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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## SPVR01, Language and Linguistics: Degree Project - Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

*Språk och språkvetenskap: Examensarbete - masterkurs, 30  
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 2011-11-28 to be valid from 2011-11-28, spring semester 2012.

### General Information

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

*Language of instruction:* English

If both the students and the lecturer agree, it may be taught in Swedish or the language in which the lecturer and students communicate best. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of the language agreed upon.

*Main field of studies*

Language and Linguistics with  
specialization in General Linguistics

*Depth of study relative to the degree  
requirements*

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree  
project for Master of Arts/Master of  
Science (120 credits)

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

### Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for the dominant research currents of the subject of their choice and place their research in a wider scholarly context

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to discern, delimit and formulate a problem linked to a research assignment in a subject of their choice
- be able to analyse and interpret source material of relevance to their studies
- be able to argue a position supported by secondary literature used and presented in a scholarly correct fashion and with relevant linguistic or philological terminology
- be able to plan, structure, carry out and report a research project on a subject of their choice
- be able to present insights acquired through independent study of an independently identified problem in a subject of their choice in a clear, logical, correct and stylistically appropriate manner
- be able to independently search for and evaluate information of relevance to the subject of their choice and demonstrate a good command of the apparatus of scholarly writing

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to identify different theoretical approaches in scholarly studies and evaluate the significance of each approach for the execution and results of the research project
- be able to assess their own texts and those of others with regard to the validity of the argumentation, the clarity and logical structure of the presentation and the relationship between stated purpose and achieved results
- be able to assess the potential and limitations of research methodology and be able to judge the need for further knowledge, from both a personal and a social perspective.

### **Course content**

In this course the student is to examine and analyse a research assignment in a subject of his or her choice independently but with the aid of a supervisor. The assignment is chosen in consultation with the supervisor and is presented in a degree project, approximately 15-20 000 words in length. With the aid of handbooks in academic writing, the student consolidates his or her ability to deal with primary and secondary sources according to the standards of scholarship. These standards comprise the fair representation of previous research, correct and efficient citation, and the correct use of established systems for references and bibliographies. During the course the student develops his or her ability to account for complex phenomena in well-written and stylistically appropriate prose.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of individual supervision and seminars. Attendance is compulsory for defence seminars in the student's specialisation.

### **Assessment**

Assessment is based on the degree thesis which the student submits and defends at a seminar. A critical review of the thesis of another student is also included in the assessment.

Passed degree projects at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is responsible for uploading the passed degree project as a PDF file in LUP student papers.

*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 been admitted to the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics and have successfully completed 60 higher education credits in the programme, including the course LINM12.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund 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 SPVR01, Language and Linguistics: Degree Project - Master's (Two Years) Thesis

Applies from H09

- 0801 Degree Project - Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0802 Degree Project - Master's (Two Years) Thesis - Part 1, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0803 Degree Project - Master's (Two Years) Thesis - Part 2, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction