Linnæus University

Course syllabus

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

5TY01E Examensarbete, tyska - master, 30 högskolepoäng Master's Thesis in German, 30 credits

Main field of study

German

Subject Group

German

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A₂E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-08-18

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

German 1–60 credits/1–90 credits and "Pop Literature and Literary Poetic Theory" (7.5 credits) and "German Intellectual Tradition. From the Time of Enlightenment to the Present." (7.5 credits) and an additional 15 credits in German at the second level, or "Master's course (one year) in translation German-Swedish" (30 credits).

Expected learning outcomes

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

- formulate research questions and select and apply appropriate theories and methods to investigate them,
- retrieve and evaluate literature on the thesis subject.
- ormulate and develop arguments and present these in speech and writing,
- critically review theses at an equivalent level.

Content

The course is based on the previous courses in German and one of the elective courses offered within the Master programme, or other equivalent courses. The students work with their theses by developing the theoretical and thematic issues discussed in the courses. The thesis is written in German and the topic is chosen in consultation with the examiner/supervisor.

Type of Instruction

The course includes compulsory seminars in which the students present their theses and read and comment on other students' theses.

The seminars might include students from several subject areas discussing similar research questions. The work with the thesis is presented continuously in accordance with a schedule provided by the supervisor. The thesis is defended in a final seminar.

Examination

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

The course is examined through continuous presentations and discussions of the students' theses in seminars, and a final seminar in which the students present and defend their theses. Each student must also fulfil the role of opponent.

Grades are translated to the ECTS grading scale upon request. The request for translation to the ECTS scale should be made when the course starts, but must be made before the final grading in the course at the latest.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted and compiled into a report, which is made available to students and filed and stored according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Literature is chosen in consultation with the supervisor.