



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SVEG36, Language Consultancy: Intercultural Communication, 7.5 credits

Språkkonsult: Interkulturell kommunikation, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2024-10-25 (U 2024/583). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-03-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

General information

The course is a compulsory course in the third semester of the Bachelor of Arts programme in Language Consultancy. It can also be included in a general qualification for first or second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Swedish with specialization in Language Consultancy

Specialisation

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 be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- provide a basic account of the concept of culture with a scientific approach
- account for basic terms, concepts and theories in the field of intercultural communication
- be able to describe pragmatic and conversation analysis perspectives in the field of intercultural communication,

Competence and skills

- describe and analyse pragmatic aspects of verbal and non-verbal communication relevant to intercultural communication such as discourse acts, gestures and courtesy strategies,
- identify and describe potential communication problems in cultural and language encounters
- identify and describe successful strategies for intercultural communication

Judgement and approach

- evaluate and assess the cultural and linguistic problems in a communicative event,
- to reflect on social and ethical aspects of intercultural communication with a scholarly approach

Course content

The course introduces theories, research and basic concepts of relevance to the field of intercultural communication. Students learn to apply pragmatic and conversation analysis perspectives to both verbal and non-verbal intercultural communication. The course also discusses intercultural aspects of interpreting and translation. Guest lecturers are invited to discuss linguistic aspects of cultural encounters in Swedish society. Upon completion of the course, students are to have developed a basic understanding of the communication process with a focus on intercultural encounters and have developed their ability to identify communicative problems and find solutions in organisations where cultural and language encounters occur.

Course design

Teaching is in the form of lectures, exercises and three compulsory seminars. The course also includes a mandatory logbook. Absence from the seminars is compensated for with a written assignment according to instructions.

Assessment

Assessment is based on a written take-home exam.

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

General entry requirements and 60 credits in a linguistic subject.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course replaces module 1 of SVEG33.
- 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 material.