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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SPVM06, Language and Linguistics: Methods in Linguistics, 7.5 credits

*Språk- och språkvetenskap: Språkvetenskapliga basmetoder, 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 2018-03-20 to be valid from 2018-08-31, autumn semester 2018.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master's (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics.

Language of instruction: English

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 students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for a number of common methods in linguistics and identify the types of investigation for which they are commonly used

Competence and skills

- formulate a research problem and plan for and describe the method/s that can be used to investigate it
- assess what method/s are most suitable for examining a typical research issue in their own area of specialisation

- justify why a certain method is more or less suitable for addressing a certain issue

Judgement and approach

- critically review the choice of research method/s in their own and others' investigations
- evaluate the ethical aspects of using a certain method, material or group of participants in an investigation

Course content

The course provides an overview of several scientific methods that are used in linguistics research and an opportunity for specialised study of at least one method. The course places major emphasis on training the student's ability to assess what method is appropriate for a specific research issue. The course content includes: ethics, source evaluation, formulation of research problems, hypothesis generation, sampling, deductive and inductive methods, qualitative and quantitative methods, classification, transcription and coding. In addition, the course covers a number of methods such as experimental methods, interview methods, language elicitation, field studies, participant observation, survey methods, statistical methods, discourse analysis, philological methods and corpus methods.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures as well as three to four exercises and six to seven laboratory sessions.

Participation in exercises and laboratory sessions is compulsory unless special circumstances apply. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or retake compulsory components. This also applies to students who have missed teaching because of activities as a student representative.

Assessment

Assessment is in the form of continuous assignments during the course. It consists of three to four oral or written assignments as well as a final individual 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

At least 30 second-cycle credits in a language or linguistics subject, including 7.5 credits from the course, Philosophy of Science for Linguists

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. It replaces LINR01.
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. For further details see the current application information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in SPVM06, Language and Linguistics: Methods in Linguistics

Applies from V19

1901 Methods in Linguistics, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction