessions and seminars.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, laboratory sessions, individual and group exercises as well as seminars.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on 4-5 compulsory seminars with associated written and oral presentations, and a smaller, written home assignment at the end of the course.

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 seminar assignments are awarded the grade of Pass or Fail.

The written home assignment is awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction, Pass or Fail.

For a Pass on the course, students must have been awarded the grade of Pass on all seminar assignments as well as on the written home assignment. To receive the grade of Pass with Distinction on the course as a whole, the student must also have been awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the written home assignment.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and LINA15 (Linguistics: Level 1, 30 credits) and LINA24 (Linguistics: Level 2, 30 credits) or 90 credits of which 60 credits must be in a language discipline, or the equivalent.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course is included as a module in ALSK13 and LINK23.
- 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.