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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SPVM05, Language and Linguistics: Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits

Språk och språkvetenskap: Vetenskapsteori för språkvetare, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2017-04-18 to be valid from 2017-04-18, autumn semester 2017.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV). It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

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 be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- provide a general account of theory of science issues within linguistics
- conduct an insightful discussion of the theoretical and methodological status of linguistics and compare it to other disciplines
- provide an informed discussion of quality criteria for empirical and theoretical components of research

- account for the factors that make a research team prefer a specific theory or method to another

Competence and skills

- apply theory of science concepts and models to their own and others' academic disciplines or research
- provide an account of how their own academic discipline or research relates to those of others, theoretically and methodologically, and assess its strengths and weaknesses

Judgement and approach

- argue why a given research study is good or less good from the point of view of different quality criteria for research

Course content

The course provides students with an introduction to basic theory of science concepts and models with regard to both empirical and theoretical aspects of research. It consists of lectures and exercises in analysing and assessing their own or others' research using theory of science concepts and models.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and 3–5 compulsory assignments.

Assessment

The assessment is based on an oral and written presentation of the compulsory assignments throughout the course, as well as on a final written assignment.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

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, the student must be admitted to the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV) or have obtained a degree of Bachelor in a language subject or linguistics (general linguistics or phonetics), and have English B/English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent knowledge.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. This course replaces LINM12 Linguistics: Philosophy of Science for Linguists.
3. 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.
4. On completion of the course, students admitted to the Master's (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics qualify for semester 2 of the programme.

Subcourses in SPVM05, Language and Linguistics: Philosophy of Science
for Linguists

Applies from H17

1701 Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction