

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Second Language Acquisition: Romance Languages
Andraspråksinlärnning: romanska språk

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	RS72AR
Valid from:	Spring 2020
Date of approval:	2016-11-01
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

Decision to establish this course was made on 26 October 2016 by the Faculty Board of Humanities. This course syllabus was approved on 1 November 2016 by the department board at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics. The course was revised on 28 May 2019 by the department board at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's Degree in language or equivalent. English B/English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
ANRO	Second Language acquisition and Romance Languages	7.5

Course content

The course aims to provide theoretical and practical knowledge and understanding of second language acquisition, with emphasis on the Romance languages. The first half of the course involves joint course instances for all four Romance languages. This half will address the various language acquisition theories represented by the department's researchers. The second half of the course is language-specific and will be dedicated to the study of second language acquisition in the chosen Romance language.

Learning outcomes

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

- identify and present central theoretical concepts and terminology within second language and foreign language acquisition
- Present research methods and results within second and foreign language acquisition
- Apply their knowledge to authentic linguistic data, such as how Swedish speakers learn a Romance 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 introductory occasion and will have email contact. During other semesters, the course is offered with tuition in the form of a seminar series. Attendance is not compulsory. 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.

For more detailed information, see course description. Teaching is conducted in English and the chosen language specialisation

Forms of examination

a) The course is assessed by an oral assignment and take-home examination.

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. The principles for weighting the individual examination assignments is stated in the grading criteria.

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

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.

A minimum of two examination sittings must be provided during the relevant semester for each course instance. An additional examination sitting must also be offered during the semester or year when the course is not given.

f) The examination may be supplemented and converted into a passing grade if the student is close to a pass. It is the student's responsibility to contact the examiner about such a supplementary assignment. Contact with the examiner is to be made within 1 month of receiving the grade. The assignment must be submitted/completed no later than the date decided by the examiner.

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

The latest reading list will be available no later than two months prior to the course start. See the department website for the most up-to-date information about the reading list.