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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **SVEM37, Language and Linguistics: Generative Syntax, 7.5 credits**

*Språk och språkvetenskap: Generativ syntax, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-01-28 to be valid from 2013-01-28, autumn semester 2013.

### **General Information**

The course is an elective component of the Master's (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics. It is also offered as a freestanding course. The course can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* English

The course can be taught in Swedish if an agreement is reached by both the lecturer and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of Swedish.

*Main field of studies*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- describe what theories of generative syntax want to explain
- provide a general description of the most basic analytical tools and methods used within modern generative syntax theory
- assess different analyses of syntactic phenomena based on their empirical and theoretical advantages and shortcomings

### **Competence and skills**

- formulate and examine relevant empirical hypotheses based on generalisations of syntactic phenomena
- examine and analyse syntactic phenomena by means of the most basic analytical and methodological tools of modern generative syntax theory
- summarise and compare research articles within modern generative syntax theory

### **Judgement and approach**

- informed by empirical and theoretical considerations, discuss, assess and evaluate research articles within modern generative syntax theory

### **Course content**

The course is based on the knowledge acquired by students on first cycle courses in grammar. It presents the objects of study, explanatory potential, analytical tools and methods of generative syntax research. The course enables the students to develop skills in formulating and testing hypotheses about syntactic phenomena and to critically review and assess published research in the field from the perspective of empirical and theoretical considerations.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and exercises. One of the seminars in which the students present and discuss research articles within modern generative syntax theory is compulsory.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a final take home exam.

*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 admitted to the course, students must have 90 credits including at least 60 credits in linguistics or a language or the equivalent. Furthermore, students must have English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

### **Further information**

1. The course replaces SVEM31.
2. 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 information and other relevant documentation.
3. The course requires students to have a good knowledge of grammatical terminology and grammatical analysis.
4. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

## Subcourses in SVEM37, Language and Linguistics: Generative Syntax

Applies from V13

1301 Generative Syntax, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction