



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LINN23, Linguistics: Grammatical Patterns in Human Language, 7.5 credits

Lingvistik: Grammatiska mönster i mänskliga språk, 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 2013-06-18 to be valid from 2013-06-18, autumn semester 2013.

General Information

The course is included in the MA programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV). It is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included as part of a 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

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 students shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for the presence and properties of different grammatical phenomena in a cross-language perspective
- be able to account for and compare similar phenomena in different languages in an academically relevant manner

- be able to account for universally valid generalisations of language structures throughout the world

Competence and skills

- be able to describe language phenomena with academically relevant terminology
- be able to assess whether a theoretically based generalisation is valid only in terms of the theory or empirically valid irrespective of theory

Judgement and approach

- be able to assess different theoretical perspectives in the light of how well they can address specific grammatical phenomena
- be able to take a position on their own native language and its typologically relevant grammatical constructions.

Course content

Human languages differ radically in several aspects but also exhibit certain striking similarities. A number of conflicting theories have been developed to address some aspects of this variation and unity. The course deals with a number of constructions, phenomena and generalisations in the world's languages that have been highlighted through the application of different grammatical theories, but does not advocate one single theory. Furthermore, the course illustrates how a broad approach to the world's languages can contribute to a better understanding of phenomena in the students' native languages and languages genealogically close to them.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and 2-3 compulsory exercises.

Assessment

The assessment is based on 2-3 exercises during the course and 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 90 credits of which 60 credits in a language subject or Linguistics (General Linguistics or Phonetics) 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 LINN23, Linguistics: Grammatical Patterns in Human Language

Applies from H13

1301 Grammatical Patterns in Human Language, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction