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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SVEM39, Language and Linguistics: Discourse Analysis, 7.5 credits

Språk- och språkvetenskap: Diskursanalys, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2015-04-09 to be valid from 2015-04-09, spring semester 2015.

General Information

The course is an elective component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV). It is also offered as a freestanding course and can 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

Language and Linguistics

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

- account for and discuss different definitions of discourse
- account for and discuss the central concepts of discourse analysis
- account for some key theories and methods of discourse analysis

Competence and skills

- use tools of discourse analysis to analyse and describe texts
- execute independent discourse analyses well supported in theories
- participate in critical discussions of the discourse analyses of other students with well supported arguments
- critically evaluate methods of discourse analysis in relation to different research assignments

Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate discourse analyses from the perspectives of gender, class and ethnicity
- identify research issues with different perspectives of discourse analysis

Course content

The course provides students with an introduction to theories of discourse and methods of discourse analysis that are used to analyse the discourses of society in areas such as politics, working life or education. The focus of the course is on the linguistic aspects of discourse analysis. It consists of both theoretical and practical components. The theoretical component includes presentations of different methods of discourse analysis and discussions of their fields of application. The practical component enables students to execute independent discourse analyses.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. 1-3 seminars are compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment is based on participation in 1-3 compulsory seminars, a long individual analysis assignment and a 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 a Bachelor's degree in a humanities or social sciences subject or the equivalent. Furthermore, students must have English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course replaces SVEM26. The course content partly overlaps with that of SVEB29.
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.
3. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

Subcourses in SVEM39, Language and Linguistics: Discourse Analysis

Applies from H15

1501 Discourse analysis, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction