



# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Finnish, Linguistics Theory and Method**  
**Finska, Språkvetenskaplig teori och metod**

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

<b>Course code:</b>	FAA701
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2007
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2006-11-03
<b>Department</b>	Department of Slavic and Baltic Studies Finnish Dutch and German
<b>Subject</b>	Finnish
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This course plan has been validated by the board of the Department of Baltic languages, Finnish and German on May 8, 2007

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Finska, kandidatkurs alternativt Finska som främmande språk, kandidatkurs alternativt Fördjupningskurs i finska, 20 poäng

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1010	Historical Linguistics and Uralic Languages	7.5
1020	Cognitive Linguistics and Grammaticalization	7.5
1030	Language Contact and Bilingualism	7.5
1040	Typology and Comparative Linguistics	7.5

## Course content

The course consists of the following optional modules:

1. Historical Linguistics and Uralic languages, 7,5 hec.
2. Cognitive Linguistics and Grammaticalization, 7,5 hec.
3. Language Contact and Bilingualism, 7,5 hec.
4. Typology and Comparative Linguistics, 7,5, hec.

## Learning outcomes

Having completed the course the student will have shown an ability to:

- acquire the basic concepts of philosophy of science as well as acquire knowledge on relevant linguistic theories and methods.

## Education

Education will take place in the form of lectures and seminars.

The form and the extent of education may be adapted to both the number of students in the course and the economic situation of the department.

## Forms of examination

- a. The following method/s of examination is/are used: through take-home exams and oral examination.

b. Grades are given according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale:

A = Excellent  
B = Very Good  
C = Good  
D = Satisfactory  
E = Adequate  
F = Insufficient  
Fx = Fail

c. The grading criteria for this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course.

d. A grade of at least E is required on all modules which are graded according to the seven-point scale, and a grade of at least G on all the moments or modules which are graded according to the two-point scale.

e. In order to obtain at least a grade of E, a student who has received an F or Fx has the right to an additional four tests provided the course is still offered. A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not take the test again in order to get a higher grade.

A student who has received the grade of F or Fx, respectively U twice on a given test and by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the board of the department.

### **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. However, restrictions mentioned above under e still hold. For information about transitional rules for courses in the older pre-Bologna system the student councillor or director of studies at the Department should be contacted.

### **Limitations**

The course may not be credited in an exam together with another course taken in Sweden or abroad, if the contents of said course are wholly or partially equivalent to the contents of this course.

### **Required reading**

1. Historical linguistics and Uralic languages.

Anttila, Raimo: Historical explanation and historical linguistics – Davis, G.W. And Iverson, G.K.: Explanation in historical linguistics. Current issues in linguistic theory 84. Amsterdam 1992 p. 17-38.

Anttila, Raimo: The Indo-European and the Baltic-Finnic interface. Time against the Ice.

Renfrew, C., McMahon, A. and Trask, L. (ed.): Time depth in historical linguistics. McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research. Cambridge 2000 p. 481-528.

Häkkinen, Kaisa: Mistä sanat tulevat? SKS. Helsinki 1990.

Häkkinen, Kaisa: Suomalaisten esihistoria kielitieteen valossa. SKS. Helsinki 1996.

Kallio, Petri: Suomen kantakielten absoluuttista kronologiaa. Virittäjä 2006 p. 2-25.

Lass, Roger: Historical linguistics and language change. Cambridge University Press.

Cambridge 1997.

Thuren, Torsten: Vetenskapsteori för nybörjare. Liber AB. Stockholm 1991.

Articles according to the examiner's directions.

2. Cognitive linguistics and grammaticization.

Dirven, Renée och Verspoor, Marjolijn: Cognitive exploration of language and linguistics.

John Benjamins. Amsterdam 2004.

Hopper, P. och Traugott, E.C.: Grammaticalization. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge 2003.

Lehtinen, Tapani och Laitinen, Lea: Kieliopillistuminen. Tapaustutkimuksia suomesta. Kieli 12. 1997.

Ojutkangas, Krista: Ruuminosanimien kieliopillistuminen suomessa ja virossa. SKS 845. Helsinki 2001.

Thuren, Torsten: Vetenskapsteori för nybörjare. Liber AB. Stockholm 1991.

Articles according to the examiner's directions.

### 3. Language contact and bilingualism.

- Campbell, L. and Muntzel, M.C.: The structural consequences of language death – Dorian, N. (ed.): Investigating obsolescence. Studies in language contraction and death. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge 1992 p. 181-196.
- Filppula, M.: New models and typologies of language contact - In Ojanen, M. and Palander, M. (eds), Language Contacts East and West, Kielitieteellisiä tutkimuksia - Studies in Languages 22. Joensuu 1991 p. 5-31.
- Kovács, M.: Code-Switching and Language Shift in Australian Finnish in Comparison with Australian Hungarian. Åbo akademis förlag. Åbo 2001.
- Lauttamus, T.: Borrowing, code-switching, and shift in language contact: evidence from Finnish-English bilingualism - Ojanen, M. and Palander, M. (eds), Language Contacts East and West, Kielitieteellisiä tutkimuksia - Studies in Languages 22. Joensuu 1991 p. 32-53.
- Romaine, Suzanne: Bilingualism. Blackwell. Oxford 1995.
- Thomason, Sarah: Language contact – an introduction. Edinburgh University Press. Edinburgh 2001.
- Thuren, Torsten: Vetenskapsteori för nybörjare. Liber AB. Stockholm 1991.

Articles according to the examiner's directions.

### 4. Typology and comparative linguistics.

- Campbell, L. och Sands, K.: Non-canonical subjects and objects in Finnish – Aikhenvald, A. (ed.): Non-canonical marking of subjects and objects. John Benjamins Publishing. Amsterdam 2001 p. 251-305.
- Croft, W.: Typology and universals. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge 1995.
- Givón, T.: Syntax. An introduction. Volume I. John Benjamins. Amsterdam 2001 (excerpts).
- Givón, T.: Syntax. An introduction. Volume II. John Benjamins. Amsterdam 2001 (excerpts).
- Holvoet, A.: Impersonals and passives in Baltic and Finnic – Dahl, Ö., Koptjevskaja-Tamm, M. (ed.): Circum-Baltic languages volume 2: grammar and typology. John Benjamins. 2001 p. 363-389.
- Thuren, Torsten: Vetenskapsteori för nybörjare. Liber AB. Stockholm 1991.

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