

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Spanish, Master's course

Spanska - Masterkurs

15.0 Higher Education

Credits

15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	ESMAS2
Valid from:	Autumn 2014
Date of approval:	2014-03-05
Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Romanska språk
Specialisation:	A2E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

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
ESM2	Master Exam 15	15

Course content

The course consists of carrying out a research project dealing with a topic in linguistics, discourse science or literature. The thesis work has a considerably greater extent than the exam paper carried out at the undergraduate level (bachelor's degree in Spanish), and the demands of scientific theory, research methodology and independence are significantly higher.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the student is expected to:

- have demonstrated her/his ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena and issues that fall within one of the following areas: Spanish language, Spanish discourse or Spanish literature
- have acquired substantial knowledge in the selected research area, broadly defined.
- have demonstrated the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate research questions, by relying on a deepened insight into relevant methodology and current research and development work in the area.
- have demonstrated her/his ability to plan and with adequate means to implement an advanced thesis work in a given time frame.
- have the ability to express her/himself in written Spanish, in a structurally and stylistically correct manner, and fully adhering to the conventions of Spanish-speaking countries for advanced scientific work
- have the ability to account for and discuss in Spanish current scientific problems and results at a level comparable to native researchers
- be able to present and discuss her/his findings and the knowledge and arguments underpinning them in both national and international contexts, orally and in writing, in Spanish, Swedish and English

- have demonstrated her/his ability to take into account the ethical standards of current research.

Education

An introduction is given to the planning of the thesis work. A presentation of the project plan is expected to occur at an early stage at the higher seminar. The thesis work is supervised by individual tutoring. The completed thesis work is ventilated at a higher seminar.

Forms of examination

a. The examination is carried out when the thesis is ventilated at the higher seminar in which at least two experts will present their views on the work. The assessment of the work is based primarily on its overall quality, but also on how well the student performs in explaining and discussing the aims and results of the thesis at the seminar.

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.

A student, who has received the grade of E or higher, 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.

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Degree that the course leads to:

In order to obtain an Master of Arts (Two Years) with a major in Spanish the student is required to complete courses approved by the faculty in Science and research ethics, 7.5 hp, and Scientific English, 7.5 hp. The student must also have also approved courses in Spanish at the advanced level of 30 credits and additional approved courses at the advanced level in Spanish or another subject of 45 hp. Basic courses can be credited to the degree with the approval of the director of studies.

Required reading

Stockholms universitet, ISPLA. Att lägga upp en projektplan. Kompendium

Bjereld, U., Demker, M., Hinnfors, J. Varför vetenskap? Lund: Studentlitteratur.

För arbeten med inriktning på litteraturvetenskap:

Johansson, A. Narrativ teori och metod. Lund: Studentlitteratur.