



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SVEB18, Swedish: Runology, 7.5 credits

Svenska: Runologi, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean 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

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an account of the similarities and differences between the two Runic alphabets (Elder and Younger Futhark) and their variations
- be able to give an account of the use of runes, with a focus on the Swedish context
- be able to describe and discuss the methodological conditions required to pursue the study of runes

Competence and skills

- be able to read and interpret simple runic inscriptions which are written in the Younger Futhark alphabet
- be able to discuss various hypothesis concerning the origins of runes, their development and their symbolic significance, in an autonomous and adequate manner
- be able to place the Nordic use of runes in a general context of European written language.

Course content

The course covers Runology from the oldest known inscriptions up to and including the Middle Ages. The relationship between the two Futhark alphabets and their variations are studied and problematised. The use of runes is studied from historical and sociological perspectives. The course deals with the methods of Runology, and the symbolic significance of the runes and their social aspects. A representative selection of runic inscriptions is studied.

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

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course replaces the CD course "Runology", 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.

Subcourses in SVEB18, Swedish: Runology

Applies from H07

0701 Swedish: Runology, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction