

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Spanish, Master's course**  
**Spanska - Masterkurs**

**15.0 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**15.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	ESMAS2
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2019
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2014-03-05
<b>Changed:</b>	2016-09-17
<b>Department</b>	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
<b>Main field:</b>	Romanska språk
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A2E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

## Decision

This syllabus was established by the Humanities Faculty Board on 05/03/2014 and revised by the department board at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics on 17/09/2016.  
Technical revision by the Student Services on 24/04/2019.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

### Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MAEX	Master Thesis	15

### Course content

In the degree project, the student shall carry out a research assignment on a topic within the main field of study Romance Languages specialising in Spanish. The degree project has high requirements relating to research methodology and scientific merit, and its scope shall correspond to one semester of part-time studies.

### Learning outcomes

To pass the course, the student shall be able to

- critically and systematically integrate knowledge, and to analyse, assess and manage complex phenomena and questions within the main field of study of Romance Languages specialising in Spanish.
- critically and independently identify and formulate questions based on solid insight into contemporary research and development, thereby contributing to the knowledge development, and to evaluate these efforts;
- plan and use adequate methods to carry out a qualified degree project;
- use academic Spanish and scientific stringency in speech and in writing to describe and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based, making associations to previous research results within the field;
- make assessments considering relevant scientific and ethical aspects, and demonstrate awareness regarding ethical aspects of research and development within the main field of study, Romance Languages specialising in Spanish;
- demonstrate the ability to critically review the scientific works of others.
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### **Education**

Supervision and seminars. For more detailed information, see the course description.

### **Forms of examination**

a. Examination takes place through the student authoring a scientific degree project and discussing this project during seminars, and through the student publicly discussing and examining the degree project of another student.

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b. Grading of the course is done on a seven-grade scale:

- A = Excellent
- B = Very good
- C = Good
- D = Satisfactory
- E = Adequate
- Fx = Inadequate
- F = Fail.

c. Students are informed of the written grading criteria at the start of the course. The issued grading criteria for each intended learning outcome are binding.

d. A final grade on the course requires at least an E.

e. Students who have received an E at the lowest will not be permitted to retake the examination for a higher grade.

Students who have been given the grade of Fx or F on an exam twice in a row by the same examiner is entitled to have a different examiner appointed for the next exam, unless there are special reasons indicating otherwise. A request for a new examiner must be made to the department board.

Each time the course is offered, at least two examinations are offered during the same semester. At least one examination is also offered during any semester or year that the course is not offered.

f. Supplementation of the degree project can be granted if the student is close to the limit for passing (Fx). The assignment must be submitted within one week after the need for supplementation has been notified by the examiner. For passing supplementation relating to lacking understanding, minor misunderstandings, minor errors or excessively limited arguments the grade E is used. For passing supplementation of simpler formalities, the scale A–E is used.

g. A student who starts working on a degree project is entitled to at least twelve hours with their supervisor (including e-mail contact). The supervision can be individual or provided in small groups.

h. When grading the degree project, the following bases of assessment will be used: implementation of the scientific investigation, knowledge of the theoretical background, interpretation and analysis of the results, independence, oral and written presentation, public discussion and examination of another student's project, ability to keep to the established schedule for the project. The assessment of the work is primarily based on its general quality, but also on how well the student presents and discusses the aim and outcomes of the project during the seminar.

i. Change of supervisor can occur in special circumstances. A request for such a change, along with a motivation, shall always be made to the Department Board.

j. A student who does not finish a started degree project on time during the course in question is not entitled to additional supervisor time. However, the student is always entitled to have their degree project assessed at the next examination.

### **Interim**

When the course syllabus is revoked, the student has the right to be examined once per semester in accordance with the current syllabus during a phase-out period of three semesters.

**Limitations**

The course cannot be included in examination simultaneously with a course completed and passed within or outside the country, whose contents fully or partially match the contents of this course.

**Required reading**

Selected in consultation with the supervisor.