



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Spanish

## Syllabus

### Spanish - Non-Verbal Communication in the Teaching of Spanish

**Course Code:**

ESGDL4

**Course Title:**

Spanish - Non-Verbal Communication in the Teaching of Spanish

*Spanska - icke-verbal kommunikation som didaktiskt verktyg*

**Credits:**

7.5

**Degree Level:**

Undergraduate level

**Progressive**

First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

**Specialisation:**

SPA (Spanish)

#### Major Field of Study:

SPA (Spanish)

#### Course Approval:

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-03-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites:

Spanish 1-60 ECTS credits, including 30 ECTS credits at the G1F level or higher, or equivalent

#### Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- give an account of, analyse, and evaluate central theories and methods of foreign language acquisition related to teaching Spanish,
- give an account of and discuss non-verbal communication strategies in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, and
- apply theories and methods related to foreign language acquisition in planning the teaching of Spanish.

## **Content**

The course has a focus on non-verbal communication as a compensatory strategy in teaching Spanish. The potentials of non-verbal communication, prosody, body language, facial expression, eye contact, and body contact in the classroom are treated, as are intercultural aspects related to the Swedish teaching contexts. The course also includes recording and analysis of the students' own non-verbal communication in the classroom.

Theory and practical exercises alternate to develop an understanding of how non-verbal communication can function also as a compensatory strategy in teaching Spanish.

## **Reading List**

See separate document.

## **Examination**

Assessment is based on a written exam and active participation in mandatory seminars.

## **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

## **Quality Assurance**

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

## **Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

## **Additional information**

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.