



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Swedish as a Second Language

Syllabus

Bilingual Development

Course Code: S2GA05
Course Title: Bilingual Development
Tvåspråkig utveckling
Credits: 7.5
Degree Level: Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
SVE (The Swedish Language)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-14, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of the basic concepts of language policy on the one hand and multilingualism on the other,
2. discuss the connection between language policy and different attitudes to language and multilingualism,
3. analyse the factors that influence code-switching and code preservation,
4. describe the prerequisites for second language acquisition in different ages,
5. give an account of and problematise the mechanics of learning a second language and how it interacts with language development and success in school, and
6. summarise, reflect on and problematise current research in the field of multilingualism.

Content

The course gives an introduction to various aspects of multilingualism among individuals and societies. This involves issues concerning linguistic variation and change, attitudes to language and language use as well as language policy. The prerequisites for second language development in different ages and how learning takes place and interacts with language development and school success are treated.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written exam and active participation in 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

S2GA05 cannot be included in the same degree programme as S2GAL1, S2GA01, S2GA02.

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