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UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINM12, Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits

Vetenskapsteori för språkvetare, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-04-09 to be valid from 2008-04-09, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics. The course is offered as a single course and can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. 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

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the philosophy of science in general and the theoretical and methodological status of linguistics in comparison with other disciplines
- demonstrate familiarity with quality criteria for empirical research and non-empirical research

- be able to give an account of the factors which lead to a research group choosing one theory or method over another.

Competence and skills

- be able to apply concepts and models of the philosophy of science to his/her own discipline or research area as well as those of others
- be able to give an account of the ways in which his/her own discipline or research area relates theoretically and methodologically to other disciplines and research areas, and be able to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

Judgement and approach

- be able to argue for the reasons behind a given scholarly study being of high or low quality on the basis of various quality criteria for research.

Course content

The course provides the students with an introduction to basic concepts and models of the philosophy of science relevant to both empirical and non-empirical research. The course consists of lectures and exercises in which students analyse and evaluate their own research and that of others with the help of concepts and models of the philosophy of science.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory exercises.

Assessment

Examinations take the form of continuous assessment, assignments which are presented at classes and the written presentation of a course assignment.

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 eligible for the course requires the successful completion of 90 higher education credits, of which at least 60 credits are from within a language discipline or Linguistics (General Linguistics or Phonetics), or the equivalent.

Further information

1. 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 LINM12, Philosophy of Science for Linguists

Applies from V08

0801 Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction