



Faculty of Arts and Education
Swedish Language

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Education on 20 November 2007, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2007 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: S1ADF4

Reading and Writing from a Psycholinguistic Perspective, 7.5 ECTS Credits
(Läs- och skrivprocessen ur språkpsykologiskt perspektiv, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progression Level: D

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Swedish Language 1-90 ECTS cr, Swedish as a Second Language 1-90 ECTS cr, Swedish Linguistics for teachers 1-120 ECTS cr.

Major Field of Study

Learning Outcomes

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

- understand and independently evaluate central methods for reading and writing
- describe the relation between written language, linguistic structure, and reading strategies
- distinguish between different types of delayed and abnormal language acquisition
- demonstrate ability to adapt methods and comprehension when independently assessing pupil's texts
- critically evaluate various methods for reading and writing and their theoretical foundations.

The course aims to ensure that students acquire further knowledge of how children, youth and adults develop their reading and writing based on current research and beyond what applies for undergraduate studies. The student's interest is taken into account.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course comprises a survey of research and theories on language acquisition and cognitive development of children under favorable as well as aggravating circumstances with the emphasis on theoretical significance and empirical support. Special attention is given to multilingualism. The relation between dyslexia and multilingualism is treated.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Examination is in the form of a final written test.
The number of examination opportunities is limited to five.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University, ref. C2007/368, stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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