Department of Culture and Aesthetics

Stockholm University

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Literature
Masterprogram i litteraturvetenskap

120.0 Higher Education Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

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This syllabus was adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2015-10-07.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Programme structure

General Syllabus

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A bachelor's degree or equivalent in the relevant main field of study; English proficiency equivalent to English 6 in Swedish upper secondary school.

For the specialisations in General and Swedish Literature, Swedish proficiency equivalent to Swedish 3 in Swedish upper secondary school is required.

In addition, the specialisation in English Literature requires English proficiency documented by one of the following internationally recognised language tests: TOEFL, including TWE, with a minimum score of 630 (written test)/267 (computer-based test)/109 (Internet-based test), Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency (A or B) or IELTS with a total score of at least 7.5 (and no part below 7), or equivalent.

Programme structure
The programme comprises four semesters of full-time study and consists of both obligatory and optional

courses, of which at least 60 credits are in the main field of study/specialisation. The programme has thirteen literary specialisations: General and Swedish Literature, Ancient Greek, Czech, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

The programme leads to a degree in the main field of study, provides increased knowledge of literature and methods of literary analysis, as well as enables students to practice their skills in textual analysis and the oral and written presentation of results. In addition, the programme leaves room for practical training. Each student will draw up an individual study plan in consultation with their department.

The programme qualifies students for doctoral studies in their main field of study, but it is also useful for work in professions where there is a demand for knowledge about the importance of language for communication and social development, and which require international broad-mindedness, historical expertise, and the ability to deal with complex information in a systematic and critical fashion.

The programme comprises four semesters of full-time study for a total of 120 credits. Students who have completed a one-year master's programme (magister, 60 credits) may complement their studies with the remaining parts of the master's programme in order to obtain a master's degree.

Regardless of specialisation, the first semester begins with two obligatory, programme-specific courses: Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits, and Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits. English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits, is given in the third semester. At least 15 credits' worth of optional courses must be linked to the main field of study, and 15 credits must be linked to another field of study. The fourth and final semester is devoted to a degree project (30 credits) in the main field of study. Students who have already completed a degree project worth 15 credits for a one-year master's (magister) degree may write another degree project worth 15 credits and take two optional courses. In order to obtain a master's degree, students must thus complete a degree project worth at least 30 credits, or two degree projects worth at least 15 credits each, within the main field of study.

Goals

Programme objectives
Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits)

Knowledge and understanding
Students must be able to:
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in their main field of study, including both a broad command of the field and deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with insight into current research and development work;
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in their main field of study.

Skills and abilities
Students must be able to:
- demonstrate an ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when limited information is available;
- demonstrate an ability to independently identify and formulate issues and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits;
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing;
- demonstrate the skill required to participate in research and development work or to work in other advanced contexts.

Judgement and approach
Students must be able to:
- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in their main field of study, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work;
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used;
- demonstrate an ability to identify areas where further knowledge is required and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)

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Students must be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in their main field of study, including both broad knowledge in the field and substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with deeper insight into current research and development work;
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in their main field of study.

Skills and abilities
Students must be able to:
- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when limited information is available;
- demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits, so as to contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate this work;
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts;
- demonstrate the skill required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other advanced contexts.

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- demonstrate an ability to identify areas where further knowledge is required and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

Courses

Courses
Course of study and obligatory courses for each specialisation:

1.General and Swedish Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Literature, Society, Criticism, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)

Spring
Reading and Interpreting Literary Classics A, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Master's Course in Literature SC, 30 credits (main field of study: Literature)

2.Ancient Greek Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Classical and Post-Classical Texts, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Classical Languages)

Spring

Methods in Philology, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Classical Languages)
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course
Optional courses worth a total of 7.5 credits

Spring
Greek - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Classical Languages)

3.English Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Perspectives on Realism, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English)

Spring
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
English - Master's Thesis in English Literature, 30 credits (main field of study: English)

