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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SPVR02, Language and Linguistics: Degree Project: Master's (One Year) Thesis, 15 credits

*Språk och språkvetenskap: Examensarbete - magisterkurs, 15
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 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. It is also offered as a freestanding course and can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

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*

A1E, Second cycle, contains degree
project for Master of Arts/Master of
Science (60 credits)

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the students shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to conduct in-depth analysis and interpretation of source material in a subject of their choice.

Competence and skills

- be able to argue a position supported by secondary literature used and presented in a scholarly correct fashion
- be able to discern, delimit and formulate a problem linked to academic studies of language and linguistics with relevant linguistic or philological terminology
- 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 search for and find information of relevance to a subject of their choice and demonstrate a good command of the apparatus of scholarly writing
- be able to adopt different theoretical approaches to subject-related source material and judge the relevance of each approach to the specific issue.

Judgement and approach

- 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
- 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-related 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 10-15 000 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 a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a main field or equivalent in the chosen specialisation of the Master's programme. Furthermore, the student must have passed LINM12 and compulsory language courses or compulsory elective language courses comprising a total of 22.5 credits. Information on the compulsory courses of each specialisation is available on the programme web pages or from the programme coordinator or academic advisor.

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 SPVR02, Language and Linguistics: Degree Project:
Master's (One Year) Thesis

Applies from V09

0901 Degree Project: Master's (One Year) Thesis, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction