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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SASH81, One World, One Language, 7.5 credits

One World, One Language, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2015-08-21 to be valid from 2015-08-21, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

Subject: Theoretical Philosophy

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It can normally be included as part of a first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for different theories of meaning and reference
- be able to explain some key concepts of the philosophy of language, such as compositionality and intentionality
- be able to account for different philosophical perspectives on the relationship between language and thought
- be able to account for different arguments pertaining to the possibility of a private language
- be able to account for commonalities and differences between human languages and animal and machine languages

Competence and skills

- be able reason about the relative strengths and weaknesses of different theories of meaning and reference both orally and in writing
- be able to apply the methodology of theoretical philosophy to problems in the philosophy of language

- be able to express him/herself in philosophical terms both orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

- be able to evaluate philosophical theses of relevance for the philosophy of language
- be able to relate different philosophical positions pertaining to language and thought and to some extent critically assess their compatibility

Course content

The course is an introduction to the central topics of the philosophy of language seen from a global, multi-lingual perspective. These topics include what it is for an expression to be meaningful; how words and sentences acquire meanings; how expressions can refer to things in the world; what the relation is between meaning and reference; how language relate to thought; and how human languages relate to those of animals and machines.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and group exercises.

Assessment

Assessment is based on a written exam.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is given by the Department of Philosophy, Lund's University
2. 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 SASH81, One World, One Language

Applies from H15

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Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A