4.Finnish Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Finnish, Literary Theory and Methods, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Finnish)

Spring
Finnish, Literature after 1939, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Finnish)
Finnish, Literature 1905-1939, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Finnish)
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Finnish, Literature before 1905, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Finnish)
Optional course, 7.5 credits
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Finnish - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Finnish)

5. French Literature

Year 1
Autumn

Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
The Emergence of National Literatures in Romance Languages, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)

Spring
Mediating Romance Language Literatures in a Global World, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)
French Literature: Genre Theory and Aesthetics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in French)
Two optional courses worth a total of 15 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
French - Master's Degree, 30 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in French)

6. Italian Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
The Emergence of National Literatures in Romance Languages, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)

Spring
Mediating Romance Language Literatures in a Global World, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)
Italian Early Modern Literature (1300-1700), 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in Italian)
Two optional courses worth a total of 15 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Italian - Master's Degree, 30 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in Italian)

7. Latin Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Classical and Post-Classical Texts, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Classical Languages)

Spring
Methods in Philology, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Classical Languages)
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Latin - Master’s Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Classical Languages)

8. Polish Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Theory and Academic Presentation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)

Spring
Polish Fiction and Non-Fiction, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Polish - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)

9. Portuguese Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
The Emergence of National Literatures in Romance Languages, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)

Spring
Mediating Romance Language Literatures in a Global World, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)
Portuguese, History of the literature in the Portuguese language, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in Portuguese)
Two optional courses worth a total of 15 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Portuguese - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in Portuguese)

10. Russian Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Russian Poetry, Close Reading, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)

Spring
Russian Prose, Close Reading, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)
Russian Fiction and Non-Fiction, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Russian - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)

11. Spanish Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
The Emergence of National Literatures in Romance Languages, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)

Spring
Mediating Romance Language Literatures in a Global World, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages)
Spanish, History of Hispanic literature, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in Spanish)
Two optional courses worth a total of 15 credits

Year 2
Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Spanish - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Romance Languages with a specialisation in Spanish)

12. Czech Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Theory and Academic Presentation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)

Spring
Czech Fiction and Non-Fiction, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2

Autumn
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional courses worth a total of 15 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
Czech - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: Slavic Languages)

13. German Literature

Year 1
Autumn
Introduction to Literary Interpretation, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)
Narrative Theory, 7.5 credits (main field of study: Literature)
German, Literature 1, I, 7.5 credits (main field of study: German)

Spring
German, Literature 2, I, 7.5 credits (main field of study: German)
or
German, Linguistics 2, I, 7.5 credits (main field of study: German)
Optional courses worth a total of 22.5 credits

Year 2
Autumn
German, Literature 1, II, 7.5 credits (main field of study: German)
Proficiency courses worth a total of 15 credits
Optional course, 7.5 credits
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main field of study: English) can be taken either as a proficiency course or as an optional course

Spring
German - Master's Course, 30 credits (main field of study: German)

Information about the optional courses is available on the website of the Master's Programme in Literature, www.ike.su.se/litteraturvetenskap, and at hum.su.se/kursutbud. The range of optional courses for a given semester will be announced by 15 September and 15 March, respectively.

The optional courses should primarily be given at the master's level (second cycle). This means that a maximum of 30 credits from the bachelor's level (first cycle) can be included in a Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits), and a maximum of 15 credits can be included in a Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits).

For detailed information about the entry requirements for the courses included in the master's programme, please refer to the syllabus of each course.

When a student aims to finish with a Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits) after one year, the first semester will proceed according to the regular course of study for the relevant specialisation. In the second semester, 15 credits of optional courses will be replaced by a degree project in the relevant main field of study/specialisation.

Degree

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This programme leads to a Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) in the main field of study, with the option to finish with a Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits) in the main field of study after one year.

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Additional information
When the programme syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to complete their studies in accordance with this syllabus for an additional period of two years after the nominal duration of the programme. This is subject to the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the programme; alternatively, equivalent training will be offered.