

SVEG26, Swedish: History of the Swedish Language, 5 credits

Svenska: Svensk språkhistoria, 5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2023-10-11 (U 2023/761). The syllabus comes into effect 2024-03-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course and as an elective component of the Language Consultancy (Swedish) programme. It can normally be included in a general qualification for both first and second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Swedish

Swedish with specialization in
Language Consultancy

Specialisation

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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- describe the main features of some of the changes in written orthography, morphology and syntax that have led to present-day standard written Swedish,
- recognise some fundamental features in Swedish dialects and in the range of Swedish place names and personal names,

Competence and skills

- explain peculiarities of the modern language from a historical perspective,
- use dictionaries to make a passable interpretation of early Swedish texts from the early Middle Ages and onwards, and make relevant observations of them from the perspective of language history,
- acquire information about historical language use by using various, mostly digital, dictionaries,
- approximately date an unknown text on the basis of language criteria,

Judgement and approach

- based on knowledge of language history, discuss the relationship between society, language variation and language change.

Course content

The module gives a general account of the development of the Swedish language from the runic era until around 1900. The development of different linguistic levels is studied in a selection texts from different periods and within various text genres. The linguistic mechanisms and societal change that may have caused the studied language changes are addressed.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises and seminars. The students work with texts from different periods during the module. They study and discuss the texts in groups and with the whole class.

Assessment

Assessment is based on a written exam at the end of the module.

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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed the module Swedish Grammar 7.5 credits in the first semester of the Language Consultancy (Swedish) programme, SVEA41, SVEA43 or the equivalent.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

- The course partially overlaps with the module History of the Swedish Language in SVEA20 and SVEB28.
- The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.