



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities  
Department of Swedish Language

2SV104 Språkhistoria, fördjupning, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Language history, continuation course, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**  
Swedish Language

**Subject Group**  
Swedish/Nordic Languages

**Level of classification**  
First Level

**Progression**  
G1F

**Date of Ratification**  
Approved 2020-01-14  
Revised 2021-01-16 by Faculty of Arts and Humanities.  
The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

**Prerequisites**  
1-30 credits in Swedish or the equivalent.

### Objectives

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

- read and analyse texts in Old Swedish and Early Modern Swedish;
- account for the development of different text genres in Old Swedish and Early Modern Swedish (1225–1732);
- account for advanced knowledge about the history of the Swedish language, using relevant terminology;
- account for basic knowledge about the history of the neighbouring Nordic languages;
- account for basic knowledge about Old Swedish paleography.

### Content

In this course, language change in the Nordic languages is studied in depth, with a focus on Swedish from the time of Old Norse (ca 800) up to, and including, that of Early Modern Swedish (1732), and the development of different text genres. Focus lies on Swedish text and language history in comparison with the development of the neighbouring Nordic languages. The course also includes studies in Old Swedish paleography, accompanied with practical exercises.

### Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures, seminars and group exercises. When the course is offered as a distance-based part-time course, teaching is primarily delivered by

means of an online learning platform.

### 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 objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified in writing when the course starts.

The course is examined through written hand-in assignments.

If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University.

### Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time are informed of the results at the start of the course. The evaluation is anonymous.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

#### Required reading

Falk, Cecilia. 2011. *Att skriva svensk syntaxhistoria*. Offprint from *Årsbok 2011 KVHAA*. Available as a pdf at <http://www.vitterhetsakad.se/pdf/publikationer/Falk.pdf>. ISBN 9789174024067, 14 p.

Haugen, Odd, Einar. 2012. *Frå urnordisk till norrønt språk*. Arbeidsmanuskript 30. desember 2012. Available as a pdf at <https://folk.uib.no/hnooh/handbok/ekstra/Urnordisk/Urnordisk-OEH-2012-12-30-v-1-0.pdf>. 81 p. (in selection)

Larsson, Inger m. fl. (eds.). 2010. *Den medeltidaskriftekulturen i Sverige. Genrer och texter*. Stockholm: Sällskapet Runica et Mediaevalia. ISBN 9789188568427. 312 p. (in selection)

Pettersson, Gertrud. 2005. *Svenska språket under sjuhundra år. En historia om svenskan och dess utforskande*. 2nd edition. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN 9144039115. 290 p.

Wessén, Elias. 1992. *De nordiska språken*. Institutionen för nordiska språk. Stockholm. ISBN 9186762311. 151 p.

Åström, Patrik, 2010, *Paleografi, introduktion till den svenska latinskriftens historia*. Available as a pdf at <http://www.medeltidshandskrifter.se/Paleografi%20januari%202010.pdf>. 35 p.

Scientific articles and a representative selection of historical texts, provided by the teacher, ca 500p.

#### Additional study material

*Dansk Sproghistorie*. 2016. Det Danske Sprog- og Litteraturselskab med støtte fra Carlsbergfondet. Volume 1–3.

Peterson, Lena. 2006. *Svenskt runordsrøister*. 3rd revised edition. Unnsala

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Wessén, Elias, 1968. *Svensk språkhistoria. 1. Ljudlära och ordböjningslära*. 8 ed. Stockholm. (Nordiskt kursbibliotek). 278 p.