



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Swedish Language

4SV204 Rättslingvistik, inriktning lag och rätt, 7,5 högskolepoäng
4SV204 Legal linguistics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Swedish Language

Subject Group

Swedish/Nordic Languages

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Arts and Humanities 2020-01-22
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2020

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for studies at the second level and a Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent degree, in any subject. Sv B/3.

Objectives

- account for basic forensic linguistics and its fields of application,
- critically evaluate and problematise the possibilities and limitations of different methods in forensic linguistics,
- independently apply concepts from linguistic stylistics and textual analysis in analyses of texts without known senders.

Content

This course includes an introduction to basic linguistic forensics, including its methods and fields of application, with examples collected from national and international legal cases. The students practise analysing different text types, focusing on identifying linguistic characteristics in texts without known senders. Examples of texts to be analysed include phishing emails and chats.

Type of Instruction

This is an online distance course without scheduled seminars. Teaching is delivered in the form of recorded lectures and online seminars. Teaching is delivered in Swedish.

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 when the course starts.

The course is examined through written assignments.

If the university has decided that a student has the right to special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may offer an adapted test or allow the student to conduct the test in an alternative form.

For students who do not pass their first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examinations at the first and second levels at Linnaeus University.

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.

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

Coulthard, Malcolm. (2017). *An Introduction to Forensic Linguistics* [Electronic resource]. London: Routledge. 253 p.

Coulthard, Malcolm & Johnson, Alison (eds.). (2010). *The Routledge handbook of forensic linguistics* [Electronic resource]. New York: Routledge. Selection, ca 350 p.

Articles and practice texts provided by the department, ca 200 p.

Additional study material

Hellspong, Lennart. (2010). *Metoder för brukstextanalys*. Studentlitteratur: Lund. 310 p. ISBN: 9144016395

Lagerholm, Per. (2008). *Stilistik*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 412 p. ISBN: 9789144019604

Svenska skrivregler. (2017). Språkrådets skrifter 22. Liber: Stockholm. 308 p. ISBN: 9789147111497