

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Spanish, Sociolinguistics
Spanska, Sociolingvistik

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	ES5503
Valid from:	Autumn 2012
Date of approval:	2012-04-04
Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Romanska språk
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies on 2007-04-19

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
5503	Sociolinguistics with Specialization in Spanish	7.5

Course content

The course includes an introduction to modern sociolinguistic theory and methodology with applications to Spanish-speaking areas. Sociolinguistic research fields and the basic concepts are presented. The course covers the following areas: linguistic variation, bilingualism from a societal and individual perspective, language change and code switch, gender and accommodation theory. How social significance is expressed through language and established in interaction is also discussed.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the student is expected to:

- account for the main research directions within sociolinguistics, its objectives and key issues, as well as to exemplify those from the Spanish-speaking areas
- have acquired insights into the sociolinguistic research methods and be able to make applications to research problems in Spanish-speaking areas
- present results within sociolinguistics research and in connection therewith adopt a critical and analytical attitude
- have acquired the ability to formulate, set up and present a research project within any of the main orientations of field of study of sociolinguistics.

Education

The teaching is given in the form of lessons and group work.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through an assessment of the oral presentations by the participants done individually or as group work, and by a final take-home exam.

b. Grades are given according to a goal related criterion referenced seven-point scale:

A = Excellent
B = Very Good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Sufficient
Fx = Insufficient
F = Fail

c. The grading criteria for this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course.

d. A grade of at least E on all modules is required in order to obtain a passing grade for the whole course.

If a student has received the grade of E or higher, he/she may not re-take the test in order to get a higher grade.

e. In order to obtain at least the grade of E, a student who has received a failing grade of F or Fx has the right to undergo four additional tests provided the course is still offered.

A student who has received the grade of Fx or F twice on a given test by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application for re-examination should be addressed to the board of the department.

Limitations

Restriction of the right to include the course in a degree:

The course may not be credited as part of the degree requirements together with a course, completed inside or outside the country, whose contents partially or wholly overlaps with to the contents of this course.

Required reading

Mesthrie, J. et al. *Introducing Sociolinguistics*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. 2000.
Valda vetenskapliga artiklar till ett omfång om ca 500 sidor.