Department of Romance Studies and Classics



Syllabus

for course at advanced level

The Emergence of National Literatures in Romance Languages Uppkomsten av nationella litteraturer i romanska språk 7.5 Higher Education Credits 7.5 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 RS71UN

 Valid from:
 Spring 2020

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 2016-02-01

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 2019-09-12

Department Department of Romance Studies and Classics

Main field: Romanska språk

Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This course syllabus was adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 03/02/2016 and approved by the department board at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics 23/02/2016. Technical revision by Studentavdelningen on 25 April 2019. The course syllabus has been revised by the department board at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics on 28 August 2019.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Degree of Bachelor in languages, linguistics, or history/philosophy subjects. English 6

Course structure

Examination codeName
Higher Education Credits
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Emergence of National Literatures in Romance Languages, exam
7.5

Course content

The course examines national literature from various eras in the Romance language speaking world. The course problematises how national literature has been defined, and by whom. In addition, there will be discussions on which historical and socio-cultural factors have contributed to the creation of a certain form of national literature in the Romance language speaking world.

The course will also provide an idea of how literature in the Romance languages has developed around the world and how these texts relate to each other based on the perspective of comparative literature. These insights will then be applied and fine-tuned within the chosen language.

The course is compulsory for students of the Master's Programme in Literature, with specialisation in French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish literature.

Learning outcomes

To receive a passing grade for this course, the student must be able to:

- Present the emergency and development of different national literatures in the Romance language speaking world, based on (literary) historical and socio-cultural perspectives;
- Explain theories that describe national literature, cultural identity and cultural memory;
- Apply these theories to literature in the chosen language.

Education

The course is offered in certain semesters as individual study. The student has the opportunity to meet with the examiner on at least one occasion and will have email contact. During other semesters, the course is offered with tuition in the form of a seminar series. For information about the teaching form relevant to each semester, visit the department's website.

Information will be available no later than one month prior to the course start.

Students can choose to read literature in one of the following languages: French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish.

Forms of examination

a) The course is assessed by a course paper and oral presentation.

The paper is to be written in one of the following languages, in consultation with the examiner: English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish.

For more detailed information, see course description. The course description will be available no later than one month prior to the course start.

b) Grading follows a seven-step target related grading scale:

A = Excellent

B = Very Good C = Good

D = Satisfactory E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate

F = Completely inadequate

- c) Students will receive written information about the grading criteria at the start of the course. Notification of criterion-referenced grade is binding.
- d) A minimum of grade E is required for all examination tasks to obtain a final grade for the course, in addition to completed tasks.
- e) At least two examination sitting will be offered for every course instance.

At least one examination sitting will be offered during the academic year in which the course is not given.

Students who received the grade Fx or F on two subsequent examination attempts assessed by the same examiner may be allocated a new examiner for subsequent examinations, unless there is specific reason otherwise. Such requests are to be made to the department board.

Students who have received the lowest grade E may not re-sit the examination to gain a higher grade.

The grade Fx may be supplemented and converted into a passing grade if the student is close to a pass. The assignment must be submitted within one week of being notified by the examiner.

Grade E is used when supplementing work due to comprehension inadequacies – minor misunderstanding, minor errors or, limited reasoning.

Interim

When the course syllabus is withdrawn, the student is entitled to an examination following the current syllabus, once per semester over a withdrawal period of three semesters.

Limitations

The course credit will not be included in a qualification in conjunction with successfully completed courses, either in Sweden or abroad, if the previous course content corresponds with this course, either partially or in full.

Required reading

See the department website for the most up-to-date information about the reading list: www.su.se/romklass/utbildning. The reading list will be available no later than two months prior to the course start.