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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINN22, Linguistics: Metalinguistics - Language as an Object of Knowledge, 7.5 credits

*Lingvistik: Metalingvistik - språket som kunskapsobjekt, 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 2013-02-25 to be valid from 2013-02-25, autumn semester 2013.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Language and Linguistics

Language and Linguistics with
specialization in General Linguistics

Language and Linguistics with
specialization in Phonetics

*Depth of study relative to the degree
requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle
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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for the main currents in Linguistics during the last century
- be able to account for predominant ideas of what constitutes the main properties of language

- be able to account for different views on the relationship between Linguistics and other disciplines, such as natural sciences, cultural sciences and axiomatic sciences
- be able to account for how research is shaped by certain ideas on language and linguistics

Competence and skills

- be able to discuss and problematise in speech and writing general texts on language and linguistics
- be able to compare different linguistic approaches from the point of view of their fundamental ideas on language and linguistics

Judgement and approach

- be able to judge the relationship between theory and method in one of the linguistic approaches introduced in the course.

Course content

The course introduces different theories on the nature of language and linguistics (such as structuralism, generativist linguistics, cognitive linguistics and theories of language as communication). Focus is placed on the fundamental properties of language, on the aspects of language addressed in research and on the methods used in language research. The course adopts a comparative and examining approach and focuses on study and discussion of the required reading. The reading list includes both classical and recent works.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and 10 compulsory seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on (a) participation in seminars, (b) points for discussion submitted to lecturers prior to seminars and (c) a final written 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 a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics or a language subject or the equivalent, and English B from Swedish upper secondary school 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 LINN22, Linguistics: Metalinguistics - Language as an Object of Knowledge

Applies from V13

1301 Metalinguistics - Language as an Object of Knowledge, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction