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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SVEM45, Linguistic Variation in the Scandinavian Languages, 7.5 credits

Språklig variation i Norden, 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 2023-06-13 to be valid from 2023-09-01, spring semester 2024.

General Information

The course is an elective component of the Master of Arts (120 credits) 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: 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 the key structural and socio-linguistic similarities and differences of the Nordic languages, and for some present-day development tendencies

Competence and skills

- use theoretical models to solve different problems associated with the structure or socio-linguistic situation of the Nordic languages
- independently identify and formulate issues concerning Nordic language variation, investigate them and propose a solution
- present in writing problems, issues, methods and results of a study addressing a

language phenomenon covered by the course

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate good ability to evaluate and discuss scientific texts that concern the Nordic languages and similarities and differences between them.

Course content

The course gives a broad overview of language conditions in Scandinavia, with a focus on the Scandinavian languages. The themes covered include the how the Nordic languages are related, the dialect situation in the Scandinavian language communities, neighbouring language intelligibility in Scandinavia, grammatical variation in the Scandinavian languages and new varieties in language contact. The course participants execute a minor research study.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, workshops, and 2-3 compulsory seminars. Non-attendance at one of the compulsory seminars is compensated for through a written submission.

Assessment

The course is examined in the form of a written assignment about a Nordic language variation theme.

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.

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 in another language or linguistics. Furthermore, English 6 and Tisus (Test in Swedish for University Studies)/Swedish 3/Swedish as a Second Language 3 or equivalent knowledge is required.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- Please note that the course requires basic knowledge of language structure and socio-linguistics.

- The course replaces SVEM40.
- 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.

Subcourses in SVEM45, Linguistic Variation in the Scandinavian Languages

Applies from V24

2401 Linguistic Variation in the Scandinavian Languages, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction