

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Magister's Thesis in Bilingualism

Tvåspråkighet - magisterkurs

15.0 Higher Education

Credits

15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	CT7265
Valid from:	Autumn 2019
Date of approval:	2014-10-15
Changed:	2017-09-06
Department	The Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism
Main field:	Bilingualism
Specialisation:	A1E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board on 2014-10-15, revised and approved by the Department Board on 2015-10-07 and most recently revised on 2017-09-06.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the Master's program in Language Sciences at Stockholm University or equivalent. At least 30 credits at the advanced level in the Master's program in Language Sciences with at least 15 credits in the main field of Bilingualism. The course Scientific Method and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits, must be included.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
UPPS	Magister's thesis	15

Course content

The student develops knowledge and understanding of theories and methods in a discipline in the Bilingualism field and acquires the ability to independently plan, implement and report on a scientific research project.

Learning outcomes

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

- Plan and undertake a scientific study in the subject of bilingualism and present the study in the form of a scientific paper
- Demonstrate the ability to independently identify and formulate problems, apply a critical and reflective approach and, in a theoretically informed way use scientifically based arguments in support of their conclusions
- Defend their own scientific work; defend here means to take in and creatively respond to peer criticism by carefully considering the examiner's views and, in relation to these, to substantiate and argue for the choice of the theoretical framework and methodology, analyses and conclusions in their own work, but also to be aware of and acknowledge any shortcomings
- Review scientific papers both in terms of content and form; the review shall include a brief summary of the study design, results and conclusions, a detailed constructive criticism of the work, and a final evaluation
- Use applicable ethical standards of research

- Evaluate and discuss quality in scientific studies in the field of bilingualism, primarily by opposing another degree project.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of supervision and essay seminars with mandatory attendance. The language of instruction is English.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

Forms of examination

- a. The course is examined on the basis of a written thesis, defense of one's own degree project and discussion and examination of another student's degree project. The language of examination is English and/or Swedish, in accordance with agreement.

The principles for the weighting of the individual examination tasks are described in the grading criteria. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

- b. Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale:

A = Excellent

B = Very Good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate

F = Totally Inadequate

- c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts.

- d. In order to pass the course students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations and meet the attendance requirement at 60% of essay seminars. Under special circumstances, the coordinating teacher may grant exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory course elements, the student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

- e. Students who receive the grade E or higher on the degree project may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. Students who receive the grade Fx or F on the degree project twice by the same the 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. One examination opportunity is offered per course.

- f. Completion of supplementary work/corrections in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The thesis must be resubmitted within two weeks of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete supplementary requirements. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E.

- g. The supervision covers 20 hours, of which maximum 6 hours contact time. The supervision time may be individual or apply to a smaller group.

- h. In the grading of the thesis, the following assessment criteria are used: to what extent:

- A systematic linguistic method is applied consistently, accurately and insightfully
- Purpose, methods and conclusions match
- General conclusions are presented and inserted in a relevant research context
- Own study methods and results are discussed in a critical way
- New knowledge is clearly added to the subject field
- The student demonstrates understanding of the task, an ability to implement the study/ theoretical task, knowledge of the theoretical background, an ability to apply relevant theories/models and concepts in the interpretation and analysis of the results, independence, ability to meet the deadlines for the project and the specified scope as well as to follow the instructions for the assignment.

- i. A change of supervisors may be granted under special circumstances. Requests for such a change (including a justification) should always be made to the Department Board.

- j. Students who do not finish their degree projects during the course are not entitled to more supervision time

beyond that stated in g). However, the students are always entitled to have their degree projects graded at a future examination date.

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 in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Misc

The course replaces CT7065 Magister's Thesis in Bilingualism and CT7165 Bilingualism - Magister's Course.

Required reading

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts on the department's website www.biling.su.se