

# Education plan

for

**Master's Programme in Language Sciences**  
**Masterprogram i språkvetenskap**

**120.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:** HSPVO  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2009  
**Date of approval:** 2009-05-05  
**Department:** Department of Linguistics

## Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Board of the Faculty of the Humanities on May 5, 2009.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts including 90 Higher Education Credits in the subject which is the student's intended main area of study. Students who choose English as their main area of study must have knowledge of English documented by an international proficiency test (TOEFL test\* including TWE with a minimum of 630 (paper) 267 (computer) or 109 (internet)) or Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency or IELTS test with a minimum of 7.5 (and no module under 7), or equivalent evidence of proficiency in English from one of the Nordic countries. Students who choose Slavic languages or Italian as their main area of study must have 120 Higher Education Credits in the respective language of specialization (Russian, Polish, Czech, Italian). Students who choose Bilingualism as their main area of study should have a bachelor's degree in the language sciences or in some other discipline of relevance to the area (such as Education, Psychology or Social Anthropology).

## Programme structure

This programme constitutes four semesters of full-time studies and consists of both obligatory and optional courses, of which at least 60 Higher Education Credits (HECs) are in the main field of study/specialisation. The programme has ten main fields of study/specialisations: General Linguistics, Ancient Greek, English, Philosophy, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Slavic Languages, and Bilingualism. Each semester generally comprises four course units of 7.5 HECs. The semester is divided into two equal parts so that two course units of 7.5 HECs are taken in parallel during each half of the semester. The degree project constitutes one semester's work of 30 HECs, which in practice may be spread across several semesters. The programme starts with two courses that are mandatory for every main field of study/specialisation: "Linguistic theory and methodology" and "Scientific Methods and Research Ethics"; and finishes with a joint essay seminar during the fourth semester. Other joint courses in the programme are "English for Academic Research" and "Computational Linguistics", both given during the third semester. Additionally, each main field of study/specialisation has two obligatory courses carrying a total of 15 HECs. Of the remaining 45 HECs, at least 15 HECs must be taken within the main field of study/specialisation and 15 HECs within another main field of study/specialisation. Courses are selected in consultation with the course coordinator from the selection of courses common to the included departments, or from the university's other courses. These courses should mainly be at the graduate cycle (Master's). All ten main fields of study/specialisations lead to a Degree of Master's of 120 HECs.

## Goals

Having completed the programme the student has demonstrated an ability to: \*Knowledge and understanding.

-Demonstrate knowledge and understanding, including both broad knowledge in the main field of study and substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with deeper insight into current research and development work; -Demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in their main field of study. \*Skills and abilities. -Demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even when the information is limited; -Demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and, using appropriate methods, to plan and conduct advanced tasks within specified time limits, so as to contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate this work; -Demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts; -Demonstrate such skills that are required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other advanced contexts. \*Judgement and approach. -Demonstrate an ability to make assessments in their main field of study, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work; -Demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used; -Demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

### **Courses**

The Master's Programme in Linguistics constitutes common obligatory courses carrying a total of 30 HECs, specialisation-specific obligatory courses carrying a total of 15 HECs, optional courses of 45 HECs, of which at least 15 HECs must be taken within the main field of study/specialisation, and 15 HECs within a field other than the main field of study. The programme finishes with a degree project of 30 HECs within the main field of study/specialisation. Obligatory joint courses in the programme are: Linguistic theory and methodology, 7.5 HECs; Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 HECs; English for Academic Research, 7.5 HECs; Computational Linguistics, 7.5 HECs; Independent project for the Degree of Master, 30 HECs; For information about obligatory specialisation-specific courses, please refer to the study plan of each specialisation. For information about optional courses, please see <http://www.ling.su.se/pub/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=12273>

### **Degree**

The programme leads to a Master's Degree in the selected main field of study/specialisation.

### **Misc**

Students enrolled in the programme are expected to follow the programme syllabus, and any interruption of studies must be reported to the programme coordinator in the Department of Linguistics.