

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Master's Thesis in Bilingualism
Tvåspråkighet - masterkurs

30.0 Higher Education
Credits
30.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	CT7260
Valid from:	Spring 2016
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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 and revised and approved by the Department Board on 2015-10-07.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the Master's program in Linguistics at Stockholm University or equivalent. At least 45 credits at the advanced level in the Master's program in Linguistics with at least 30 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	Master's Thesis	30

Course content

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

Learning outcomes

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

- Plan and undertake a major scientific study in the subject of bilingualism and present the study in the form of a scientific paper
- Demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate problems, apply a critical and reflective approach and, in a theoretically informed way, make scientific 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 by arguing 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 examination shall include a brief summary of the study design, results and conclusions, a detailed constructive criticism of the work, and a final review.

Education

Teaching is in the form of supervision and essay seminars with compulsory attendance. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through a written thesis, the defence of one's own work and the opposition of another student's thesis. The principles for the weighting of the individual examination tasks are shown in the rating criteria. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

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 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, meet the attendance requirement (60% of essay seminars). Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory teaching sessions. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. Students who receive a grade of E on the thesis may not retake the examination for higher grades. Students with grade Fx or F on the thesis twice in a row by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed to determine the grade, unless there are special reasons against it. Requests for this should be made to the Board. One examination session is offered per course.

f. Completion of Fx can be allowed if the student is close to a passing grade. The thesis must be resubmitted within two weeks after the examiner has informed the student of supplementary requirements. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or overly limited arguments – will not be awarded more than a grade D. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E.

g. Supervision consists of 20 clock hours, of which a maximum of 6 hours contact time. Supervision time can be individual or in a small group.

h. In the grading of the thesis, the following 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

- Understanding of the task, the implementation of the study / theoretical task, knowledge of the theoretical background, interpretation and analysis of the results, independence, ability to keep to the planned timetable for the work.

i. A change of supervisors can take place in special circumstances. The request for such a change, with justification, should always be made to the Board.

j. Students who, during the time period of the course, are not ready in time with a thesis to be examined are not entitled to more supervision time beyond that stated in g). The student is always entitled to submit the thesis for a later examination.

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

The course may not be accredited at the same time as a nationally or internationally approved course whose contents completely or partly correspond with the contents of this one.

Misc

The course replaces CT7060 Master's Thesis in Bilingualism and CT7160 Bilingualism - Master's Course.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department's website www.biling.su.se.
The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.