



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Swedish Language

Syllabus

Language History and Scandinavian Languages

Course Code:

S1GB04

Course Title:

Language History and Scandinavian Languages
Språkhistoria och nordistik

Credits:

7.5

Degree Level:

Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation:

First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:

SVE (The Swedish Language)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-02-19, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Swedish 1-30 ECTS cr or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe the Swedish system of inflection at different points in history and explain the historical residues in current language inflections,
2. describe syntactic features that have changed in Swedish and identify relevant examples in text from different periods,
3. describe changes in word meaning on the basis of history-oriented dictionaries and explain the content of historical texts with the help of dictionaries and other manuals,
4. apply knowledge of Norwegian and/or Danish texts in summaries and translation of Norwegian and/or Danish texts with and without aids, and
5. give an account of how the Nordic languages are understood in the Nordic countries today and in a historical perspective, and describe different strategies for communicating with different language speakers.

Content

Students enhance their knowledge of language history with an emphasis on vocabulary and grammar. Norwegian and/or Danish are treated together with inter-Nordic language literacy issues.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on:

Learning outcomes 1-3: individual hand-in assignment

Learning outcome 3: group discussion

Learning outcome 4: written exam and oral presentation and discussion in groups.

Learning outcome 5: individual hand-in assignment

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.