



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

YIDC09, Yiddish Grammar in Focus, 7.5 credits

Jiddischgrammatik i fokus, 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 2024-12-12 (U 2024/928). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-01-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a general qualification for both first and second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Yiddish
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Main field of study *Specialisation*

Yiddish G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the main features of the the morphological and syntactic structure of the Yiddish language,
- account for the differences and similarities between Yiddish grammatical structures and Swedish/English,
- recognize how and to what extent grammatical features are represented in reference works, such as dictionaries and language textbooks.

Competence and skills

- apply the learned Yiddish language structures to construct morphologically and syntactically correct Yiddish sentences,
- review and analyze Yiddish texts from a functional/grammatical perspective,
- analyze deviations from a standard norm related to language evolution, dialects, style, or interferences of other languages.

Judgement and approach

- provide perspectives on the tension between standard language and other varieties,
- take a critical position on source material and their own knowledge acquisition.

Course content

The course encompasses both Yiddish morphology and syntax. Yiddish grammar is mainly dealt with practically, in the form of exercises that aim to increase the student's confidence in formulating correct and varied Yiddish sentences. Students will practice writing and speaking about a variety of topics in Yiddish and will collaboratively review their work as a way to reinforce and apply grammatical knowledge. In the course, Yiddish Grammar is also treated theoretically and contrastively, as a comparison between Yiddish and Swedish/English. Students will analyze and discuss relevant historical and contemporary texts as well as grammar references in order to deepen their understanding of Yiddish grammatical structures.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and exercise sessions. The course includes compulsory assignments in the form of 1 oral presentation and 3 written assignments. Unless special circumstances apply, students must also attend at least 70% of the lectures.

The opportunity to compensate for missed compulsory elements is offered to students who have been unable to participate in compulsory components due to circumstances out of their control such as accidents, illness or similar. This also applies to students who have missed classes due to activities as an elected student representative. There are otherwise no opportunities to compensate for compulsory components.

Assessment

The course is examined through 1 written home exam and 1 oral presentation.

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

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for the examining components. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all the examining components.

Entry requirements

General eligibility and knowledge corresponding to YIDD12, Yiddish: Language and Literature, Level 1 B, 15 credits.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- 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.