

## Education plan

for

**Masterprogram i engelska språket och språkvetenskap 120.0 Higher Education Credits**  
**Master's Programme in English Language and Linguistics 120.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Programme code:</b>	HENGE
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2025
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<b>Department:</b>	Department of English

### Decision

Finalized by: Humanistiska fakultetsnämnden, 2024-09-10

### Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A degree of 180 credits, including a degree project or equivalent, in English with a specialisation in English linguistics, or in linguistics or another subject with a linguistics profile.

English proficiency at GERS/CEFR C1 level documented by previous studies, an international proficiency test or equivalent.

### Programme structure

The Master's Programme in English Language and Linguistics deals with linguistics more broadly as well as in-depth through the study of, for example, sociolinguistics, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, language learning and second language acquisition, and phonology. Emphasis is placed on the student developing their scientific approach and their ability for independent analysis, as well as practicing communicating their work both in writing and orally. Practically, the student practices this through small project assignments and seminar presentations.

The programme prepares students for professional activities related to the English language in, for example, education, government, business, publishing and translation. The programme also provides eligibility for graduate-level education in English linguistics.

The programme comprises four terms of full-time study (120 credits) and consists of compulsory courses (90 credits), including a thesis for the master's degree (30 credits), as well as optional and elective courses (30 credits). Students choose to write their thesis in the areas for which supervisor competence is available at the department.

Within the programme, there is the option to finish with Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits). Students who choose this option write a 15 credit degree project in term 2.

English is the medium of instruction on all courses within the main field of study, but it is possible to

choose optional courses in other languages.

## **Goals**

### ***Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)***

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

Students are expected to be able to

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, commanding both wide knowledge of the field and in-depth specialised knowledge in certain areas of it, as well as extensive familiarity with current research and development, and
- demonstrate in-depth methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

#### *Competence and skills*

Students are expected to be able to

- demonstrate an ability to integrate knowledge critically and systematically and to analyse, evaluate and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when information is limited,
- demonstrate an ability to identify and formulate research questions independently, critically and creatively, and to plan and carry out advanced tasks within a given time frame, using appropriate methods, thus contributing to the advancement of knowledge, and to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate an ability to present their work clearly, both in speech and writing, and to discuss the conclusions along with the knowledge and reasoning underpinning them, both nationally and internationally, in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the competence and skills required to participate in research and development work, or independently meet the demands of other highly qualified occupations.

#### *Judgement and approach*

Students are expected to be able to

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in the main field of study, informed by the relevant scientific, social and ethical considerations, and to show awareness of the ethical aspects of research and development,
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of research, its role in society and the individual's responsibility for how it is used, and
- demonstrate an ability to recognise their own need to expand their knowledge and to take responsibility for their continued learning process.

### ***Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits)***

### *Knowledge and understanding*

Students are expected to be able to

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, commanding both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of it, as well as insight into current research and development, and
- demonstrate in-depth methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

### *Competence and skills*

Students are expected to be able to

- demonstrate an ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, evaluate and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when information is limited,
- demonstrate an ability to identify and formulate research questions independently, and to plan and carry out advanced tasks within a given time frame, using appropriate methods,
- demonstrate an ability to present their work clearly, both in speech and writing, and to discuss the conclusions along with the knowledge and reasoning underpinning them, in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the competence and skills required to participate in research and development work, or independently meet the demands of other highly qualified occupations.

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## **Courses**

### *Study route and obligatory courses*

#### *Study route 1*

##### *Term 1*

Sociolinguistics, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Syntax, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Semantics and Pragmatics, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study Philosophy)

*Term 2*

30 credits of elective/optional courses, of which 15 should be within English linguistics

*or*

for the Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits): 15 credits of elective courses within English linguistics and the thesis course, 15 credits, within the main field of study

*Term 3*

Discourse Analysis, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Phonology, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Language Learning and Second Language Acquisition, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

*Term 4*

English - Master's Thesis in English Linguistics, 30 credits

### ***Study route 2***

*Term 1*

Discourse Analysis, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Phonology, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Language Learning and Second Language Acquisition, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study Philosophy)

*Term 2*

30 credits of elective/optional courses, of which 15 should be within English linguistics

*or*

for the Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits): 15 credits of elective courses within English linguistics and

the thesis course, 15 credits, within the main field of study

### *Term 3*

Sociolinguistics, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Syntax, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

Semantics and Pragmatics, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study English)

### *Term 4*

English – Master's Thesis in English Linguistics, 30 credits

### ***Optional and elective courses***

Elective/optional courses, 30 credits in total, are taken during term 2. Elective courses (15 credits in total) should be within English linguistics and can be chosen from the department's course offerings or from other universities. Optional courses (15 credits in total) can be taken in other relevant subjects. Elective and optional courses are to be selected in consultation with the programme coordinator and study counsellor. For detailed entry requirements, please refer to the syllabus for each course. The available selection of elective courses will be advertised in the course catalogue. The Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) may include undergraduate courses worth a maximum of 15 credits. For the Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits), all courses should be on the advanced level.

### **Degree**

The programme leads to a Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) in English, with the option to finish with a Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits) in English.

### **Misc**

#### ***Interim***

When the programme is discontinued, students have the right to complete their studies in accordance with this syllabus within an additional period of two years after the nominal duration of the programme. This is subject to the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the programme; alternatively, equivalent training will be offered.