Department of Romance Studies and Classics

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Language Contact, Multilingualism and Minorities in the Romance-Speaking World
Språkkontakt, flerspråkighet och minoriteter i den romanska världen

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	RS72SF
Valid from:	Spring 2020
Date of approval:	2016-02-01
Changed:	2019-05-03
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. The 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 code	Name	Higher Education Credits
72SF	Language contact	7.5

Course content

The course addresses language contact, multilingualism and minorities in environments where variants of French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish are spoken. Primary focus will be on the theoretical and methodological approaches to studies with a multilingual context, both within Europe and beyond. In addition, the course introduces questions regarding complex and diverse multilingual contexts that characterise the Romance-speaking world based on social, historical and geographical perspectives.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- Understand and reflect upon multilingualism in the Romance-speaking world based on set examples from the reading list (and/or previous studies) and classroom activities;

- Apply a number of theories and methods addressed during the course to either analyse language contexts characterised by language contact and change, or to discuss specific cases of language policy and planning.

- Create a proposal for a small field study that aims to explore a particular situation where language contact takes place within a set context of language policy or planning in an environment where Romance languages are spoken.

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.

Teaching is conducted in English.
For more detailed information, see course description.

Forms of examination

a) The course is examined through short oral and written assignments, and one written assignment in which a project plan with proposed field studies is presented.

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 one 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

For more information
See the department website for the most up-to-date information about the reading list.

The latest reading list will be available no later than two months prior to the course start.