SIMM27, Social Sciences: Methods of Text and Discourse Analysis, 7.5 credits

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Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Graduate School Board on 2011-12-12 and was last revised on 2016-04-01. . The revised syllabus applied from 2016-04-25. , spring semester 2016.

General Information

The course is offered as an interdisciplinary single subject course in Social Science at the second-cycle level and as an optional course within the Master of Science Programmes.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies	Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
Sociology	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Gender Studies	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Development Studies	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Education	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Media and Communication Studies	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Human Geography	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Sociology of Law	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Social Work	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

| Social Anthropology | A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |
| Political Science | A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

•   demonstrate their theoretical understanding of the methods of text and discourse analysis and their ability to make use of them in practice
•   identify the kinds of research questions the use of text and discourse analytical methods are appropriate for answering
•   apply their understanding of text and discourse analytical methods in relation to contemporary issues in the Social Sciences
•   critically assess the utility and appropriateness of text and discourse analytical methods and techniques for the study of relevant research issues in the Social Sciences
•   communicate scientific issues and follow the development of knowledge within their field of study

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide comprehensive understanding of the use of text and discourse analytical methods within the Social Sciences, and to convey the necessary practical skills required for their application. Through lectures, seminars and practical workshops, the course will provide students with deepened knowledge of text and discourse analytical methods, their respective uses and usefulness, and their relevance for the study of contemporary Social Science research issues.

Course design

The course contains a theoretical and a practical moment. It begins with a theoretical introduction to central text and discourse analytical traditions and methods. During the practical moments the students will concentrate on a particular text or discourse analytical method and apply it to an adequate empirical material during a series of workshops, during which techniques for data collection and analyses will be discussed.

The course will be given in the form of lectures and workshops. Lectures will focus on the theoretical and practical foundations of different text and discourse analytical traditions, perspectives and methods. The workshops will focus on the practical implementation of particular text and discourse analytical research techniques. Students are expected to have read and reflected upon relevant course literature prior to lectures, as well as to come prepared to participate actively in workshops.

Assessment

Assessment will be based on the following:
• Individually written and oral presentation of an assigned research problem
• Group based practical and written workshop assignments
• Active participation in the course in its entirety

Re-examination will be offered after the end of the course. If necessary, a second re-examination will be arranged at a later date.

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 grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course the student must have 150 credits including a graded thesis for the degree of Bachelor, or a completed major, in the Social Sciences, or another equivalent subject.

A good command of English language both spoken and written, equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) proficiency in the Swedish secondary system, is required. Equivalence assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

Further information

The course was adopted by the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences on November 17, 2011, and the syllabus was approved by the Committee for International Programmes on December 12, 2011.

This syllabus is valid from the spring term of 2012

The course cannot be included in a degree together with SIMM07 Methods of Text and Discourse Analysis 7.5 credits or SIMM17 Methods of Text and Discourse Analysis 7.5 credits.

Subcourses in SIMM27, Social Sciences: Methods of Text and Discourse Analysis

Applies from V12

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