

Course Syllabus

Methods in Applied English Linguistics 7.5 Credits*, Second Cycle Level 1

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

- account for different types of data used in applied linguistic research
- critically discuss the pros and cons of commonly used methods for answering research questions about the language
- critically evaluate linguistic data presented in previous research from the perspective of the relevance of the material, the appropriateness of the model of analysis, and the validity of the stated findings
- apply qualitative and quantitative methods for analysing linguistic data, taking into consideration key variables that can affect results in linguistic research
- present qualitative and quantitative linguistic data in academic writing, and discuss methodological analysis orally, showing a high level of communicative competence.

Course Content

The course offers an overview of key approaches to the analysis of linguistic data, focusing on applied English linguistics. Students will further develop their knowledge about qualitative and quantitative methods for analysing English language data. The methods covered will be applied and critically evaluated throughout the course, helping students also to develop their experience of coding linguistic data based on sample models from the literature. Students will also explore ways of drawing on linguistic data from previous research, such as applying the scientific principle of replicating a study; this involves reviewing and applying guidelines for academic integrity. The focus will be on using already available linguistic data, but students will also practice collecting their own data, in ways which follow guidelines for research ethics. Students will also analyze and practice ways of presenting linguistic data in scholarly writing, such as an MA degree thesis or a research article.

Assessment

The course is examined through continuous assessment of written assignments and prepared and active seminar participation.

Forms of Study

The course is taught in the form of lectures and obligatory seminars. All teaching is conducted in English.

Grades

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Prerequisites

90 credits in English including 30 credits at First cycle level 2. Furthermore proficiency in English documented by one of the following international proficiency test is required: a TOEFL test including TWE with a minimum of 630 (paper) 267 (computer) or 109 (Internet); a Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency with an A or B grade; an IELTS test with a minimum of 7.5 (and no module under 7)

Subject:

English

Group of Subjects:

English

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Applied English Linguistics

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. A1N

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