

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Language Sciences
Masterprogram i språkvetenskap

**120.0 Higher Education
Credits**
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: HSPRO
Valid from: Autumn 2013
Date of approval: 2012-09-19
Department: Department of Linguistics

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Board of the Faculty of the Humanities on September 19, 2012.

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 field of study (for the specialisation in Language Education a degree in education in the language sciences), and proficiency in English equivalent to the Swedish upper secondary school course English B.

In addition, students who choose English as their main field of study must have proficiency in 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 (A or B) 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 field of study must have 120 Higher Education Credits in the respective language of specialisation (Russian, Polish, Czech, Italian). Students who choose Bilingualism as their main field 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) and at least 30 HECs in Linguistics or equivalent included in the degree or as a self-contained course. Students who chose Language Education as their main field of study must have, in addition to a degree in education in the language sciences, a bachelor degree project in a language, language education or equivalent included in the degree or as a self-contained course.

Programme structure

This programme constitutes four semesters of full-time studies and consists of both mandatory and optional courses, of which at least 60 Higher Education Credits (HECs) are in the main field of study/specialisation. The programme has eleven main fields of study/specialisations: General Linguistics, Ancient Greek, English, Philosophy, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Slavic Languages, Language Education, 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: "Language in Use" 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 mandatory 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 second cycle (Master's). All eleven main fields of study/specialisations lead to a Degree of Master's of 120 HECs.

Goals

For a Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study
- 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 issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity
- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- 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 his or her ongoing learning.

Courses

The Master's Programme in Linguistics constitutes common mandatory courses carrying a total of 30 HECs, specialisation-specific mandatory 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. Mandatory joint courses in the programme are: Language in Use, 7.5 HECs (main field of study/specialisation: Linguistics); Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 HECs (main field of study/specialisation: Philosophy); English for Academic Research, 7.5 HECs (main field of study/specialisation: English); Computational Linguistics, 7.5 HECs (main field of study/specialisation: Linguistics); Independent project for the Degree of Master, 30 HECs (the selected main field of study/specialisation). For information about mandatory specialisation-specific courses, please refer to the study plan of each specialisation. For information about optional courses, please see <http://www.ling.su.se/utbildning/alla-utbildningar/program/masterprogram-i-sprakvetenskap>

Degree

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

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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.