

Syllabus

for course at first level

Linguistic Evolution, Development, and Variation
Språkets evolution, utveckling och variation

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	LIN133
Valid from:	Autumn 2019
Date of approval:	2013-03-13
Changed:	2019-02-12
Department	Department of Linguistics
Main field:	Linguistics
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2013-03-13 and revised by the Board of the Department of Linguistics 2019-02-12.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1330	Language - evolution, development, and variation	7.5

Course content

This course explores and problematises a number of central topics to do with language as a phenomenon. Areas addressed are the biology and evolution of language, the relation of human language to the communication systems of animals, language acquisition and language modelling, variation across and within languages, language change and language relatedness, complexity and expressivity. These topics are dealt with from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to

- account for different scientific perspectives on linguistic phenomena
- discuss different aspects of central issues concerning human language
- argue for and against different views on linguistic evolution, development, and variation.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, also containing discussion sessions, and seminars. For more information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be available no later than a month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a) The course is examined on the basis of a written examination. For details, please see the course description. The course description will be made available no later than a month before the course starts.

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

A = Excellent
B = Very Good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Adequate
Fx = Inadequate
F = Totally Inadequate

c) Students will be informed of the grading criteria at the start of the course. Once distributed, the grading criteria are binding.

d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the examination.

e) Each time the course is given, at least two examination opportunities are offered. At least one examination opportunity should be offered in years when the course is not given.

Students who have received the grade Fx or F 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 should be made to the department board.

Students who have received a grade of E or higher may not take the examination again in order to obtain a higher grade.

f) This course does not permit supplementary assignments in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition 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.

Required reading

For the current reading list, please see the department's education pages at <https://www.ling.su.se/english/>. The list will be made available no later than two months before the start of the course.