

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SVEB16, Swedish: Nordic Dialectology, 7.5 credits Svenska: Nordisk dialektologi, 7,5 högskolepoäng First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the prodean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2007-03-13 to be valid from 2007-03-13, autumn semester 2007.

General Information

Subject: Swedish

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an account of the background of the dialects of the Swedish language, their current distribution and the linguistic features which distinguish them
- be able to give an account of basic dialectology theory
- be aware of basic similarities of and differences between dialects in the Nordic countries

Competence and skills

- be able to place geographically speakers of various dialects according to their pronunciation
- be able to transcribe spoken language using phonetic notation

Judgement and approach

• be able to construct a sociolinguistic perspective on the use of dialect.

Course content

The course introduces dialectology, from both a theoretical and data-oriented perspective. Emphasis is placed on the phonetic and phonological similarities and differences between various Swedish dialects. Morphological and syntactical features of dialects are discussed. Archaisms and neologisms are looked at in a general Nordic context. The sociolinguistic conditions underpinning the use of dialects are also studied. In addition, the course includes practical exercises in which the student listens to recordings of various dialects, characterises the language heard, and transcribes short sections.

Course design

The course usually consists of independent studies, but lectures and seminars can be scheduled if the group is sufficient in size.

Assessment

Examinations can take the following forms: oral examination, take-home examination, and a short written assignment.

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 eligible for the course requires the completion of courses at foundation level, which comprise Swedish/Norwegian History of Language and Phonetics.

Further information

- 1. The course replaces the Level 3 course "Swedish Dialects", 7.5 credits.
- 2. The points 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.

Applies from H07

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