Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

HASPV, Master's Programme in Language and Linguistics, 120 credits

Masterprogram i språk och språkvetenskap, 120 högskolepoäng

Second-cycle programme requiring previous university studies / Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå

Decision

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2017-10-20 (U 2016/557) and was last revised on 2026-10-20 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2026/368). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2026-10-20 and is valid from the autumn semester 2027.

Specialisations

Code	Swedish name	English name	Credits
KLAS	Classical Languages	Klassiska språk	120 credits
KOSE	Cognitive Semiotics	Kognitiv semiotik	120 credits
ENGE	English	Engelska	120 credits
LING	Linguistics	Lingvistik	120 credits
MODE	Modern Languages	Moderna språk	120 credits
RETO	Rhetoric	Retorik	120 credits
SVAN	Swedish as a Second Language	Svenska som andraspråk	120 credits
SVNO	Swedish/Scandinavian Languages	Svenska/Nordiska språk	120 credits

Programme description

The Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics is intended for students who are interested in expanding their knowledge in the field of language and linguistics. Students can choose between several different specializations and subject areas which focus on specific languages or on more overarching linguistic topics. The specialization Modern Languages includes the subjects Arabic/Semitic Languages, French, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Modern Greek, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and German. The specialization Classical Language includes Ancient Greek and Latin and the specialization Linguistics the subjects General Linguistics and Phonetics. Not all

specializations and subjects areas are offered every year. The current options are published on the University’s websites.

The objective of the programme is to increase the student’s knowledge of language in a broad sense and theoretical understanding of linguistic questions. In the language specific specializations, an additional goal is to develop the student’s language proficiency and knowledge of the language.

The programme consists of compulsory courses common to all specializations, compulsory courses for each specialization and elective courses. Elective courses are chosen in consultation with the programme coordinator. The languages of instruction are English and other languages depending to the area of specialization. The final degree project consists of a thesis in language and linguistics that constitutes in-depth study in one of the areas of specialization. The programme prepares students for further academic studies or for a future career where competency in language is essential.

Students are also offered the opportunity of an intermediate exit point and those who wish to may obtain a Master’s degree (60 credits). Specific information about the Master’s degree (60 credits) can be found under Other information.

Goals

Second-cycle study programmes shall involve the acquisition of specialist knowledge, competence and skills in relation to first-cycle courses and study programmes, and in addition to the requirements for first-cycle courses and study programmes shall:

- further develop the ability of students to integrate and make autonomous use of their knowledge,
- develop the students' ability to deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, and
- develop the students' potential for professional activities that demand considerable autonomy, or for research and development work.

The Masters' Programme builds on first-cycle studies in languages or linguistics. For a Master's degree (120 credits) the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of language and linguistics, including both broad knowledge of linguistics and a considerable degree of specialized knowledge in the selected area of specialization,
- demonstrate deep insights into current linguistic research and development work,

Competence and skills

- demonstrate an advanced ability to apply linguistic methodology,
- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate research issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and using theoretical concepts, and so contribute to the formation of knowledge, as well as the ability to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing in a national and international context to report clearly and discuss their development work and research, as well as the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, using the language of the selected specialization,
- demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in an advanced capacity concerned with language, the teaching of language and international relations,
- demonstrate the skills required to work autonomously in the area covered by the programme,

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in linguistics informed by relevant disciplinary, societal and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and developmental work,
- demonstrate the ability to assess, compile and evaluate information from various sources, within the chosen area of specialisation for the degree project,
- demonstrate knowledge of the place of linguistics in the context of other sciences,
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used,
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for their ongoing learning.

Learning outcomes for a Master's degree (60 credits)

Information about Master's degree (60 credits) can be found under "Other information", below.

Course information

The Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics consists of:

- Compulsory courses common to all specializations (45 credits)
- Compulsory courses for each subject area (30 credits)
- Elective courses within the programme (45 credits)

Compulsory courses common to all specializations for the entire Master of Arts programme (45 credits)

- Language and Linguistics: Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits
- Language and Linguistics: Methods in Linguistics, 7.5 credits
- Language and Linguistics: Degree Project – Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

Compulsory courses for each subject area (30 credits)

Second-cycle courses in the subject area of the specialisation, provided by the department. Information about available courses is provided at the start of every academic year and made available on the department web pages. Course choices must be approved by the programme coordinator.

Elective courses within the programme (45 credits)

The department provides information about the courses available during each academic year. 15 credits are so-called elective courses that must be on the second cycle and in the area of languages and linguistics. Students should make their selection among courses offered within the programme. 30 credits are so-called optional courses. Students can make their selection among courses within the programme, or they can select first or second cycle courses offered by the programme's subject specializations. These credits can also include courses taken during studies abroad. A maximum of 30 credits of first cycle courses can be selected. The course selection must be approved by the programme coordinator.

