



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Language and Literature

1SV202 Språkhistoria, 5 högskolepoäng
Language history, 5 credits

Subject Group

Swedish/Nordic Languages

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIF

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-06-16

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

Swedish 1-30 hec, or the equivalent

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, students should:

- be able to read and understand Old Swedish texts,
- be able to analyze differences and similarities between the Nordic languages and be familiar with their historical changes.

Content

The course provides further study of linguistic changes within the Nordic languages as well as the development of different text genres. Emphasis is placed on the history of the Swedish language and texts as compared with language development seen in neighbouring Nordic languages.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures, classroom teaching, seminars and group work. Participation in seminars is mandatory. When the course is offered as a web-based distance course, appropriate teaching methods will be utilized.

Examination

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

Examination and grading is based on oral and written examinations and continual testing during the course.

A maximum of five examination opportunities will be provided.

Students at Linnaeus University are entitled to have the course grade translated into the 7-step ECTS scale. A request to have the grades translated must be made to the teacher at the start of the course.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a written course evaluation is performed and compiled into a report. The evaluation report will be made available to students and will be filed and stored according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Larsson, Inger. 2001. *Svenska medeltidsbrev. Framväxten av ett offentligt skriftspråk*. Norstedts: Stockholm. 250 pages

Pettersson, Gertrud. 2005. *Svenska språket under sjuhundra år. En historia om svenskan och dess utforskande*. 2nd edition. Lund: Studentlitteratur. pp. 51–199. 148 pages (selected pages)

Torp, Arne. 1998. *Nordiske språk i nordisk och germansk perspektiv*. Novus förlag: Oslo. 119 pages

A representative selection of Old Swedish and older modern Swedish texts, provided by the teacher. Ca 60 pages