

Course Syllabus

Introduction to English Linguistics 15 Credits*, First Cycle Level

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Learning Outcomes

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

- reflect on the use and functions of the English language with reference to basic linguistic concepts
- demonstrate an understanding of English as a formal system
- explain basic aspects of variation in the English language, by referring to social variables (such as age and socioeconomic status) and situational variables (such as formality and time pressure)
- identify and explain basic methods of analysis from core areas of linguistics
- analyze different types of English-language data and reflect on differences and similarities between fundamental categories such as speech and writing
- describe key developments in the English language, including historical stages and present-day trends, as well as its place in its global linguistic landscape
- independently carry out a small-scale study in an area of English linguistics and present it orally and in writing
- demonstrate that they are proficient users of English by the appropriate use of vocabulary and grammar in the different ways of communicating within the course.

Course Content

The course is a survey of English Linguistics. Theory and method is studied in a selection of core areas of English linguistics, including morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics and sociolinguistics. A range of authentic data in English will be analysed to promote a deeper understanding of theory and method, and to provide opportunities to practice applying linguistic terminology. Toward the end of the course, students are expected to perform an independent investigation in an area of English Linguistics.

Assessment

Module 1 is examined through continuous assessment of seminar work and through written and oral assignments.

Module 2 is examined through an academic essay in the form of a small-scale independent linguistic study.

Forms of Study

The course is taught in the form of lectures and mandatory seminars. Various types of oral and written tasks are dealt with in the seminars. All teaching takes place fully in English.

Grades

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Reporting of grades:

Module 1: Introduction to English linguistics - 10 cr, U-VG

Module 2: Project in linguistics - 5 cr, U-VG

Prerequisites

English: Written Proficiency, 7,5 credits and English Language Structure, 7,5 credits at First cycle level

Subject:

English

Group of Subjects:

English

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

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

1. English

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G1F

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