Programme structure

The academic year is split into two semesters. Each semester is divided into (usually two or four) courses which are all examined separately. Subject area courses and elective courses are offered on a rolling basis.

Semester 1: Philosophy of Science for Linguists 7.5 credits, compulsory subject area courses or elective courses 22.5 credits
Semester 2: Methods in Linguistics 7.5 credits, compulsory subject area courses or elective courses 22.5 credits
Semester 3: Compulsory subject area courses or elective courses 30 credits
Semester 4: Degree Project – Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

For admission to semester two, the student must have completed and passed the introductory course Philosophy of Science for Linguists. For admission to the Degree Project – Master's (Two Years) Thesis course, the student must have completed courses comprising at least 60 credits, including all compulsory courses.

Course details for the Master's degree (60 credits)

Course details for the Master's degree (60 credits) can be found under Other information.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)

- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Ancient Greek
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Arabic
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Chinese
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Cognitive Semiotics
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in English
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in French
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in General Linguistics
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in German
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Greek
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Italian
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Japanese
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Latin
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Modern Greek
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Modern Greek
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Phonetics
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Rhetoric
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Romanian
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Russian
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Spanish
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Swedish/Scandinavian Languages
- Main field of study: Language and Linguistics with specialization in Swedish as a Second Language

Filosofie masterexamen

- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i allmän språkvetenskap*
- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i antik grekiska*
- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i arabiska*
- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i engelska*
- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i fonetik*
- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i franska*
- *Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i grekiska*

Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i italienska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i japanska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i kinesiska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i kognitiv semiotik
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i latin
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i modern grekiska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i nygrekiska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i retorik
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i rumänska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i ryska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i spanska
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i svenska/nordiska språk
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i svenska som andraspråk
Huvudområde: Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i tyska

Degree titles for a Master's degree (60 credits) are:

Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits), majors as above

Filosofie magisterexamen, huvudområden som ovan

Entry requirements and selection method

Classical Languages

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree specializing in the subject chosen for the Master’s programme
- Completed at least 90 credits in the chosen language
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, relevant to the chosen subject
- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Cognitive Semiotics

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree in a language subject or linguistics as the main field of study, or a Bachelor’s degree with semiotics or cognitive science as the main field of study and courses in basic linguistics of at least 15 credits
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, relevant to the chosen specialization
- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

English

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with English language and linguistics as the main field of study
- Completed at least 90 credits in the language. Beginner level courses cannot be included in these.
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, with a specialization in English language and linguistics
- English language skills demonstrated by one of the following tests:
    - IELTS (Academic) with an average of 7.5 and normally no one component under 7.0,
    - TOEFL iBT Test/TOEFL iBT Home Edition/TOEFL iBT Paper Edition, with a result of 102 or above, as well as results in the individual components as follows: reading 24–30; listening 22–30; speaking 25–30; writing 24–30 (equivalent to Advanced)
    - Pearson PTE Academic/Pearson PTE Academic Online, with a result of 76 or above
    - Cambridge English Qualifications, level C2 (with a result of 200 or above)

Applicants who are native speakers of English and have also a completed high-school diploma or an Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination diploma from the UK, lreland, USA, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand are exempted from the above requirement. A copy of the diploma must be submitted with the application.

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Linguistics

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with linguistics or phonetics as the main field of study, or a language degree with at least 60 credits in general linguistics and phonetics
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, relevant to the chosen subject (general linguistics or phonetics)
- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Modern Languages

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree specializing in the subject chosen for the Master’s programme
- Completed at least 90 credits in the chosen language. Beginner level courses cannot be included in these.
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, relevant to the chosen subject
- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

- Good written and oral command of the language

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Rhetoric

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with rhetoric as the main field of study
- Courses in basic linguistics of at least 15 credits
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, with a specialization in rhetoric
- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.
- Proficiency in Swedish, Danish or Norwegian equivalent to C1 according to the CEFR

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Swedish as a Second Language

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with Swedish as a second language, or Swedish/Scandinavian languages, or another language subject with a specialization in linguistics, or linguistics as the main field of study
- Bachelor’s thesis, or other equivalent academic work, relevant to the chosen specialization

- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.
- Proficiency in Swedish equivalent to a pass on the TISUS or Swedish 3 or (foreign) Bachelor's degree with Swedish as the main field of study

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Swedish/Scandinavian Languages

Entry requirements

- Bachelor's degree with Swedish or Scandinavian languages as the main field of study
- Completed at least 90 credits in Swedish, Danish or Norwegian. Beginner level courses cannot be included in these.
- Bachelor's thesis, or other equivalent academic work, relevant to the chosen specialization
- Knowledge and skills in English equivalent to at least English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school. Equivalence is assessed in accordance with national guidelines.
- Good written and oral command of the language, equivalent to a pass on the TISUS or equivalent, or comparable proficiency in Danish or Norwegian.

