

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Language Evolution and Child Language Acquisition**  
**Språkets evolution och barns språkutveckling**

**7.5 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	LIM016
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2017
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2017-01-18
<b>Department</b>	Department of Linguistics
<b>Main field:</b>	Linguistics
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

### Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Degree of Bachelor of Arts in (General) Linguistics, *or* admitted to the Master's Programme in Child Language Acquisition or the Master's Programme in Language Sciences. English 6 or equivalent.

### Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1001	Language Evolution and Child Language Acquisition	7.5

### Course content

The course comprises both phylo- and ontogenetic aspects of the development of human language, with a focus on the latter.

It provides a basic understanding of available evolutionary models of the emergence of human language.

Further, our current knowledge of child language acquisition is discussed and problematised by applying the rasterised view of a number of theoretical paradigms, particularly constructivism/emergentism and generativism.

### Learning outcomes

#### Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, group discussions and presentations. The language of instruction is English.

### Forms of examination

#### Interim

When the course is no longer offered or its contents have been essentially revised, the student has the right to be examined according to this course syllabus once per semester for a three-semester period (with the restrictions above). Application to do post-course examination is to be addressed to the Board of the Department.

**Limitations**

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of fully or partially overlapping content.

**Required reading**

Please see the Department's education pages. An updated reading list will be made available no later than a month before the start of the course.