

LIND07, Linguistics: Introduction to Psycholinguistics, 7.5 credits

Lingvistik: Introduktion till psykolingvistik, 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 2025-06-11 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2025/350). 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

| <i>Main field of study</i> | <i>Specialisation</i> |
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| Linguistics | G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |
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Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- account for some of the key theories and models in psycholinguistics
- account for some common methods in psycholinguistics

Competence and skills

- formulate a language research problem from a psycholinguistic perspective

- apply both quantitative and qualitative methods to a language research problem
- search for and summarise in writing international journal articles in the field of psycholinguistics

Judgement and approach

- justify how psycholinguistics can contribute to solving a research issue concerning language and communication
- justify why a particular theory is relevant to psycholinguistics
- critically review research publications in the field of psycholinguistic
- critically evaluate different methods in relation to psycholinguistic theories.

Course content

The course covers the basics on the main fields of study in psycholinguistics: the production process, the perception and comprehension process, the learning process, as well as cognition and linguistic diversity. The course provides an introduction to the history of psycholinguistics, some important current theories and lines of research, as well as common methods in psycholinguistics. Relevant concepts and theories from adjacent fields such as psychology of memory, cognition research and neurolinguistics are covered, as well as atypical language use. The course focuses on the link between theories and models on the one hand and empirical, hypothesis-testing research on the other. The course provides students with sufficient knowledge of psycholinguistics to be able to specialise in its different subareas in continued studies.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars, 3-5 compulsory laboratory exercises with associated lab reports and a compulsory study visit to a psycholinguistic research environment. Absence from compulsory laboratory sessions can be compensated for by written assignments.

Assessment

Assessment is based on 3-5 laboratory reports and a final written assignment in the form of a review article.

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 laboratory reports are awarded the grade of Pass or Fail. The written assignment is awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction, Pass or Fail.

To receive the grade of Pass on the course, the student must have been awarded the grade of Pass on all laboratory reports and on the final written assignment as well as attendance at the compulsory study visit. 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 final written assignment.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and LINA 15 (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.
- 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.