Selection method

A major criterion in the admission process is the applicant's estimated ability to complete the programme successfully. The applicants are ranked based on their previous academic merits (grades for courses and the quality of their BA thesis or equivalent academic papers), their statement of purpose, and their proficiency in English. Admissions interviews may also be used to rank the applicants.

Other access requirements and selection method

Intakes for applicants

For some of the specializations the applicant must choose one track at intake:

- **Modern languages intake**: Arabic/Semitic Languages, French, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Modern Greek, Romanian, Russian, Spanish or German
- **Classical Languages intake**: Greek or Latin
- **Linguistics intake**: General Linguistics or Phonetics

Not all specializations and tracks are offered every year. The current options are published on the University's websites.

Other information

Information about teaching and examination is given in the syllabus for each course included in the programme.

The languages of instruction are English and other languages depending on the area of specialization.

The programme is offered by the Centre for Languages and Literature.

Master's degree (60 credits)

For the Master's degree (60 credits) in Language and Linguistics, the following information applies:

The Master of Arts in Language and Linguistics is a two-year programme, but those students who wish to obtain a Master's degree (60 credits) are offered an opportunity to leave the programme after one year.

Learning outcomes for a Master's degree (60 credits)

Second-cycle courses and study programmes shall involve the acquisition of specialist knowledge, competence and skills in relation to first-cycle courses and study programmes, and in addition to the requirements for first-cycle courses and study programmes shall:

• further develop the ability of students to integrate and make autonomous use of their knowledge
• develop students' ability to deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, and
• develop students' potential for professional careers that demand considerable autonomy, or for research and development work.

The Master of Arts programme builds on previous first-cycle studies in language or linguistics. In order to obtain a Master's degree (60 credits) the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

• demonstrate knowledge and understanding of language and linguistics, including both broad knowledge of linguistics and a degree of specialized knowledge in the selected area of specialization
• demonstrate insights into current linguistic research and development work

Competence and skills

• demonstrate an ability to apply linguistic methodology appropriately
• demonstrate the ability to systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even with limited information
• demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate research issues critically and autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
• demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss their development work and research, as well as the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, using the language of the selected specialization
• demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in an advanced capacity concerned with language, the teaching of language and international relations
• demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to work autonomously in the area covered by the programme

Judgement and approach

• demonstrate the ability to make assessments in linguistics informed by relevant disciplinary, societal and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and developmental work,
• demonstrate the ability to assess, compile and evaluate information from various sources, within the chosen area of specialization for the degree project,
• demonstrate knowledge of the place of linguistics in the context of other sciences,
• demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used,
• demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for their ongoing learning.

Course details for the Master's degree (60 credits)

Compulsory courses common to all specializations for the entire programme (22.5 credits)

• Language and Linguistics: Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits
• Language and Linguistics: Degree Project: Master's (One Year) Thesis, 15 credits

Compulsory courses for each subject area (15 credits)

Second-cycle courses in the subject area of the specialisation, provided by the department. Information about available courses is provided at the start of every academic year and made available on the department web pages. Course choices must be approved by the programme coordinator.

Elective courses within the programme (22.5 credits)

The department provides information about the courses available during each academic year. At least 7,5 credits are so-called elective courses that must be on the second cycle and in the area of languages and linguistics. Students should make their selection among courses offered within the programme.15 credits are so-called optional courses. Students can make their selection among courses within the programme, or they can select first or second cycle courses offered by the programme's subject specializations. These credits can also include courses taken during studies abroad. A maximum of 15 credits of first cycle courses can be selected. The course selection must be approved by the programme coordinator.

Programme structure

The academic year is split into two semesters. Each semester is divided into (usually two or four) courses which are all examined separately. Subject specialization courses and elective courses are given on a rolling basis.

Semester 1: Philosophy of Science for Linguists 7.5 credits, compulsory subject courses or elective courses 22.5 credits
Semester 2: Compulsory subject courses or elective courses 15 credits, Degree Project: Master's (One Year) Thesis 15 credits

For admission to semester two, the student must have completed and passed the introductory course Philosophy of Science for Linguists. For admission to the Degree Project: Master's (One Year) Thesis course the student must have completed courses comprising at least 22.5 credits, including all compulsory courses.