



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINM05, Linguistics: Writing and Language, 7.5 credits

Lingvistik: Skrift och språk, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2010-02-04 to be valid from 2010-02-04, spring semester 2010.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It can normally be included as part of 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 can be taught in Swedish if an agreement is reached by both the teacher and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of Swedish.

Main field of studies

Linguistics with specialization in General Linguistics

Language and Linguistics

Linguistics with specialization in Phonetics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

demonstrate an advanced ability to

- account for the most important writing systems utilised by the world's languages
- account for the history of writing
- explain the principles of different types of writing systems and how they relate to units of language (phonemes, syllables, etc.)

Competence and skills

- critically review and assess different theories of the development of writing systems
- analyse and explain, in broad terms, one or several writing systems in the past and the present

Judgement and approach

- take a scholarly approach to issues of writing, language and culture in the past and the present, of writing and non-writing, and of standardisation and normalisation.

Course content

The course provides fundamental insight into the basic principles of the three main types of writing system, i.e. systems where written signs represent sounds (e.g. the Latin alphabet), syllables (e.g. Japanese writing) or words (e.g. Chinese writing). The course also gives an overview of the history and development of writing in different parts of the world, for example Egypt, the Middle East, Europe, China, South Asia and America, where writing systems seem to have emerged independently of each other. Other subjects dealt with in the course are the relationship between written and spoken language, sociolinguistic aspects of writing and reading and the development of norms (for writing) for non-standardised languages or languages without a writing system.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, compulsory group work or individual work and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on written assignments and a take-home exam.

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.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course students must have passed 60 credits in a language or in Linguistics, or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course replaces LINB05.
2. 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 LINM05, Linguistics: Writing and Language

Applies from H09

0901 Linguistics: Writing and Language, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction