



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Swedish Language

1SV105 Språklig förändring och variation, 5 högskolepoäng
Language change and variation, 5 credits

Subject Group

Swedish/Nordic Languages

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

After completing the course, the students should be able to:

- account for the most important historical changes in the Swedish language,
- account for changes and variation in the Swedish language, in modern times and earlier language periods,
- describe differences between different regional varieties of Swedish,
- account for basic elements of Swedish place names and personal names.

Content

This course discusses variation and changes in the Swedish language from around 1700 to the present. The course has a primarily historical perspective but also discusses various aspects of today's society. Dialectal differences in Swedish are discussed, and basic Swedish onomastics is introduced.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures, lessons, seminars and group exercises.

When the course is offered as a web-based distance course, special types of instruction suitable for that form of distribution are used.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the intended learning outcomes.

The course is examined through a written examination and written assignments.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time.

The evaluation is anonymous.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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Aitchison, Jean. 2001 or later edition. *Language Change: Progress or Decay?* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 3-5. 46 p. Also available as an e-book.

Josephson, Olle. 2005 or later edition. *Ju. Ifrågasatta självklarheter om svenskan, engelskan och alla andra språk i Sverige*. Stockholm: Norstedts akademiska förlag. Chapters 1-4. 118 p.

Pettersson, Gertrud. 2005 or later edition. *Svenska språket under sjuhundra år. En historia om svenskan och dess utforskande*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. pp. 7–50, 201–283. 125 p. (selection)

Teleman, Ulf. 2003 or later edition. *Tradis och funkis. Svensk språkvård och språkpolitik efter 1800*. Stockholm: Norstedts Ordbok. pp. 11–60, 77–207. 179 p.

Thelander, Mats. 2001. "Socialiserad språkhistoria. Om sociolingvistikens bidrag till förståelsen av språkförändringar". In: *Kungl. Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademiens Årsbok 2001*. Stockholm: Kungl. Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademien. pp. 65–78. 13 p.

A representative selection of modern Swedish texts provided by the teacher. Ca 60 p.