



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **LINR01, Language and Linguistics: Methods in General Linguistics, 7.5 credits**

*Språk- och språkvetenskap: Språkvetenskapliga basmetoder, 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 2011-02-21 to be valid from 2011-02-21, autumn semester 2011.

### **General Information**

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics. The course 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

The course can be taught in Swedish if an agreement is reached by both the lecturer 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*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to account for a number of common methods in Linguistics and identify the types of investigation for which they are commonly used

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to formulate a research problem and plan for and describe the method(s) that can be applied to investigate it
- be able to assess what method(s) are most suitable for investigating a typical research problem in his or her own specialisation
- be able to justify why a certain method is more or less suitable for addressing a certain issue

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to critically review choices of research method(s) in his or her own investigations or those of others
- be able to evaluate the ethical aspects of using a certain method, a certain type of data or a certain type of informants for an investigation.

### **Course content**

The course provides an overview of research methods used in Linguistics and specialised study of at least one method. The student's ability to select the appropriate method for a specific research issue is strongly emphasised and trained in the course. Furthermore, the course deals with research ethics, problem formulation, hypothesis construction, sampling, deductive and inductive methods, qualitative and quantitative methods, classification, transcription and coding. The methods examined in the course include experimental methods, interview methods, language elicitation, field studies, participant observation, survey methods, statistical methods, discourse analysis, philological methods and corpus methods. The course consists of lectures, practical exercises and laboratory work.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory exercises and laboratory work.

### **Assessment**

Examinations take the form of continuous assignments during the course, consisting of three or four oral and written assignments and one individual 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 at least 30 second-cycle credits in linguistics or a language subject, including LINM12 Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits.



## Subcourses in LINR01, Language and Linguistics: Methods in General Linguistics

Applies from H11

1101 Language and Linguistics: Methods in General Linguistics, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction