

# Education plan

for

**Master's Programme in Literature**  
**Masterprogram i litteraturvetenskap**

**120.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Programme code:</b>	HMLVO
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2014
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<b>Department:</b>	Department of Culture and Aesthetics

## Decision

This education syllabus is established by the board of the Department of Literary Studies and History of Ideas 2013-xx-xx.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Degree of Bachelor of Arts, 180 ECTS total, with a major in the specialization applied to. English proficiency equivalent to Swedish Upper Secondary School course English B/English 6.

For the specializations in Swedish and General Literature; Latin and Classical Greek, Swedish proficiency equivalent to the Upper Secondary School course Swedish B is required.

For the specialization in English Literature, English proficiency equivalent to Swedish Upper Secondary School course English B/English 7 is required. Applicants' knowledge of English must be 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 the equivalent.

## Programme structure

The Master's Programme in Literature is a collaboration between the Departments of Literature, Ancient Greek, English, Finnish, French, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Czech and German.

The programme leads to a degree in the main field of study and aims to deepen and enhance the students' academic and linguistic competence, as well as their knowledge in the broad field of literature.

Giving an international and transnational perspective, the programme qualifies students for doctoral studies in the fields listed above, but is also useful for work outside of the university.

This is especially the case in fields where there is a demand for knowledge about the significance of language for communication and social development, and which require international broad-mindedness, historical competence and the ability to deal with complex information in a systematic and critical fashion.

The obligatory programme-specific courses are given in English or Swedish and focus on general questions such as the distinctive character of literary interpretation, the concept of literature in different languages and cultures, and narrative form and function.

As a student in the Master's Programme in Literature you will have access to Sweden's largest selection of Second-Level courses in the humanities and language studies. These courses have a very strong research basis and represent the leading edge in the different humanistic and linguistic fields of research.

In consultation with your supervisor, you will draw up a plan for your individual studies on the basis of your own interests and needs. The programme also leaves room for practical training.

### **Goals**

On completion of the programme, students should demonstrate an ability to:

1. critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analysis, evaluate and handle complex materials, frame investigations and problematise issues within the domain of literary studies, and demonstrate advanced knowledge within aspects of the discipline;
2. use advanced methods and with insight into critical research practice, identify and formulate questions independently, and plan adequate methods to achieve self-critical investigations within a given time-frame;
3. in both national and international contexts, be able to justify and discuss your argument and conclusions in spoken and written forms;
4. observe the ethics and conventions of research methodologies.

### **Courses**

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### **Degree**

The programme leads to a Master's Degree.