

Department of Linguistics

Syllabus

for course at advanced level Project Course in General Linguistics Projektkurs i allmän språkvetenskap

15.0 Higher Education Credits
15.0 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 LIA734

 Valid from:
 Autumn 2022

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 2021-01-12

Department Department of Linguistics

Main field: Linguistics

Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Board of the Department of Linguistics on 2021-01-12.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Degree of Bachelor of Arts of 180 ECTS credits in Linguistics or General Linguistics, with a degree project in General Linguistics. English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education Credits7340Project Course in General Linguistics15

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with experience of participating in a research project within General Linguistics. The students' project work consists in participating full time for ten weeks (or with the equivalent work load over an extended period of time in case the course is taken at a pace slower than full time) in a research project within General Linguistics such that they familiarise themselves with the theoretical foundations of the project and the methodology employed and, carrying out a delimited assignment, take part in the practical work of the project.

Learning outcomes

Having completed the course, students are expected to be able to

- give an account of and discuss the theoretical and methodological foundations of the project, including current norms of research ethics
- demonstrate the ability to give a clear account, orally as well as in writing, of their own role in project work and how their contribution is integrated in the project as a whole
- demonstrate the ability to complete tasks within a given timeframe and other skills required to participate in similar research projects.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of participation in a current research project, participation in project meetings and individual supervision.

Attendance at project meetings to the extent decided beforehand is a requirement. Individual supervision amounts to maximally 14 hours, 7 of which are contact hours.

Instruction is in English.

Instruction may be carried out on campus or remotely as indicated for each course instance.

For more details, please refer to the course description. The course description is made available no later than a month before the start of the course.

Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination

The course is examined through

i) an oral presentation

ii) a written report presenting the work done

Both the seminar and the report are to include a presentation of the theoretical and methodological foundations of the project, and how the student's contribution was integrated into the project as a whole.

Examination is carried out in English.

If a student has been granted special pedagogical support by Stockholm University because of a disability or dyslexia, the examiner may adapt or change the form of examination.

b) Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale relating to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate

F = Totally Inadequate

The presentation will be graded according to a two-point scale:

G = pass

U = fail

c) Grading criteria

Students will be informed of the written, objective-related grading criteria when the course starts. Once distributed, the criteria are binding.

d) Final grade

In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all points of examination (G for modules where the seven-point scale is not used), have completed all mandatory assignments and have attained the agreed level of attendance at project meetings.

In the event of special circumstances, the examiner, upon consulting with the teacher responsible for the course, may exempt a student from participation in particular mandatory classes or from particular mandatory assignments. In such cases, the student may be given a supplementary assignment.

Examination assignments submitted after the deadline will be assessed with C as the highest possible grade.

e) Failure

Each time the course is given, at least three opportunities for examination are normally given within the year. In an academic year when the course is not given, at least one examination opportunity is offered.

Students who have been failed on an exam twice in a row by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests are to be made to the department board.

Students who have received the grade E or higher may not re-take the examination to attain a higher grade.

f) Supplementary assignments

Completing a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment is to be submitted

within two weeks of the examiner notifying the student of the need to supplement the examination.

Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited argumentation – will receive the grade E.

Interim

When the course is discontinued or the contents have been considerably altered, students have the right to be examined according to the present syllabus once per semester during a transitional period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken and passed in Sweden or elsewhere, of fully or partially overlapping content.

Misc

For courses or particular classes given online, students need access to their own computers and to the internet which means that the course may entail additional costs to students, apart from reading and other course materials.

Required reading

Please refer to the department's education pages at www.ling.su.se. An updated reading list will be made available no later than two months before the start of the course.