

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

*Svenska: Svensk språkhistoria, 5 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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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 2023-10-11 (U 2023/761) and was last revised on 2025-08-18 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2025/534). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-08 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

### **General information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course and as an elective component of the Swedish Language Consultancy Programme. It can normally be included in a first or second-cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

#### *Main field of study*

Swedish with specialization in  
Language Consultancy

Swedish

#### *Specialisation*

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### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the student 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
- describe some central concepts in Swedish dialectology and research on 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 on them from the perspective of language history
- acquire information about historical language use with the aid of various, primarily digital, dictionaries
- approximately date an unknown text on the basis of language criteria.

## **Course content**

The course provides an overview of the development of the Swedish language from the Runic era to around 1900. Changes in different linguistic levels are studied in selected texts from different periods and various text genres. Some key aspects of Swedish dialects and Swedish place names and personal names are also covered during the course.

## **Course design**

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

## **Assessment**

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

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 course Swedish Grammar, 7.5 credits, in the first semester of the Swedish Language Consultancy Programme, SVEA41, SVEA43 or equivalent.

## **Further information**

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course partially overlaps with the course History of the Swedish Language in SVEA20 and SVEB28. The course is also included as a module in SVEA42 and SVEA43.
- 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 and information material.