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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SVEM42, Swedish/Scandinavian Languages: The History of Scandinavian Languages, Level 4, 7.5 credits

*Svenska/Nordiska språk: Nordisk språkhistoria - påbyggnadskurs,
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 2016-12-14 to be valid from 2016-12-14, autumn semester 2017.

General Information

The course is included in the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics (HASPV). The course is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Language and Linguistics with
specialization in Swedish/Scandinavian
Languages

*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 central language changes in the Nordic languages since the Proto-Germanic period

Competence and skills

- describe language changes at different levels and how they interact
- use specialised knowledge to relate language changes to Nordic dialect geography
- independently identify and formulate issues concerning Nordic language history, investigate the issues and suggest a solution

Judgement and approach

- critically review, assess and discuss inquiries into language history from both empirical and theoretical perspectives

Course content

The course is based on traditional theories of language change and the history of the Nordic languages, but more recent theories of language change are also covered. The students read and discuss different suggested solutions to some issues of language history, and subject a specific problem to specialised study.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and two compulsory assessed seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based partly on active participation in the compulsory seminars and partly on an independently executed study in the field of Nordic language history.

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 Swedish or Nordic Languages, or another language or linguistics. A basic course in Swedish/Nordic language history must be included. Furthermore, students must have English 6/English B and Tisus/Swedish 3 or 90 credits in Swedish or Nordic Languages including a Bachelor's degree project or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The course replaces SVEM29.
3. 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.

Subcourses in SVEM42, Swedish/Scandinavian Languages: The History of
Scandinavian Languages, Level 4

Applies from H17

1701 The History of Scandinavian Languages, Level 4, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction