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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **LINN18, Linguistics: Field Methodology in Linguistics, 7.5 credits**

*Lingvistik: Lingvistiska fältmetoder, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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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 2012-01-30 to be valid from 2012-01-30, autumn semester 2012.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as an elective component of the MA programme in Language and Linguistics. It is also offered as a free-standing course and can normally be included as part of a general first- or second-cycle degree.

*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*

Language and Linguistics with  
specialization in General 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 account for the purpose and aims of linguistic fieldwork
- be able to describe different types of methods that can be used in linguistic fieldwork and explain their pros and cons
- be able to describe the tools that can be used for the processing of data.

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to define a research issue that can be addressed by means of linguistic fieldwork
- be able to plan, complete and document a fieldwork research assignment
- be able to select and apply a suitable method of fieldwork and justify the choice with reference to the nature of the research issue
- be able to store, annotate and use data from fieldwork.

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to assess and explain the problems associated with the ethics of fieldwork, including management of sensitive personal data
- be able to propose different ways in which the results of fieldwork can benefit the present-day language community.

### **Course content**

The course deals with all the components of linguistic fieldwork, from the initial formulation of a research issue to the choice of method. Different methods for eliciting and documenting data are presented and treated, and their pros and cons for different purposes explained. Major emphasis is placed on the ability to execute a relevant research assignment requiring fieldwork in practice. The course also deals with research ethics, especially with regard to the dignity of informants.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures and practical exercises.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on three assignments during the course and a concluding fieldwork 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 admitted to the course students must have successfully completed 60 credits in Linguistics, a language subject 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.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

## Subcourses in LINN18, Linguistics: Field Methodology in Linguistics

Applies from V12

1201 Linguistics: Field Methodology in Linguistics, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction